

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Parable of the Two Sons
Matthew 21:28-32

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin
September 27, 2020

Mission Statement
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

Worship Leaders

Preaching Minister	Roger McQuiston
Presiding Minister	Jennifer DeNetz
Musicians	Colleen Perrine Erik Larson, Karen Bultman Stacie Dobbe
Reader	Leah Johnson
Technical Support	Nathan Jansen Corrina Czarnik

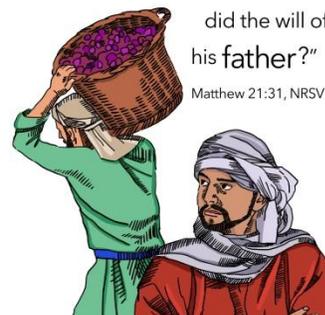
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
P-Pastor R- Reader C-Congregation

"Which of the two
did the will of
his father?"

Matthew 21:31, NRSV



GATHERING MUSIC

Jesus Paid It All

E. Hall/J. Grape

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834-1918

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is

lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life, al le - lu - ia.

WTL Music 2016

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I

will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we

are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.”²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went.³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he

answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SONG

Brigetta Wingender & Musicians

I Believe I Do Believe

Refrain

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,
Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,
Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator. *Refrain*

I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,
Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,
Savior of the people, Savior of the people. *Refrain*

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit. *Refrain*

John Ylvisaker (c) 1989

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-703841. All rights reserved.

SERMON

WHERE HOPELESSNESS FINDS A HOME!

Pastor Roger McQuiston

HYMN OF THE DAY

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Text © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services
Reprinted with permission under CCLI License #788723. All rights reserved.

APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

OFFERING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Hear Our Prayer
(1st time - Cantor; 2nd time - ALL)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Text and music: Paul Andress, b. 1956
Text and music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-703841. All rights reserved.

PRAYERS

Petitions end: Lord, we pray with confidence, knowing...

Response: **You hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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**

(ALL repeat **Hear Our Prayer** one time through.)

FINAL BLESSING

P Mothering God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back; No turning back
No turning back; No turning back

The world behind me; the cross before me
The world behind me; the cross before me
The world behind me; the cross before me
No turning back; No turning back

I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you

Though none go with me; still I will follow
Though none go with me; still I will follow
Though none go with me; still I will follow
No turning back; No turning back

Though I may wander; I still will follow
Though I may wander; I still will follow
Though I may wander; I still will follow
No turning back; No turning back
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you

I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you, Jesus (Hallelujah)
I will follow you

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
No turning back; No turning back
No turning back; No turning back

Chris Brown | Garo Christians | Mack Brock | Sadhu Sundar Singh | Wade Joye
© 2012 Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
Reprinted with permission under CCLI License #788723. All rights reserved.

DISMISSAL

- P Prince of Peace is a family of Christians, growing in faith and reaching out in love.
Be at peace. Christ is with you.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

LIVESTREAM COMMUNION LITURGY

HYMN

Jesus, I Come

(Verses 1 & 2)

William T. Sleeper
Jeff Redd, alt.

JESUS, I COME
George C. Stebbins



1. Out of my bond-age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame-ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;



In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness and light, Je - sus, I come to Thee.____
In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.____
In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.____
In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.____



Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health, Out of my need and in - to Thy wealth,
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love, Out of des - pair to rap - tures a - bove,
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, In - to Thy peace - ful, shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Out of dis - tress to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Up - ward I rise on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you O God, for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.

C **Blessed are you.**

P In Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.

C **Blessed are you.**

P You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.

C **Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to all.**

INVITATION

P Come to the Table. Those who are hungry, come, eat and drink.

C **Bread for the journey. drink for the desert.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor will lead this, line by line; you are invited to repeat each line and do the same actions. When we have finished these words, then communion may be shared.)

P In the night in which our Lord was betrayed ... *(repeat)*
he took bread and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise bread)*
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, ... *(repeat)*
saying, Take and eat; this is my body given for you ... *(repeat)*
Do this for the remembrance of me *(repeat)*

Again, after supper he took the cup, and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise cup)*
and gave it for all to drink, ... *(repeat)*
saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood ... *(repeat)*
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin *(repeat)*
For as often as we eat of this bread ... *(repeat)* and drink from this cup ... *(repeat)*
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes... *(repeat)*

(You may now share the bread and wine with one another. You may use these or similar words.)

- This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
- This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Parents/Caregivers speak a blessing over younger children who have not completed communion instruction, saying, "Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!" (or another blessing listed below).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Great God of gifts,
C **We Thank You!**
P You feed us in many ways
C **and we are grateful to receive!**
P We look to you;
C **we look to each other, and we praise your name.**
P As you've fed us,
C **now make us food for the world!**
P As this meal empowers us
C **To Grow in Faith and Reach out to others in Love! Thank you, Great God of gifts! AMEN**

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

What to do about blessing children?

Parents/Caregivers should speak a blessing over younger children who aren't communing. Please do not commune children who have not completed instruction from PoP. You may place your hands on their heads as you speak the blessing. Both parents/caregivers can do this together. Here are some suggestions. You may use these or similar words that come from your heart.

- Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!
- May you always know Jesus loves you!

- Jesus died and rose again for you and for all and watches over us.
- May God keep you in the covenant of your baptism.

What to do with the leftovers?

Any bread or wine/grape juice that is left over may be consumed. Even though it has been consecrated for this meal, it is not any more holy than ordinary bread, wine or grape juice. It is to remind us that all food is holy and is a gift from God. Wine may be consumed or poured out on the ground as a sign of God's gift poured out for all on the earth. Bread may also be placed outside to benefit God's creatures or used in one's daily meals as a reminder of God's gift of our daily bread. If you have a loaf of bread left over, why not use this as a gift to share with your family or neighbors. Include a little note that says something like, "Jesus is the Bread of Life. Here is a gift of bread that was made for your daily life! Enjoy!"

A final favor! Let us know how it went!

This Livestream Communion is new to us during this pandemic. However, if we go back to the earliest days in Christian history, this was how communion was done, in peoples' homes. Of course, they didn't have computers or cell phones to unite them all together, but we do! So, we would like to see and hear your stories. Send us a picture or two, or even a video (popappleton.org) of how you set your table, what bread or wine you used, who was there (names optional), greetings to other members of the Church Deployed! Then come back to the Table on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:40 a.m. during this pandemic and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!



Scripture and worship texts are from SundaysandSeasons.com copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress and are reprinted/podcast and/or streamed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies License #SAS000711. Permission to podcast/stream *I Believe I Do Believe & Hear Our Prayer* obtained under OneLicense, License #A-703841. Permission to podcast/stream *Jesus Paid It All, Change My Heart, O God & I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* obtained under CCLI License #788723. Permission to podcast/stream Children's Message obtained from Dollar Store Children Sermons (<https://dskidsermons.com/this-sunday/>). All rights reserved.