

Sept. 17, 24, & Oct 1, 2017

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Sundays after  
Pentecost

Welcome  
Visitors!

We're glad you are with us today.  
Children age 5 and under are invited  
to try our PrayGround at the front  
of the Sanctuary. A nursery is also available at  
10:30. An usher can help you find them.

Please sign in on the YES! Sheet  
and pass it to the center aisle.  
If you would like to request a prayer  
to be read during worship, write it on the back.  
An usher will pick it up during the Hymn of the Day.

*Embracing the diversity of God's creation  
and celebrating our oneness in Christ.*

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# Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8

ELW=*red book hymnal* Congregation responses are **bold**

*After worship, please leave your bulletin in the basket located in the narthex so it can be used again in upcoming services. Take the Good Shepherd Epistle home to use throughout the week.*

*Good Shepherd is dedicated to giving people the option of inclusive language.*

*These options are indicated in parenthesis ( ).*

## Gathering

Prelude

Announcements

 Confession and Assurance of Pardon

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,  
the bread of life coming down from above,  
the power at work within us and this world.

**Amen.**

God of all creation, we gather in this place to remind ourselves that we are your people and you are our God. Help us search our hearts that we might confess our sin to you.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of all,

**Our motives are often suspect, our achievements are limited,  
our virtues are tainted, our love is patchy,  
and our faith is hardly as big a mustard seed.**

**We do not always clearly see the Christian path through this complex era,  
and when we do, we do not follow the light that has been given.**

**We do succeed sometimes and we are grateful. But also we stumble a lot, and fail more than we like others to know about.**

**When we have sinned, we admit feeling more sorry for ourselves than ashamed, and more self-pitying than repentant.**

**Only you can fix us, healing God. Amen.**

My sisters and brothers, through Jesus Christ we are named beloved.

Ours is not to wear failures like a wet blanket, but to accept the saving love of Christ and step out again into the newness of all things. Live as the forgiven children of that Holy Parent whose love is without limit.

**Amen.**

 Gathering Song

Sept. 17	"O Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"	ELW 401
Sept. 24	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	ELW 886
Oct. 1	"The God of Abraham Praise" (st. 1-4)	ELW 831

 Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

 Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

 Prayer of the Day  
Let us pray ... **Amen.**

*Today's Readings*

## Word

 First Reading  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Today's Readings*

 Psalm

*Today's Readings*

 Second Reading  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Today's Readings*

 Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

 Gospel

*Today's Readings*

The Holy Gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

 Gathering Song & Mini-Meditation for Children  
*Children are invited to come forward during the song.*

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

 Hymn of the Day  
*During the hymn, Yes! Sheets are collected.*

Sept. 17	"Where Charity and Love Prevail"	ELW 359
Sept. 24	"All Who Love and Serve Your City"	ELW 724
Oct. 1	"Our Father, We Have Wandered"	ELW 606

 Sermon

Pastor Kathy Nolte

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

 Sept. 17 – Distribution of Bibles

 Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God**

 Passing of the Peace

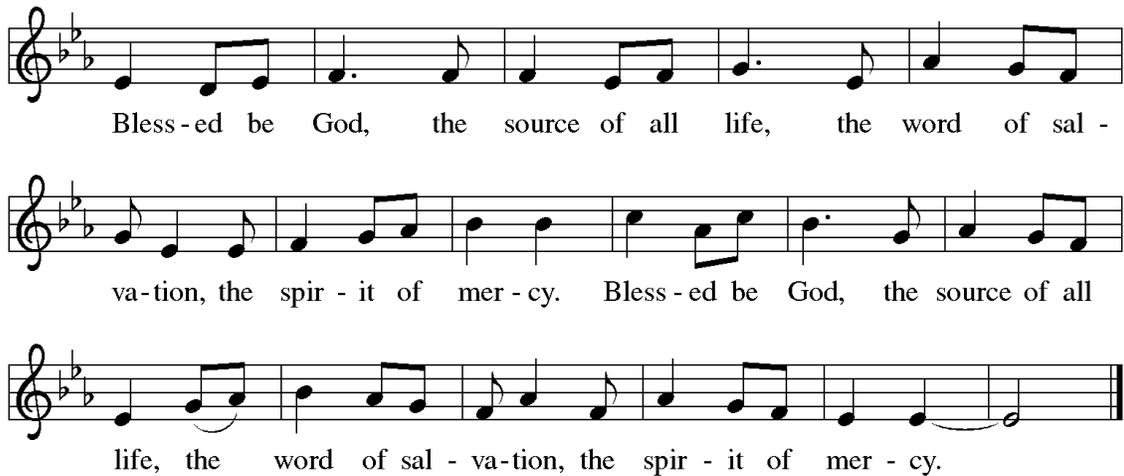
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Meal

 Offertory

 Offering

"Blessed be God, the Source of All Life"  
*Gifts are gathered as the table is prepared.*



Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -  
va-tion, the spir - it of mer - cy. Bless - ed be God, the source of all  
life, the word of sal - va-tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

 Offering Prayer

*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray...

