



We are committed to a safe and comfortable experience for all. We will continue to practice social distancing. We encourage mask use. If you choose not to wear a mask, please maintain distance from others. Please wear masks for interactions requiring close proximity.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 19, 2021

Opening Song "All Who Are Thirsty"

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

Psalm Response

L: <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul

C: <sup>2</sup> **and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Psalm 103: 1-2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

Reading James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel

The holy gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>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." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Song "Knowing You, Jesus"

### Prayers

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each prayer petition ends with the words, "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond with "Hear our prayer."*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Holy Communion

#### Prayer After Communion

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. **Amen.**

### Announcements

Sending Song “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Also assigned in this week’s lectionary:

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me,  
and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.  
<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”  
<sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

**Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.  
<sup>2</sup> Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.  
<sup>3</sup> For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless  
seek my life; they do not set God before them.  
<sup>4</sup> But surely, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
<sup>5</sup> He will repay my enemies for their evil.  
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.  
<sup>6</sup> With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
<sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my  
eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

### **All Who Are Thirsty**

All who are thirsty,  
All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
Dip your heart in the streams of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
be washed away  
in the waves of His mercy  
as deep cries out to deep.

Come Lord Jesus, come.  
Come Lord Jesus, come.

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in the waves of His mercy,  
as deep cries out to deep.

Come Lord Jesus, come.  
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Come Lord Jesus, come.  
Come Lord Jesus, come.

As deep cries out to deep,  
As deep cries out to deep,  
As deep cries out to deep:  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.

### **Knowing You, Jesus**

All I once held dear,  
built my life upon,  
all this world reveres,  
and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain  
I have counted loss,  
spent and worthless now,  
compared to this.

*Chorus:*  
Knowing You, Jesus,  
Knowing You.  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire  
is to know You more.  
To be found in You  
and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith  
what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Chorus*

Oh, to know the power  
of Your risen life,  
and to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You  
in Your death, my Lord,  
so with You to live and never die.

*Chorus, 2X*

### **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You,  
Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march me onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.