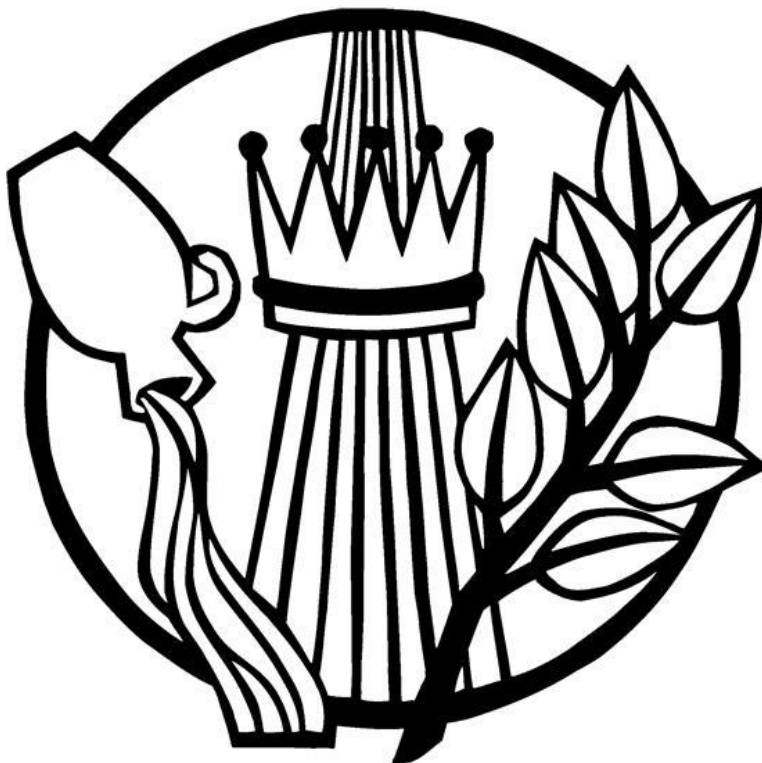


# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

## September 15, 2024



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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal*

## PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank

*(money given to Human Concerns Fund)*

## We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

*(Please stand)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

### OPENING HYMN

*"O God, My Faithful God"*

**ELW Hymn 806**

### GREETING

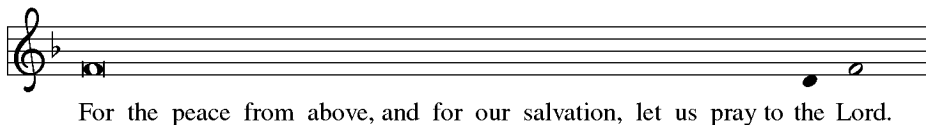
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

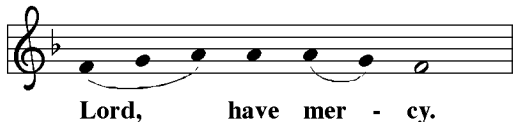
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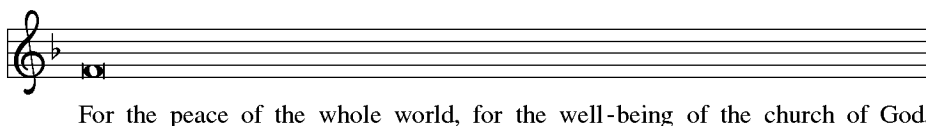
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



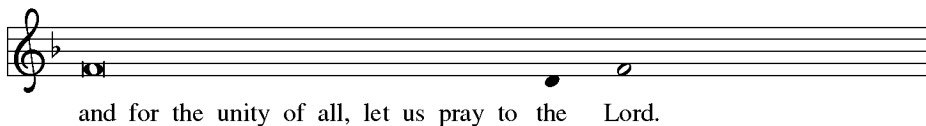
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



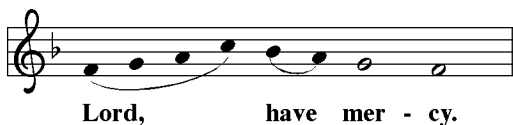
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



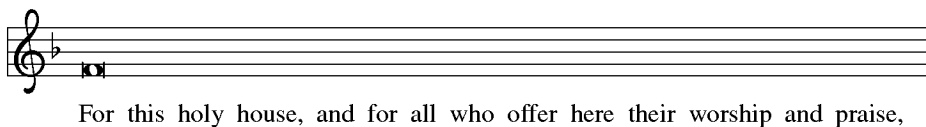
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



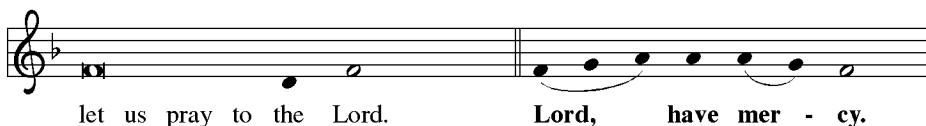
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



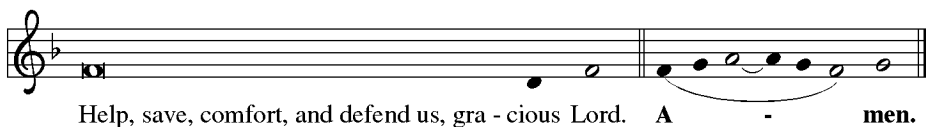
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

# We Listen to God's Word

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.

**C: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

L: Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

**C: Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

L: The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.

**C: Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.**

L: For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;  
I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

## SECOND READING

## James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**



## GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock*

*(Please stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”*

**ELW Hymn 808**

# We Respond to God's Word

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. \*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(Please Stand)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

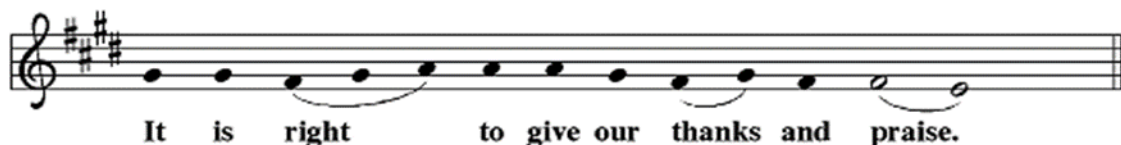
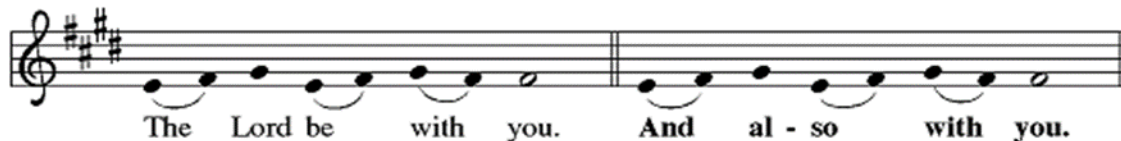
*Each petition concludes:*

P: Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

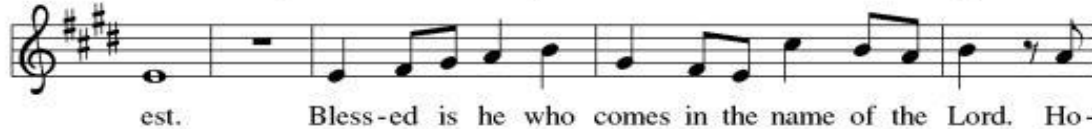
# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please stand)*



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*(Please be seated)*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second and third staves cover the second line, and the fourth staff covers the third line. The music concludes with a double bar line.

## DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

*(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

ELW Hymn 443

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW Hymn 445

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord, God, you gave your Son, both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW Hymn 798

## THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.  
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters  
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.

Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship  
hall following the worship service. We would like to  
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
**10:15 a.m. Church Life**  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

**Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting**

**Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah Lutheran Church**

**Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast**

Next Sunday: **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

## OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Apologies for the late announcement for the food pantry donations! For September the donations are canned fruits and veggies! Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!

## PASTOR MISHA INSTALLATION!

Pastor Misha is set to be installed during Worship Service on Sunday, October 6!  
Please come and support our wonderful Pastor!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

There will be an extra joint service on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00pm at the shelter house at Messiah Lutheran Church for the Blessing of the Animals! Please come join us with your furry friends!

**BIBLE STUDY!**

Every Thursday, Bible Study will be held @ Messiah Lutheran Church @ 9:30am in the Conference Room! Please, come and join us!

**UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILY DONATIONS**

We have a couple sheets with a list of items that are needed for the Ukrainian families that have fled their home country and have come to Burlington. Please stop and take a look at what is needed and please donate if you would like. These sheets are on the table to the right of the sanctuary doors. Thank you for your generosity!

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