

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

WOV #780 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

GREETING

*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Congregation: And also with you.*

*L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,*

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

*L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.*

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

*L: One does not live by bread alone,*

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

**Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?**

**Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

SALUTATION

*L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-10

Pew Bible pg. 769

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-9

*L: I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*

**C: The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of 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 very low, and he helped me.*

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

*L: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.*

**C: I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.**

*L: I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."*

SECOND LESSON: James 3:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 1267

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

**C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:14-29

*(Before reading) L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

*(After reading) L: The Gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Neal White

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #776 "Be Thou My Vision"  
(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.*

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.*

*L: Keep yourselves in the love of God*

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:*

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*L: Gracious God,* **C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.*  
**C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.* **C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*L: Let us pray. God, our Creator,* **C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*L: Lord, in Your mercy,* **C: hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

*L: May 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**

## SENDING HYMN

**LBW #221 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

## DISMISSAL

*L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“God, some of my friends think I’m foolish to spend time at church.  
Remind me I’m not alone — it has always been so for Christians — but in Christ’s  
cross is your saving power. Amen. (See 1 Corinthians 1:18.)”*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Rich Friemel

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

|                   |                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Tyler Edwards     | Geraldine Gorecki | Lee Briggs       | Debbi Dietz      |
| Carla Adkins      | Kim Wyre          | Jessica Hawn     | Loretta Overholt |
| Jennifer Birkey   | Earl Smith        | Cindy Williams   | Gabbi Reynolds   |
| Ben Moser         | Denny Doyle       | William Benton   | Steve Ritchie    |
| Marla Osterbur    | Sharon Lohen      | Mary Mallicoat   | Nick Shepherd    |
| Bob & Jenny Hobby | Michael Markarian | Joyce Keith      | Bob Selby        |
| Merrill Wattjes   | Joan Percival     | Joyce Williamson |                  |

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

|                |               |                |           |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Keith Dohleman | Rita Buenting | Shorty Baugher | Ruth Lutz |
| Janet Withers  | Joan Mathis   | Genet Dixon    |           |

**MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

|                |              |               |                |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jon Stiebner   | Alex Short   | Brandon Elrod | Kasey Fenimore |
| Brian Griswold | Levi Loschen | Ryan Falletti | Riley Falletti |

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**TABLE GUILD**

**ACOLYTES**

**BULLETIN GREETERS**

**GREETERS**

**LECTOR**

**PRAYER LEADER**

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

**USHERS**

Lloyd Schluter, Terri Kirby

Daphnie Albers, Jack Flesner

Anita & Kayla Pilarski

Char Sons, Mary Peters

Dennis Albers

Sally Bauer

Ron Howe

Aubrie Albers, Tom & Mary Edwards

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** God told Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole so people who were sick could look at it and be healed (Numbers 21:4-9). Likewise, we look to Christ, raised up on a cross, and our souls are healed. Welcome!

**FLOWERS TODAY** are provided by *Jeff & Christie Holland* in celebration of their daughter, Katie's, 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 15<sup>th</sup>, their son, Jacob's, 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** will be held today immediately following the worship service for any child wanting to become an acolyte.

**YOUTH HALL FLOORING PROJECT** The new flooring is being put in this week and next. Please avoid this area until the new floor is completed.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING DELAYED** Due to the flooring project, the Children's Sunday School year will not start until Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** led by Dennis Albers meets at 6:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening and is open to anyone that would like to attend. At this time, they will be meeting in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room. Please consider attending this study!

**CONFIRMATION** will begin at 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & MEAL** will resume this week. We will start with our time of fellowship and meal at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Room then move to the Martin Luther Room at 6:30 p.m. for our time of prayer. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. All are invited and welcome to attend!

**GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION** will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Danforth, IL. The keynote speaker is Pastor David Hefner from the Carolina's Mission Region. He will be discussing for us the importance of an active PCAT (Pastoral Care & Transition Team) and give us some food for thought on how to begin forming a PCAT here in the GRMD. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. The convocation will start at 9:30 a.m. To help plan for lunch, please call our church office at (217)893-4550 by 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend.

**ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** If you are unable to fulfill your worship assistant job on a particular Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Once a replacement is found, please contact the church office and let Nikki know of the change for the bulletin. Also, when you arrive on Sunday morning, please check-in with the worship steward that day and let them know you are there.

**UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pr. Phil Gronbach (Comm.); September 29<sup>th</sup> – Neal White; October 6<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (Communion)

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:** 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 114

**BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART** If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for the fourth quarter (October-December) will be available to pick up in the Narthex and outside the church office this Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS** We are again partnering with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A donation tub is in the Narthex.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 15**

- 9:00 a.m.   Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m.   Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m.   Acolyte Training

**Monday, September 16**

- 12:30 p.m.   Quilting

**Tuesday, September 17**

- 6:00 p.m.   Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.   Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, September 18**

- 12:00 p.m.   Community Blood Drive
- 5:30 p.m.   Confirmation
- 5:45 p.m.   Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m.   Prayer Service

**Thursday, September 19**

- 9:00 a.m.   Bible Study

**Sunday, September 22**

- 9:00 a.m.   Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m.   Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 15, 2024 – September 21, 2024

*Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promise, we may share your heavenly glory; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

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| Sunday    | 1 Kings 19:1-21 | Psalm 117       | John 18:12-24 |
| Monday    | 1 Kings 20:1-43 | Psalm 118       | John 18:25-40 |
| Tuesday   | 1 Kings 21:1-29 | Psalm 119:1-8   | John 19:1-11  |
| Wednesday | 1 Kings 22:1-53 | Psalm 119:9-16  | John 19:12-22 |
| Thursday  | 2 Kings 1:1-18  | Psalm 119:17-24 | John 19:23-37 |
| Friday    | 2 Kings 2:1-25  | Psalm 119:25-32 | John 19:38-42 |
| Saturday  | 2 Kings 3:1-27  | Psalm 119:33-40 | John 20:1-10  |

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen