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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*



**Worship note:** *“Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old”* (hymn 868) is a chorale by Martin Luther, setting the Sanctus (or “Holy”) of the mass. This was part of his effort to translate and sing the mass in German. The text is based on a story from Isaiah and traditionally begins with the seraphim’s cry of “holy, holy, holy.” However, here (uniquely), Luther also included the scripture leading up to and contextualizing that moment. We will be singing this Sanctus during the weeks leading up to Reformation Sunday. Think of these weeks as “practice” for Reformation. Jump in and sing as best you can even if it’s not familiar, and remember that mistakes are okay!

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

Now Thank We All Our God

Kenneth T. Kosche

**Welcome**

*Stand*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn 858

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## Apostolic 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.**

## Kyrie

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



Lord, have mer - cy.

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord.*

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

*Ten years before the destruction of Jerusalem, many leaders of Judah were taken to Babylon. Jeremiah sends a letter to those exiles encouraging them, as they live in that strange place, to raise families and even to pray for the welfare of Babylon. God will restore them in due time.*

A reading from Jeremiah. <sup>1</sup> These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 66:1-12

Choir sing the refrain and all repeat it. Choir sings the verses.



Praise the Lord! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Al - le - lu - ia, sing, re - joice!

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation join the song!*

*See God's wonders here displayed, unexcelled for ages long.*

*Glorious is God's sacred name, ages old, yet still the same. **Refrain***

*Come and see what God has done: great the blessings to the just;  
walked the chosen through the sea; brought their mighty foes to dust.  
Let us lift a thankful voice; praise God's mercies, sing, rejoice! **Refrain***

*Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; Let our song of praise be heard!  
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.  
When our days on earth are past, God will guide us home at last. **Refrain***

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

A reading from Second Timothy. <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. <sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle

Lucien Deiss

*Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead.*

*He is our saving Lord; he is joy for all ages.*

*If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord. If we endure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.*

*In him all our sorrows, in him all our joy. In him hope of glory, in him all our love.*

*In him our redemption, in him all our grace. In him our salvation, in him all our peace.*

Text: From 2 Timothy 2

## Children's Message

Stand

### Gospel Acclamation

All sing the Alleluias; Choir sings the Verse.



Give thanks in all <sup>1</sup> circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Je-<sup>1</sup> sus for you. (1 Thess. 5:18)

### Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

### Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand when the hymn introduction begins.

### Hymn of the Day 617

### We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

**Apostles' Creed** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

*Sit or kneel*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Stand*

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

## **MEAL**

*Sit*

**Setting the Table + Presentation of Gifts**

*Ten lepers facing constant scorn, emboldened by their daily plight,  
encountered One whose healing touch was known to put disease to flight.*

*The ten outsiders sought relief: "Have mercy, Master, hear our plea."  
"Seek out the priests," the Healer said. He knew the walk could set them free.*

*A nameless junction in the road became a holy turn-about.  
One awestruck convert spun around and, praising God, began to shout.  
God gave the space to turn around to all the others on the way,  
but only one resolved to seize the miracle of grace that day.*

*Would we have stopped, retraced our steps, and then embraced the living Lord  
whose word had banished all our sores? What kind of thanks would we afford?*

*God, make of us your living tithes; the first fruits, fit to work for you.  
Let each be like that one in ten: transformed and cleansed, restored, made new.*

Text: John Thornburg (b. 1954)

Stand

## Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

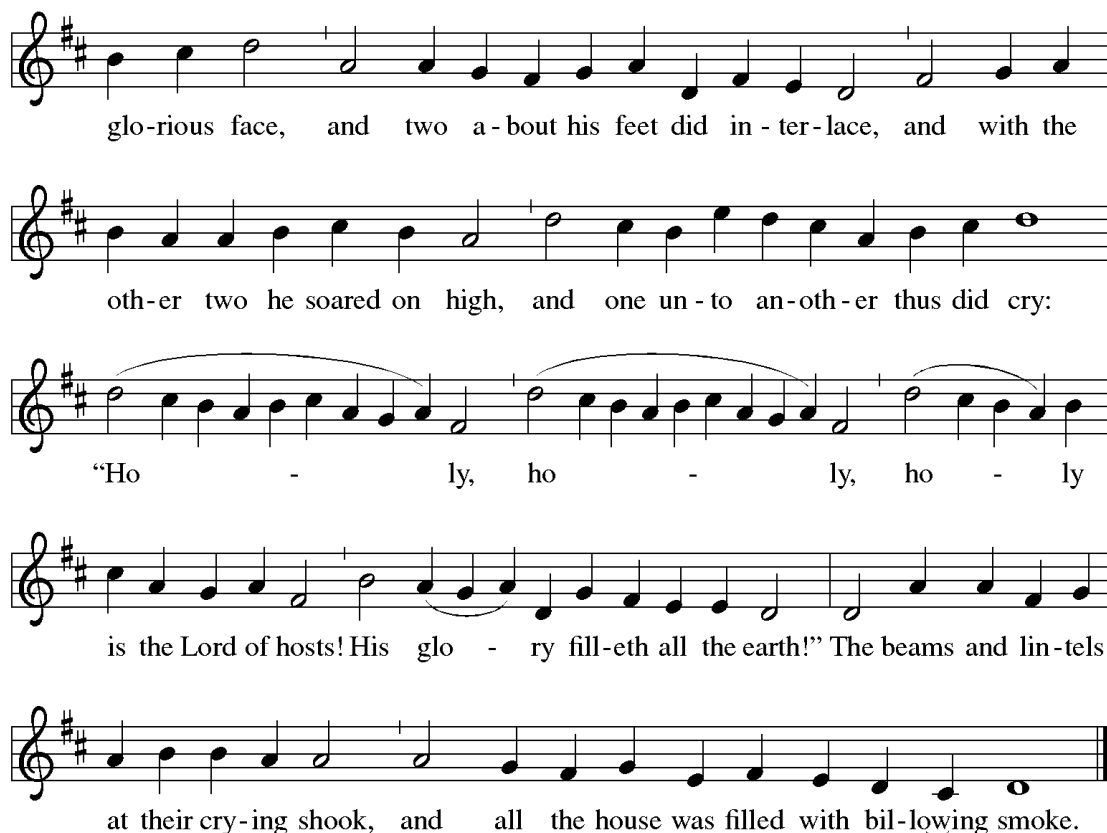
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





