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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome to Worship! No matter who asks the questions today, it seems that we are cautious about being sure to weigh our words carefully and come up with a calculated response. Jesus, however, in our text for today, invites us to practice a bold faith. He invites us to trust in Him without calculations!

A Nursery is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

All Sunday School classes meet upstairs. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall, and Downstairs Social Room. The **Adult Information Class** meets upstairs in 203. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the 9:00 and 7:00 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. An usher will dismiss your row to move forward to the person serving the bread, and then to the person serving the individual cup. You may then dispose of the cup and return by the center aisle.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

+ DIVINE SERVICE IV, Page 203 +

THE PRELUDE: "Triune God O Be Our Stay" D. Buxtehude

THE HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymn 549

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
[Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
[Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
[Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
[The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
[Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.]

THE INVOCATION, page 203

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION:

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our

unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION:

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE KYRIE, page 204 C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:, page 204

**C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together) Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together) "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, page 205

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-27 C: Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn 525

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

THE SERMON: "Calculated Faith?"

THE NICENE CREED, page 206

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Hymn 781

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee

+++ 9:00: SENDING SERVICE for Disaster Response Team to Alabama

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 and 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION, page 208

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

- C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

During Distribution: Hymns: 637, 848, 787, 554, 643

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

787 The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

- 1 The temple rang with golden coins The rich in bright array
Contributed from gleaming hoards Their scales could scarcely weigh.
- 2 A widow came with copper coins And offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give Or save for darker days.
- 3 When Jesus saw her costly gift And knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self And called her rich, though poor.
- 4 At last He brought His offering And laid it on a tree;
There gave Himself, His life, His love For all humanity.
- 5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield Whatever love demands
And freely give, as You have giv'n, With open hearts and hands.

554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Nunc Dimittis

**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all
eternity.**

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you... C **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Hymn 655

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

THE POSTLUDE: "Lord of Our Life" - K. Hildebrand

Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Pastor Blomenberg and Pastor Rodriguez

Lector: Vicar Fredstrom **Organist:** Paul Scheiderer

9:00 and 11:15 Special Music: Church Bells

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