
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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SUNDAY MORNING

8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. – Divine Service

9:30a.m. – Adult Bible Study

TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

HYMNS for TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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(Today, during the Recessional Hymn at the 8:00am service, we will be recessing outside through the front pulpit door for the dedication of Rev. Eugene Paulus' memorial statue.)	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Richard Stracke, Jodi Henderson's brother, in the hospital, dying from Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)

Linda Whittier, her son Benjamin is with our Lord in His loving eternal home

Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe hip pain

Karen Prill, receiving a very good report following treatment for B Cell Lymphoma

Dwayne Danielson, recovering from eye surgery

Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions

Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico

Shut-ins: Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don & Bernice David in celebration of Vanessa's and Andrea's birthdays. Happy birthday ladies.



Today's service will be broadcast live, and for later viewing, on Christ the King's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CTKRedlands>

✘ Sermon manuscripts are now available on our website at:


<https://www.ckredlands.org/sermons-online/sermon-manuscripts/>

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Altar	Margaret Nowak	Bernice David
Elders	Roger Loewecke	Anthony Lombardo
Finance	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar
Flowers	Don & Bernice David	LWML
Ushers	Tom Crowley & Joseph Vasquez	Loren Scott & Mike Bush

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	8:00AM..... Divine Service	
	9:30AM..... Dedication and New Members' Reception (no bible class)	
	10:30AM..... Divine Service	
	11:30am..... Confirmation Class (Conference Room)	
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM..... Adult Bible Class (Parish Hall)	
	7:00PM..... New Members Class (Parish Hall)	
SATURDAY	8:00AM..... Memorial Service for Benjamin Whittier (Courtyard)	

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 302

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MEMORIAL DEDICATION AND RECEPTION TODAY

Today at the 8:00am service, we will sing the Recessional Hymn as we walk out through the front pulpit door, proceeding to the dedication of Rev. Eugene Paulus' memorial statue. Following that, we will have a cake and refreshments reception to celebrate the dedication and to welcome the new members that we will be receiving during the 10:30am service. Everyone is invited to attend.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS DURING THE 10:30AM DIVINE SERVICE

We will be receiving new members during today's 10:30a.m. Divine Service. What a great cheer it is to be joined by such a faithful tribe of Lutherans, both new and old. You have enlarged the fellowship and strength of our congregation – thanks be to God. Those being received are:

- Nicole Creavy and her daughter Brooke Cleary
- David Hansen and his daughter Emma Hansen
- Bill & Ingrid Umland
- Robert White (Hawk)



LWML SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH - COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

The LWML invites you to visit their information tables, next Sunday, October 4th, following the 8am Divine Service. Drop by for coffee and refreshments and browse through the LWML displays showing some of the missions that they support locally, nationally, and throughout the world! Also be sure to pick-up a "Calendar of Events" bookmark to see all the fun activities they have planned for 2020-2021.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does “worship” really mean?

Most people use the word “worship” to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word “worship” comes from the root words “worth” and “ship.” These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!



What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That’s why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God’s Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God’s Word that delivers God’s salvation to us!



THE READINGS



EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me:
²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die....

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed

and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form. He

humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or

questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run

in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

MATTHEW 21:23-32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will

I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "*the soul who sins shall die*" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "*no pleasure in the death of anyone*" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "*shall surely live; he shall not die*" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the Cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "*He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death*" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His Resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "*God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name*" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "*shine as lights in the world*" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "*the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God*" (Matt. 21:31–32).

THE INTROIT (*Ps. 147:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6*)



The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GRADUAL (*Ps. 91:11, 103:1, alt.*)

**He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.**

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

How good it is
to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant
and fitting to praise him.
Psalm 147:1



BLESSING OF SACRED ART

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, in His great love for us the eternal God has taken on human flesh and joined Himself to His own creation. Heaven and earth are now filled with His glory as He uses the things of this world to bring us His blessing. “He has made everything beautiful in its time” so that we may behold the beauty of the Lord and inquire in His holy temple.

It is fitting that this statue be sanctified by Word and prayer for use in the Lord’s house.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the express image of Your glory so that when we behold Him we contemplate Your unending mercy. Bless and sanctify this statue, which is offered in honor of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that all who behold it may, by Your grace, be strengthened in the true faith and worship You with a steadfast heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this memorial to the Rev. Eugene Robert Paulus and those who behold it.

C: Amen.

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Ps. 18

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Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr

Martin Schalling, c. 1567

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1865, alt.

Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr

Bernhard Schmid's "Orgelbuch"

Strassburg, 1577

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an-gels come, To A-bram's bos-om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me.
 all I have In this poor life of la - - bor.
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - - ing;

Earth has no plea-sure I would share, Yea, heav'n it - self were
 Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 And in its nar-row cham-ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 lay - ish grace And serve and help my neigh - bor.
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - - ing.

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

And should my heart for sor - row break, My trust in
Let no false doc - trine me be - guile, Let Sa - tan
And then from death a - wak - en me That these mine

Thee no one could shake. Thou art the Por - tion
not my soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience
eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy

I have sought; Thy pre - cious blood my soul has bought.
un - to me To bear my cross and fol - low Thee.
glo - rious face, My Sav - ior and my Fount of grace.

Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Lord Je - sus Christ, My prayer at - tend, my prayer at - tend,

For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
And I will praise Thee with - out end. A - men.