

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Observing the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Service from Setting Three, page 184 in the *Lutheran Service Book*

OPENING HYMN

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain: **Father welcomes all His children to His fam’ly through His son.
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. *Refrain***

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again. *Refrain***

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. *Refrain***

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE LESSON: James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ¹⁹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²⁰You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ²¹You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ²²You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ²³Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ²⁴But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ²⁵Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ²⁶Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ²⁷Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ²⁸Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30–37

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and

were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851

**Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given to our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.**

SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me,
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

**Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given;**

**God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever,
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow, As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“Father We Thank Thee”

LSB 652

**Father, we thank Thee who hast planted Thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure, Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.**

**Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in Thy Love, unite it, Cleansed and conformed until Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy Church be gathered Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.**