

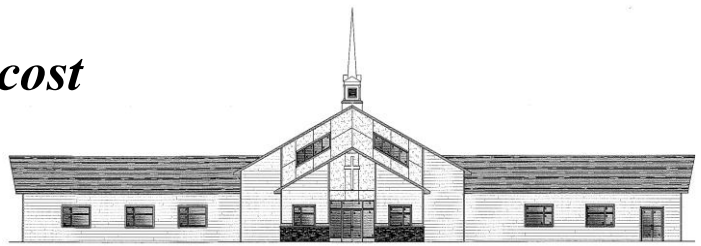
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad. †

*Opening Hymn #459 (LBW) – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

S203

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice but you take no delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Turn to the Lord and pray to him, now that he is near. **7** Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the Lord, our God; he is merciful and quick to forgive. **8** "My thoughts," says the Lord, "are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours. **9** As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways and thoughts above yours.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:27-30

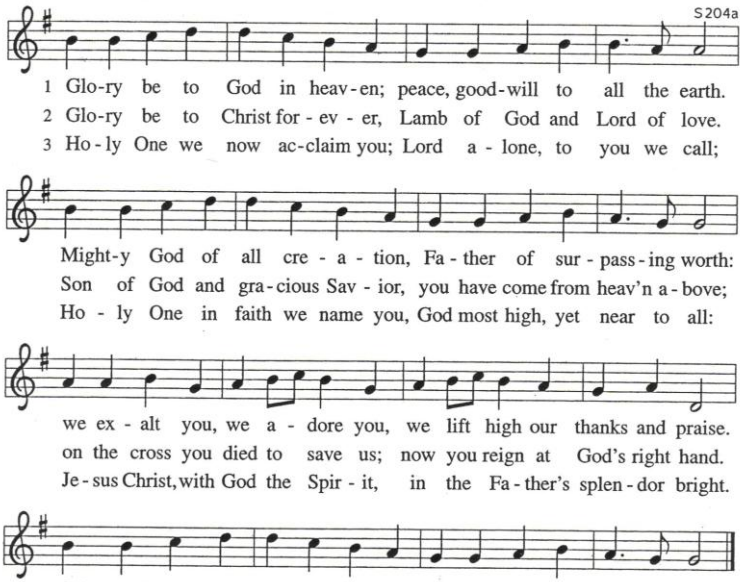
Now, the important thing is that your way of life should be as the gospel of Christ requires, so that, whether or not I am able to go and see you, I will hear that you are standing firm with one common purpose and that with only one desire you are fighting together for the faith of the gospel. **28** Don't be afraid of your enemies; always be courageous, and this will prove to them that they will lose and that you will win, because it is God who gives you the victory. **29** For you have been given the privilege of serving Christ, not only by believing in him, but also by suffering for him. **30** Now you can take part with me in the battle. It is the same battle you saw me fighting in the past, and as you hear, the one I am fighting still.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise

S204a



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-15

"The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a man who went out early in the morning to hire some men to work in his vineyard. **2** He agreed to pay them the regular wage, a silver coin a day, and sent them to work in his vineyard. **3** He went out again to the marketplace at nine o'clock and saw some men standing there doing nothing, **4** so he told them, "You also go and work in the vineyard, and I will pay you a fair wage.' **5** So they went. Then at twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock he did the same thing. **6** It was nearly five o'clock when he went to the marketplace and saw some other men still standing there. "Why are you wasting the whole day here doing nothing?" he asked them. **7** "No one hired us,' they answered. "Well, then, you go and work in the vineyard,' he told them. **8** "When evening came, the owner told his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with those who were hired last and ending with those who were hired first.' **9** The men who had begun to work at five o'clock were paid a silver coin each. **10** So when the men who were the first to be hired came to be paid, they thought they would get more; but they too were given a silver coin each. **11** They took their money and started grumbling against the employer. **12** "These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, "while we put up with a whole day's work in the hot sun - yet you paid them the same as you paid us!" **13** "Listen, friend,' the owner answered one of them, "I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. **14** Now take your pay and go home. I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I gave you. **15** Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?"

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #320 (LBW) - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution (Hymns #290, #294, #296, #305 – Use Green Hymnal)

S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.

Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Jane Scholz
Greeters: Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Cain
Ushers: Paul & Griffin Colbeth
Communion Asst: Hannah Eckwall
Counter: Hannah Eckwall
Altar Guild: Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers: Roxi Anderson & Fran Heinbuch
September 13th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 25; 10:00 AM – 145

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Third graders who will be receiving their Bible during the worship service today are: Ada Brinker, Dean Cipra, Nolan Pittman, Charles Wagner, and Lennon Witthoft.

See You at the Pole: All youth (7th-12th Grade) are reminded to meet your fellow Christians at the school flagpole this Wednesday at 7:45 AM as we gather to pray for our school and students. Donuts and juice will follow the prayer time.

Council will be purging the storage shed. Folks are invited to review its contents and note with the office if there are items that need to be kept. All chairs will be saved but they are considering going with lighter tables.

Time to be planning for the raffles that will take place during the Church Dinner in November! We have already received several beautiful prizes for this year's general raffle. If you have items you would like to donate, please talk with Kathy by September 27th. Our popular basket raffle is also planned. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 11th or as soon as possible. We are in need of empty baskets or fun containers to use for the basket raffle. Please bring them to church ASAP. Thanks. Kathy

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-3 rd Grade Bible Orientation Class 11:00 AM-Choir Practice Noon-Private Baptism
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	7:45 AM-See You at the Pole Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun 6:15 PM-7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation Classes 7:30 PM-9 th Grade Confirmation Classes
Saturday	7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship 11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice