

# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



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September 19, 2021  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal WOV = With One Voice hymnal**  
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Service of Holy Communion – WOV Setting 5-Bread of Life

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# GATHERING

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## +Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for reflection.*

P God, our comforter,

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

## +Gathering Hymn

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW 588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

## +Greeting

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

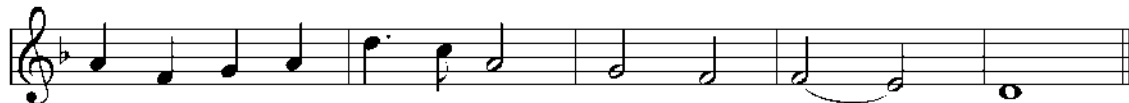
## +Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord. . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ. . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord. . . . . have mer - cy:*

## +Hymn of Praise



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## +Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

God, who draws near, who comes to our level, whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside: give us grace to welcome you in the one who tests the bounds of our community: in the child, the outcast, the one who comes with no power save that of remaking our heart; through Jesus Christ, the one who will be betrayed.

**C** Amen.

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# WORD

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## First Scripture ♦ James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

**Hear my prayer, O God;**

**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.

**Behold, God is my helper;**

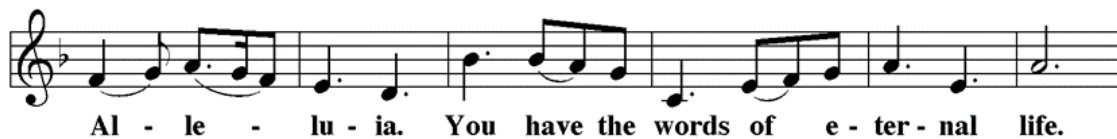
**it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O Lord, for  
it is good.**

For you have rescued me from every  
trouble, and my eye looks down on my  
enemies.

## +Gospel Acclamation



## +Gospel ♦ Mark 9:30–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

Pastor Nic Leither

*We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.  
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Special Music**

*Thank You Lord*

performed by Ken Barger

Text/Music: Ken Barger.

## **Apostles Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy,**

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

## Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:*

**Peace be with you.**

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## MEAL

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### Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

### +The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . .  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

P Eternal God, in the abundance your love...  
 ...All honor and glory be yours, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

P Let us live and pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us:

**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.**

## Communion

P Behold who you are.  
Become what you receive.

## Communion Hymn

*Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

ELW 523

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*

walk - ing                    with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
 hoard - ed                    so that no one will lack for food.  
 geth - er                    and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
 Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955  
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## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Lord of life,  
 in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Announcements

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# SENDING

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### +Blessing

**P** You are the children of God.  
 Gifted with dreams and visions.  
 Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire.  
 May the deep peace of Christ ✝ be with you.  
 The strong arms of God sustain you.  
 And the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way.

**C** **Amen.**

## +Sending Hymn

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

ELW 536



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## **+Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements

<b>SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
<b>July, 2021</b>			
<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Total Income	\$13,095.30	Total Income	\$108,700.61
Total Expenses	-\$16,920.45	Total Expenses	-\$92,167.48
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$3,825.15</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$16,533.13</b>
<i>Less Foundation Grant for 2020 Budget Deficit</i>			-\$7,187.24
			<b>\$9,345.89</b>
<b>BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING</b>			
<b>Monthly Budget Amount</b>	<b>Actual Current Month</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date</b>
\$11,931.67	\$9,153.62	\$83,521.69	\$76,451.89
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>-\$2,778.05</b>		<b>-\$7,069.80</b>

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

**Weekly Enews** If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list for our primary means of communication throughout the week.

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

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*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; a request may be extended by contacting the church office.*

### **Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:**

Alice Thurlow (*health and physical rehab*)  
Jay (*Ellie Weaver's son's father-in-law, bladder cancer*)  
Doug Benson (*hospitalization for heart health*)

### **For homebound members and friends:**

Gil Bliss (*skin cancer treatments*) George Devers  
Colleen Graham (*broken pelvis recovery*)  
James & Marie Hughes  
Palma Kruger Les and Diana Ortt  
Dorothy Parker Gerry Redlin  
Daphne Remington Arlene Selk  
Vernita Wild Don Snook & Trish Kulp

### **For the faithful departed and those who mourn:**

Family of Toni Sinaga's mother

### **For those with ongoing concerns:**

Mark (*Joan Chamber's son, critical COVID-19*)  
Jared Elvir and family  
Steve Brelsford (*Bob's son, stroke recovery*)  
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health and cancer treatments*)  
Jeff Martin (*health*)  
The Pulido and Nava families  
Gene (*physical rehab for partial paralysis, Joan Gustafson's son-in-law*)  
Christel Loftesness (*long-term recovery broken hip*)  
Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)  
Ollie Daniels (*pain/ breathing issues/ cataract surgery recovery*)  
Irene Seelmeyer (*at home physical rehab*)  
Cesar Lomeli & Alvaro Cassillas Garcia (*nephew & friend of Laura Garcia, missing*)  
Jeannie Blom (*former member, corneal transplant surgery*)

Sally Lynch (*pain & breathing issues, physical rehab*)  
Norman (*Diana Ratliff's uncle, hospice*)  
Ele Lopeman (*health*)  
Karen Schelm (*Randy Jensen's daughter*)  
Cass (*Ann Howell's granddaughter, car accident*)  
Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)  
Brian Hodgson (*long-term recovery, heart surgery*)  
Bob Hempel (*former member, cancer*)  
Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)  
Lydia Scott (*cancer*)  
Patrick Stephenson (*melanoma recurrence*)  
Rose Kvern (*health*)  
Judith Graham (*Quai Barker's mother, cancer*)  
Jeff Gamel (*health*)  
Jean Rose (*back pain*)  
Sandy Day (*health*)  
Jeff (*Hugo Redlin's son, health*)

*In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.*

*If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/ update.*

## Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Nic Leither
Pianist	Valerie Brown
Assisting Minister	Susan Saeugling
Lector	Mary Stephenson
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson
Sound Engineer	Bill Stephenson
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia
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