

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 29/October 2, 2022

Serving Us Today:
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(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... Sometimes our faith is weak, and we wonder if God will hear our complaints and prayers. But He is always there, listening in love and offering grace and blessings. The bigger question is whether we will hear His promises and forgiveness. Today's Reading from Habakkuk is a resounding "yes," for it is a reminder that we trust our heavenly Father because of the greatest gift we have received: faith. Sometimes, like with the apostles in today's Gospel, it seems we need more faith, but God, who has given us that precious gift, promises, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). In the Epistle, Paul rejoices over Timothy's faith in our Savior, who "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Paul encourages Timothy to "guard the good deposit entrusted" to him and each person of faith (2 Timothy 1:14). Rejoice, for today that faith moves us to hear, listen, and respond in word and song.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

♪ **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Confession and Absolution

908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

- 2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

- Δ3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 deserved 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 *Ps. 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: Ps. 119:166*

I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.

**I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I praise you
for your just and righteous decrees.

**Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.**

My soul keeps your testimonies;

I love them exceedingly.

Gloria Patri

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on High,
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,
for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

**All O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers
of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your**

bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

(The righteous shall live by his faith.)

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 62*

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

²**He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in falsehood.
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.**

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**⁶He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**¹⁰Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

¹¹Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

**¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man
according to his work.**

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1–14

(Paul thanks God for the faith God has given Timothy.)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

(Faith as small as a mustard seed can do great things.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C 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.**

Children's Message

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
 Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
 Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
 Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
 Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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Sermon **"Sin, Faith, and Servanthood" (Luke 17:1-10)**

Offertory *LSB 192*

**C 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

P: Let us pray for people here and around the world—those who call Jesus their Lord and all who do not yet know God's gracious promises.

Let us pray for those who think that God doesn't hear them. Use the Church here and wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, gracious Lord, to proclaim the Gospel. Grant Your Holy Spirit to open their ears that faith may grow within them. O Lord,

C: Grant that they trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

P: Let us pray for those who are enduring violence within their homes and communities. O God, deliver them from their fears, give the security and peace for which they long, and grant the eternal peace Your Son won for us all. O Lord,

C: Grant that they trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

P: Let us pray for those who suffer injustice, deprived of basic human rights, and who do not have the food, clothing, and shelter they need for themselves and those for whom they care. Move the Church to show Your compassion in both the proclamation of the Gospel and in words and deeds of Christian charity, which make Your love real to them. O Lord,

C: Grant that they trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

P: Let us pray for those who are in dire need of Your caring protection, Lord our God, all whose hopes are dashed, whose bodies are captive to chronic illness and sudden crises, and who see nothing but strife and contention, [*especially . . .*]. Surround them with Your servants to make visible Your eternal promises in Christ our Lord. O Lord,

C: Grant that they trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

P: Let us pray for the Church around the world. Where we or our brothers and sisters have lost sight of Your promises, Lord Jesus, or are wondering about when You might return to usher in an eternal Kingdom of peace, grant them eyes to read Your gracious promises and ears to hear the Good News of eternity with You. O Lord,

C: Grant that they trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

P: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

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 unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

P 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.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,

Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything,
Your portion shall remain.

2 He is your treasure, He your joy,
Your life and light and Lord,

Your counselor when doubts annoy,
Your shield and great reward.

3 Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care;
He makes your burdens light.

4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r
Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour
Turn dreaded ills away?

5 He only will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.

6 His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessed ending makes.

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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.

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen. Amen. Amen.

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,

Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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Attendance Last Week: 178

General giving last week: \$6891.62

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

5 Wednesday	Confirmation Class	3:45 pm
5 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
6 Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 pm
6 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
9 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
9 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am
9 Sunday	Bible Class	10:15 am

ASLEEP IN JESUS: Billi Jo Kaufman fell asleep in the arms of her Savior on Friday, September 23rd and received Christian burial from St. John on Thursday, September 29th. May the Lord comfort those who remain with His words: "BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO."

DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE: Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

SHOE FUNDRAISER : Save your gently worn shoes, the school is going to be having a shoe fundraiser in October. The shoes can be any size and style from flip flops to boots. All we need to do is collect them and send them in, then we will get paid! We will be setting up a drop box soon to start collecting them, more information will be coming soon.

CHURCH SERVICE AVAILABLE ANYTIME ON OUR WEBSITE: New weekly service will be available starting Friday afternoon. GO TO: www.stjohnberlin.org. Click on "CHURCH." Click on the CHURCH SERVICE/BULLETIN tab on the home page. Then click on the link to the service video. The link to the bulletin is there also.

LWML SUNDAY IS COMING! October 16 is the Sunday set aside to recognize the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and learn more about missions. There will be a special Bible study that morning led by Mr. David Fiala, Mission Advocate for the LCMS. Prior to accepting this position, he was a missionary in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, and a missionary recruiter for 5 years. We will be collecting mites that morning to support the food and clothing co-op at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne.

SERMON OUTLINE
September 29/October 2, 2022
Theme: "Sin, Faith, and Servanthood"
(Luke 17:1-10)

I. Sin & Christian Concern

- A. Jesus warns us about _____ to sin.
- B. Jesus talks about people who lead others away from the _____.
- C. People should know we're concerned about their _____ well being.
- D. Obeying God's laws shows love for God as well as our _____ and ourselves.

II. A Forgiving Spirit

- A. Jesus wants us to _____ others as often as they repent.
- B. _____ had a hard time with a forgiving Spirit.
- C. It takes a _____ faith to do what Jesus asks in our text.
- D. Faith as small as a _____ _____ can do great things.

III. Servanthood

- A. A true servant does what is _____ of him or her.
- B. Jesus' service equips us for a life of _____!