glo-rious face, and two a-bout his feet did in-ter-lace, and with the

oth-er two he soared on high, and one un-to an-oth-er thus did cry:

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

is the Lord of hosts! His glo - ry fill-eth all the earth!” The beams and lin-tels

at their cry-ing shook, and all the house was filled with bil-lowing smoke.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976  
 Music: JESAJA, DEM PROPHETEN, Martin Luther

## Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.

You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

***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.***

Sit

## Invitation to Communion

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask your server.*

*Red wine and white grape juice are available in each tray.*



## Lamb of God

1. O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, you take the sin of the  
2. O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, you take the sin of the  
world a - way; O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
world a - way; have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Communion Hymn 466

In the Singing

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,  
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,  
*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931  
Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

Stand

## Table Blessing and Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

A: Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



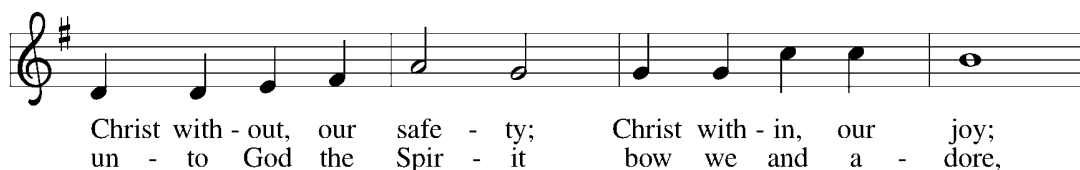
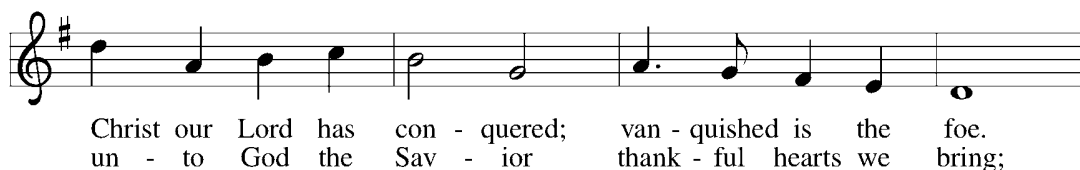
# SENDING

## Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn 537

## On Our Way Rejoicing



### *Refrain*



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

*Sit*

## Announcements

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

*Everyone is invited to enjoy light refreshments and conversation  
in the fellowship hall following worship.*

## Commemorations this Week

### Wednesday, Oct. 15 Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, d. 1582

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

### Friday, Oct. 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

**Saturday, Oct. 18 Luke, Evangelist** Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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## On Common Ground

Ten people are healed by Jesus, but only one returns to thank him. That is the central tension of today's gospel story. But there is also a twist, one we may have missed if we were not listening closely: the one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan.

The faithful of Jesus' time would have known all about the hostility between Judeans and Samaritans. The conflict between the two groups stretched back generations and generations. It was animosity so entrenched that people probably did not remember the specifics of the fight. They just knew they hated the other side. A Judean would never associate with a Samaritan, much less heal one of them.

But as we see in this story and others throughout the gospels, Jesus did not seem to care about the labels the world assigned to people: scribe or Pharisee, sinner or tax collector. Jesus also did not stop to consider whether the person was from Judea or Samaria. He looked into the eyes of all who came to him and saw directly to their humanity. He brought healing and wholeness to everyone.

Just as Jesus told the Samaritan, he could tell us, too, that our faith makes us well. God gives us faith that overcomes the destructive words of the world, allowing us to transcend barriers and labels and to recognize the humanity in each individual. God is also calling us as a whole community to go and seek out the Samaritans of our own time and place—anyone whom the rest of the world rejects and reviles—and show them the same compassion and mercy we have received.

God's love makes us whole. Words can hurt, but thanks to Jesus, words can heal too. More often than not, we will find common ground through God's power to heal, even among the Samaritans.