



The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

The Christian Confesses Christ and Carries

His Cross

September 13 & 16, 2018

ZION LUTHERAN



In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome! We pray that within our church you will find the quiet assurance of God's presence, the warmth of Christian fellowship, and the abiding truth of God's Word. Come worship with us again!

FOR VISITORS

- **Visitor Cards:** If this is your first visit to Zion, please fill out a blue visitor card. You will find them in the pew racks and on the media counter in the lobby.
- **Restrooms:** The main restrooms are located just off the lobby. A family restroom is located down the hall from the library.
- **Parents:** You may use the library, lobby or fellowship hall for nursing or other childcare. Changing stations are provided in all restrooms.
- **Sound:** Hearing assistance is available for your use. Both the sanctuary and fellowship hall are equipped with hearing loops. Please set your hearing aid to the T (telecoil) setting. Portable audio receivers are also available from the ushers.
- **Information:** The media counter is located in the entryway. Here you will find magazines, brochures, devotional booklets, children's bulletins, and more.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING WORSHIP

- **Contact:** Our pastors and principal are here to serve you. Contact information is provided below.
- Please remember to silence your cell phone.
- Please be considerate of people who are meditating in the sanctuary before the service begins.

SERVING TODAY

Preaching	Pastor Timothy Schwartz
Presiding	Pastor Timothy Schwartz
Organist.....	Marie Becker
Ushers (8:00)	Jim Greiling, Matt Greiling, Mike Sommer, John Brey, Bob Marousek
Ushers (10:30).....	Bruce Zander, Kurt Zander, Kane Browskowski, Wyatt Browskowski, Jack Schultz, Jesse Schultz
Communion Assistant (8:00).....	Don Lamb
Communion Assistant (10:30).....	Mike Hallberg
Greeters (8:00).....	Gene & Elaine Beier
Greeters (10:30).....	Aaron & Rachel Larson
Video	Randy Koehn

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OPENING HYMN | 8:00 AM and Thursday

What a Friend We Have in Jesus | CW 411

After the opening hymn we will continue with the Divine Service I on page 5.

OPENING HYMN | 10:30 AM

Baptized in Water | CW 297



HOLY BAPTISM

Minister: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM | *After the baptism we will continue with the Gloria on page 6.*



DIVINE SERVICE I

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY | *Kyrie*

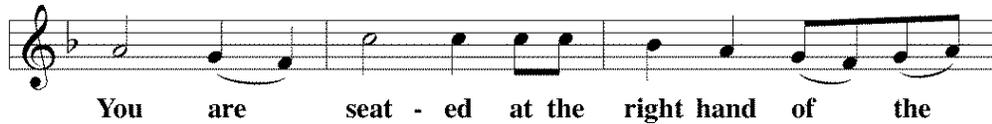


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

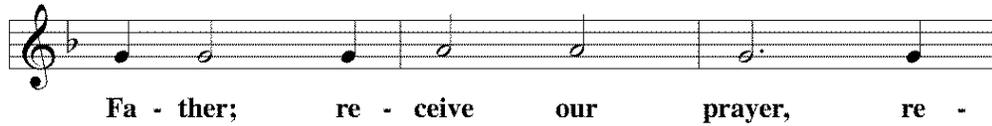
C: Amen.



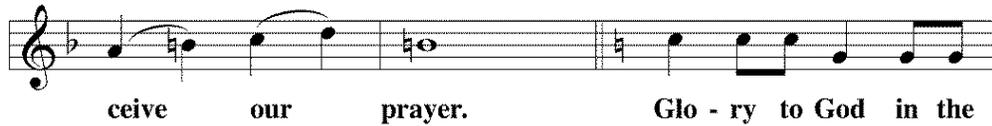
PRAYER AND PRAISE



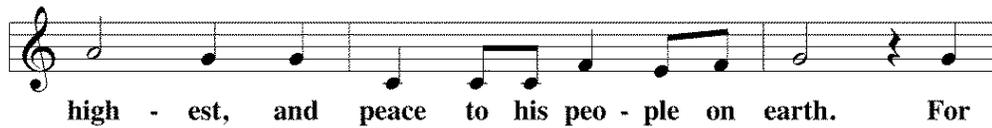
You are seated at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; receive our prayer, re-



ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his people on earth. For



you alone are the Ho-ly One, you alone are the



Lord, you alone are the Most High,



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the



glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his people on earth.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 38:1-13 | NIV

Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah was telling all the people when he said, ²“This is what the LORD says: ‘Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. They will escape with their lives; they will live.’ ³And this is what the LORD says: ‘This city will certainly be given into the hands of the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it.’”

⁴Then the officials said to the king, “This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin.”

⁵“He is in your hands,” King Zedekiah answered. “The king can do nothing to oppose you.”

⁶So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king’s son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.

⁷But Ebed-Melek, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, ⁸Ebed-Melek went out of the palace and said to him, ⁹“My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city.”

