

17th Sunday of Pentecost

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Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: Believers who talk about the Savior will share in the sort of insults and sufferings that Christ had to endure. We can rejoice in that, Peter writes, since the crosses we carry prove that “the Spirit of glory and of God” rests on us. The family of God is assured of the Lord’s abiding care and presence with them. He will be with us until the end of time. Suffering cannot therefore, deter our faith; the abiding love of God continues to sustain us.

The Lord’s Supper, which we celebrate today, is an evidence and an expression of the unity of faith shared by those who commune together. For that reason we ask that only persons who are members of congregations in fellowship with the WELS participate in the sacrament with us. Other guests are encouraged to speak to our pastor for information about participating in the Lord’s Supper at our altar.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

CW, #463:1-4

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice invites us,
Saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As the first disciples heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

GOD PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

INVOCATION (Verses from Psalm 102)

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you.

C: Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.

P: For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing embers.

C: My heart is blighted and withered like grass in my loud groaning.

P: Because of your great wrath, you have taken me up and thrown me aside.

C: You, O Lord, sit enthroned forever. You will arise and have compassion.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Lord, you know our hearts and see our lives. You call us to repentance and promise to hear us. You love us and forgive us. Therefore we confess to you:

C: We have sinned. We have failed to love you with all our hearts and obey you in all our actions. We have let the trivial occupy our attention and have ignored the things you declare important. We have not shown kindness or spoken truth to others. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done and for our failures to do what is right.

P: Your heavenly Father accepts your penitential plea. Your Savior has taken away your sin and placed before the Father his righteousness to atone for your unrighteousness. You are forgiven. You are reconciled to God. You have His Word on it. But our guilt is so grievous and God's love for us so great, that He is not content only to speak his Word of forgiveness to us. Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion so that we may receive the very body and blood he sacrificed to redeem us, so that we may experience the peace of his forgiveness.

BAPTISM

10:30 am Service

GOD INSTRUCTS US WITH HIS WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 38:1-13

Influential men of Jerusalem opposed Jeremiah because they did not like his message. They even got permission to throw him into a muddy cistern. What a cross for a faithful prophet to carry! Yet the Lord sent a friend who risked his own reputation and lifted him out.

Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah was telling all the people when he said, "This is what the

LORD says: 'Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. He will escape with his life; he will live.' And this is what the LORD says: 'This city will certainly be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it.'" Then the officials said to the king, "This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin." "He is in your hands," King Zedekiah answered. "The king can do nothing to oppose you." So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. But Ebed-Melech, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, Ebed-Melech went out of the palace and said to him, "My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Cushite, "Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies." So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. Ebed-Melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes." Jeremiah did so, and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.

HYMN "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

CW, #463:5

Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, help us hear your call;
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all!

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

Peter made a simple confession of the faith. "You are the Christ!" he told Jesus. When Jesus explained what this meant -- that as the Christ he would have to suffer and die and rise -- Peter tried to talk him out of it. That is when Jesus announced an important truth: Everyone who follows Jesus must deny himself and carry his own cross, whatever his cross may be.

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when

Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

HYMN "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

CW, # 453

"Come, follow me," the Savior spoke,
"All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake;
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide;
Take my example for your guide.

"I am the light; I light the way,
A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you should journey here below.

"My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all
To God I yield; on him I call.

"I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

Then let us follow Christ our Lord
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

THE SERMON **1 Peter 4:12-19** **“LEARN TO SUFFER LIKE A LION”**

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” So then, those who suffer according to God’s will, should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

CONFESSING OUR FAITH IN THE WORDS OF THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
 and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO HIM IN JOYFUL GENEROSITY

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

OFFERING HYMN “Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver”

CW, 489:1

Lord, you love the cheerful giver
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to you.

SEEKING HIS MERCY FOR OUR LIFE, OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD IN 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

"O Christ, Lamb of God"

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW, # 465

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me --
Show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure;
With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father!
You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory;
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story;
Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

AN INVITATION TO PRAISE FROM PSALM 100

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

C: **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

THANKING HIM FOR HIS GOODNESS AND GRACE – CLOSING HYMN

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

CW, #428:1-2

Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer;
Never will he leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won
When his life was given?

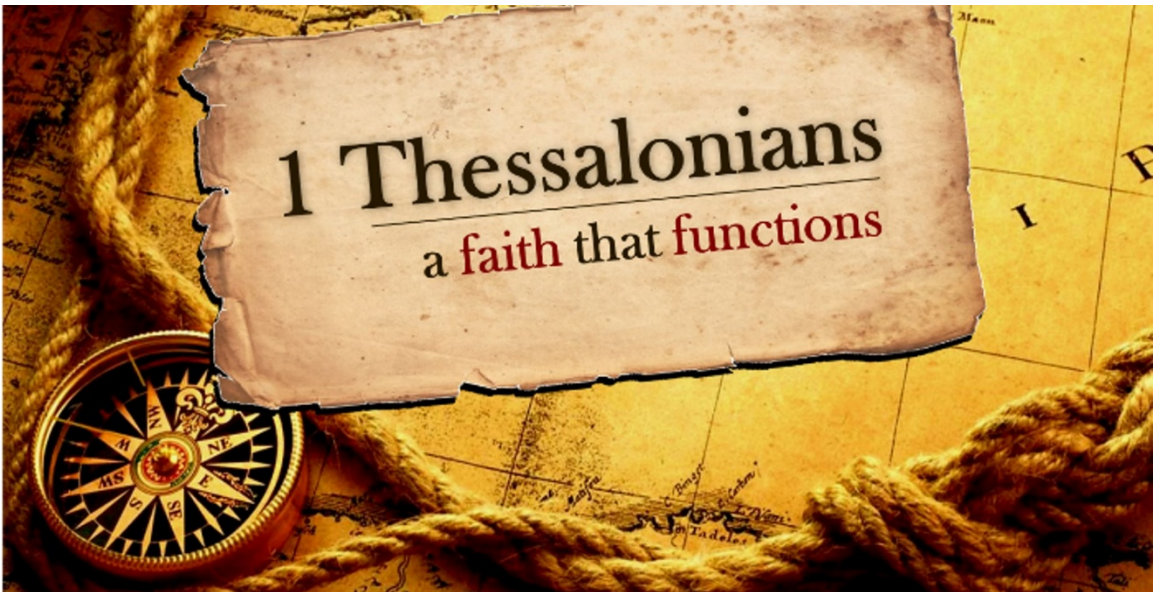
When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great,
They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sees them;
He who knows All my woes Knows
how best to end them.

SILENT PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM

We welcome Luke Roger Stein into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Luke's godparents are Megan Bateman & Nicholas Theisen and his parents are Eric & Rachel.

Please Join Us for Senior Bible Study



Begins Tuesday, Sept. 28
at 10:30am in the
Church Office Classroom

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (9/19)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	11:45 AM	Annual Voters' Meeting/Call Meeting
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Church
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service
Friday	9:00 AM	Mom's Circle
Saturday	8:30 AM	Vision/Traction Organizer (VTO) - Review
Sunday (9/26)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Numbers 12:1-15
Second Lesson	James 3:13-18
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37
Psalm	Psalm 31

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

“Praise Him, even
as You Suffer”
Service Theme

PREACHER: Mark Wagner

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Edwards, Mark Mandler

HYMNS: 463:1-4, 463:5,
453, 489:1, 465, 428:1-2

FIRST LESSON:

Jeremiah 38:1-13

SECOND LESSON:

1 Peter 4:12-19

THE GOSPEL:

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