You have blessed us  
with every good gift, generous God.  
Our hearts overflow with joy and love  
for the privilege of walking with you  
and being called your own.  
Receive these gifts, we pray,  
as our faithful and grateful response  
to your gifts of grace and mercy in our lives. **Amen.**

 Great Thanksgiving

*Presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.**

 Eucharistic Prayer

*Presiding Minister:*

God of spirit and flesh, grape and grain.  
We thank you for your love poured out  
as we sense your Spirit shining in the sunlight,  
sailing on the summer wind,  
and singing in the souls of each one gathered here.

Recreate us in your image as we encounter you today,  
that our lives might ignite a love to light the world.  
Let your presence pressing through us  
infuse the world with your hope and joy.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying;  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal;  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

**Amen.**

 Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**(Abba/Imma) 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.**

 Invitation to Communion

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

 Communion

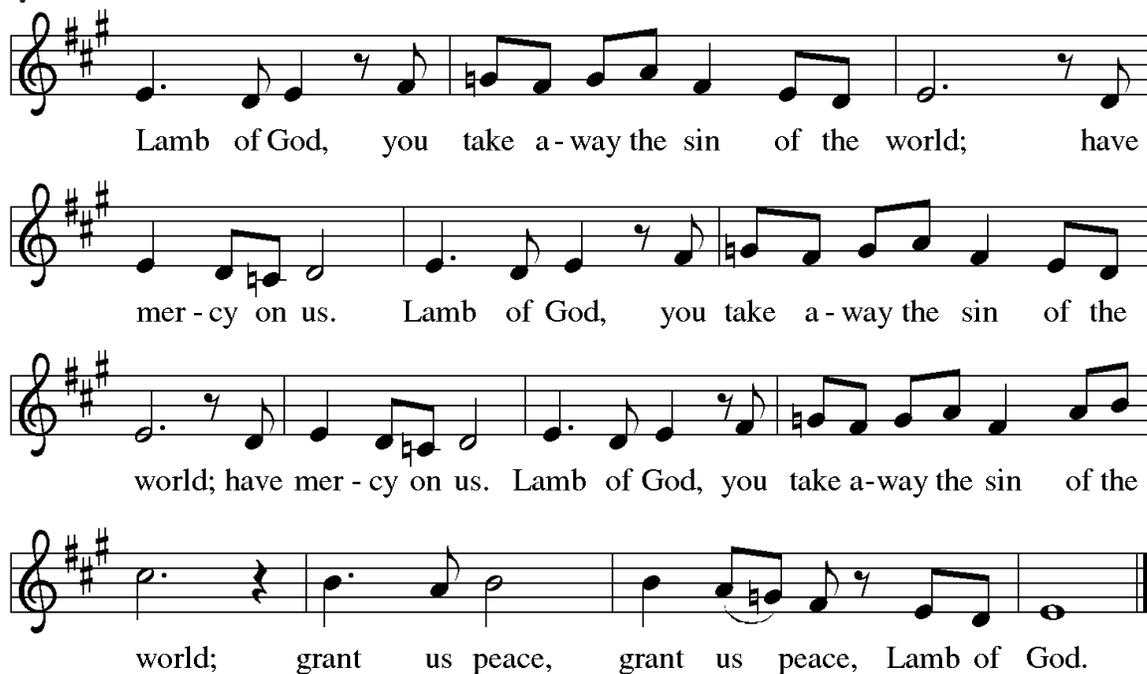
*Please come forward as the ushers direct. You will be given bread.*

*You may eat the bread and drink; or intinct (dip) in the large cup and eat.*

*The silver cup has wine; the oversize pottery cup has grape juice. Pastor has  
gluten free wafers if you need, just ask. After you commune, feel free to  
kneel at the altar rail in silent prayer.*

 Communion Song

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

 Communion Song

Sept. 17	"Let Us Break Bread Together"	ELW 471
	"Jesus, Remember Me"	ELW 616
Sept. 24	"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"	ELW 461
	"Ubi Caritas"	ELW 642
Oct. 1	"There is a Balm in Gilead"	ELW 614
	"Dona Nobis Pacem"	ELW 753



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



Prayer after Communion

*Assisting Minister: Let us pray...*

We have received from you, O Giving God,  
food for our spirits, refreshment for our souls.

Help us go from this place ready to bring refreshment and assistance  
to others in the world around us.

**Amen.**

## Sending



Blessing

God is where you have been,  
where you are and where you are going.

Go forth therefore from this place  
in the certainty of God's presence in your life  
no matter where or who you are.

May you feel surrounded by God's love,  
through the Holy Spirit and + in the promise of Christ:  
"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time."

**Amen.**



Sending Hymn

Sept. 17	"We are Marching in the Light of God"	ELW 866
Sept. 24	"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"	ELW 875
Oct. 1	"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"	ELW 538

 Dismissal

*Assisting Minister:*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

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