¹⁰Then the king commanded Ebed-Melek the Cushite, “Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”

¹¹So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. ¹²Ebed-Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes.” Jeremiah did so, ¹³and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And,

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke | CW 453

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 8.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-35 | NIV

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON

The Christian Carries a Cross for Confessing Christ | Mark 8: 27-35



Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, you became poor so that we could become rich. Help us to cast off whatever worry we have about wealth and let it be replaced with an attitude that gladly gives our best time, wealth and energy in your service. Accept our offerings as expressions of love for you, our loving Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Almighty God, you have given us your only Son that he may be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living. Give us grace that we may always receive the priceless gift of redemption with sincere thankfulness and daily strive to carry our crosses in the blessed steps of his holy life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Eternal Father, your Son healed many who suffered from frail and diseased bodies in His ministry, showing your great compassion for us in our misery and pointing us toward the final healing that awaits His glorious return. Into His hands this day we commend all who are in need: the sick, the homebound, the lonely, the grieving, the discouraged, the anxious and the depressed.

Special prayers and intercessions

Show each one with your compassion, and sustain their faith as they await your will.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Loving One, give to all who come to His table today repentance and faith to welcome Him with joy, praying: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father,

C: **almighty and everlasting God,**

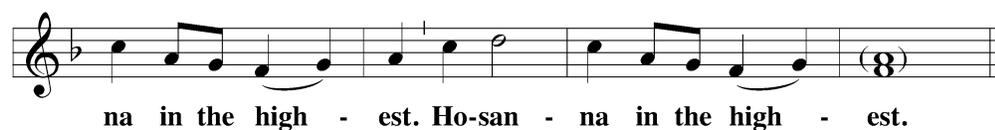
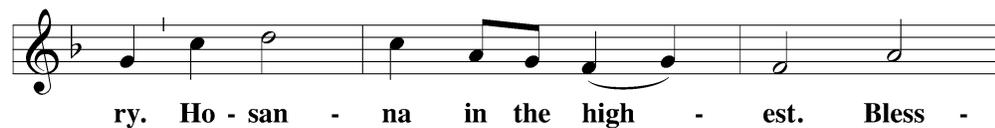
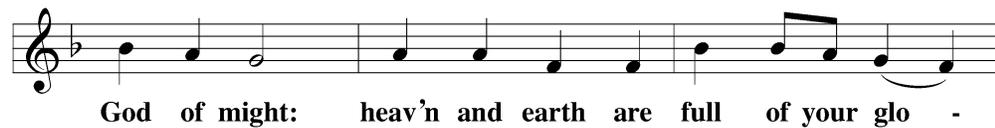
M: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name,

C: **there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.**

M: Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven,

C: **we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY | *Sanctus*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

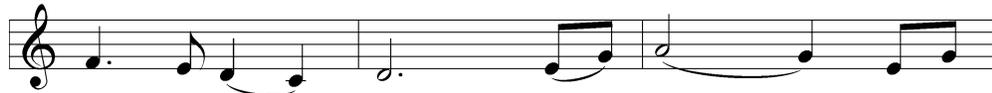
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD | *Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of



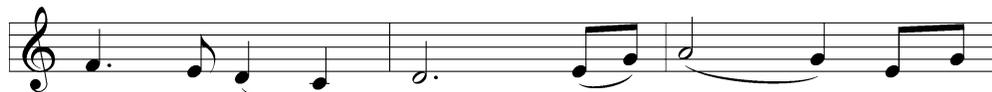
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

COMMUNING AT ZION

COMMUNION: *If you are visiting today we ask you to speak to one of our pastors before communing.*

We follow the Biblical, ancient custom of close communion (also called "member communion").

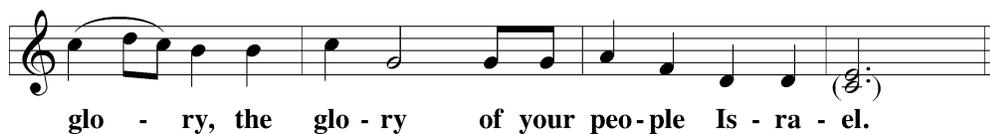
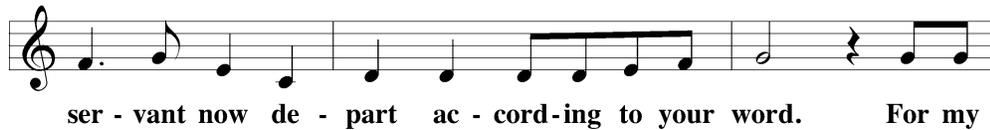
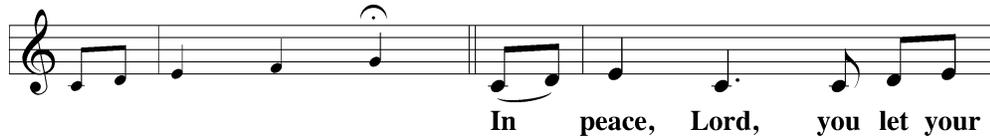
CONFESSION: *Receiving Holy Communion is a statement of faith. Any person who takes communion with a group of believers is publicly saying, "I believe everything this church teaches."*

INSTRUCTION: *In order for people to understand the teachings that they are confessing when they take communion, we offer classes on the Christian faith in our church (and all of our WELS and ELS churches). We ask all visitors who have not yet received such instruction to first go through the classes before taking part in the Lord's Supper.*

DISTRIBUTION
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Walk in Danger All the Way | CW 431
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | CW 465

SONG OF SIMEON | *Nunc Dimittis*



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace of God | CWS 745

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -

ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we

Son,
are, And the fel - low-ship of God the
And this fel - low-ship of his Com-

Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in

love.
heart. And to him be praise for his

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

2 May this kings.