

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sept. 19, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 901 851 685

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

TODAY 11:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

TODAY 1:30 p.m. Council of Churches

TODAY 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff at the Parsonage

Sept. 19 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Sept. 19 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Sept. 19 9:00 Sunday School

Sept. 21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sept. 21 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Sept. 22 Noon Bible Study

Sept. 22 1:30 p.m. NW Zone Fall Rally at St. Peter Lutheran in Ocheyedon

Oct. 3 11:30 a.m. Fish Boil

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day, *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*, was written by Pastor Benjamin Schmolck in 1732. Pastor Schmolck served in a Lutheran church made of clay and timber since the catholic rulers of his day would not allow a more permanent structure to be built. Yet about this humble church, Pastor Schmolck writes, "Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him who answers prayer." This pictures the beginning of the divine service, where we gather and wait expectantly for the presence of the Lord. Because of Christ's presence, every church is a place filled with "solace, light, and grace," no matter how humble it may look. As we gather for worship this morning, we rejoice that God has given us a Zion, a place where we can gather to offer prayers and to receive his gifts. Wherever God is, there is heaven on earth.

A WORD: In our Old Testament reading, we find the prophet Jeremiah surrounded by enemies. He has faithfully preached God's Word and obeyed God's will, but God's enemies are plotting to destroy him. Jeremiah responds with faith. He will continue to do the work God has given him to do, placing his life in the hands of the one who judges justly. The life of Jeremiah foreshadows the life of Christ, who preached God's Word and did God's will while surrounded by enemies. Jesus warns his disciples in today's Gospel lesson that he will be betrayed into the

hands of men. But he places his life in the hands of the one who judges justly, his Father in heaven, knowing that three days later, he will rise from the dead.

In the epistle lesson, James instructs us in godly wisdom. Godly wisdom is shown by its fruits. The person who is "peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits" is the one who has received God's wisdom. His life is full of the fruit of the Spirit. But a person can also receive worldly wisdom. This man is full of "jealousy and selfish ambition." This wisdom is "earthly, unspiritual, demonic." All of us are susceptible to worldly wisdom, so we pray to the Lord that we would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5:1-20
Mark 9:38-50

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Receiving Jesus means receiving the One who sent Him. We receive Jesus through the preaching of the Word. We receive Jesus through Holy Baptism. We receive Jesus through the Lord's Supper. We receive Jesus first and foremost because we have a Father in heaven who gives and does not stop giving to us in abundance. In receiving Jesus, the One who was sent, we receive the Father, who looks in loving kindness upon His children.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

LWML IOWA WEST DISTRICT FALL RETREAT: if you wish to attend the Fall Retreat at Mission Central on October 23rd, registration forms are on the Bulletin Board by the office.

ARE YOU MISSING A CAKE PAN, BOWL, ETC. Please check the table in the Fellowship Hall for items that have been left in the kitchen. If they are not claimed, they will be donated.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sept. 19-Kathleen Dieren and Sept 26.-Bev Doorenbos

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect personal hygiene products for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 6; Next Sunday is Team 1: Michael Huygens, Keith Berg, Keith Lambert, Bob Iwen, Lucas Larson, Devin Olson, Justin Olson

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 901: OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Delight yourself in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18–20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

James 3:13–4:10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 9:35b

Alleluia. If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 851: LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

SERMON

OFFERTORY

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Mark 9:30–37

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN 685: LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

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