

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      October 2, 2022

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Beverly Baker, Mildred Peters

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service    Hymns    Peace    Blue 14    Blue 94    923  
English    902            655    923

### THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

#### **NO WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS IN OCTOBER**

Oct. 2    8:15 a.m. Worship at English

Oct. 2    9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Oct. 2    10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace.

Oct. 2    Training Day for Service Volunteers

Oct. 4    10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Oct. 4    6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Oct. 5    9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Quilting

Oct. 12    1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Quilting

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** The Word of God is powerful, but only when God is active through it. Apart from God's power, Scripture is nothing more than words on a page, no different from any other book. But when God chooses to act through it, it accomplishes every purpose for which God sends it. Therefore, whenever we read the Word, hear the Word, or encounter the Word, we pray that God would be active in it. So we close our service this morning by doing just that. Almighty Father, bless your Word.

**A WORD:** Today's theme is the Word of God. From the conversion of Lydia, we learn how Christ chooses to be active in our world today, through his Word. Paul preached the Gospel to Lydia, and as he spoke the Lord "opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul." Christ became active in Lydia's heart as the Word was preached. That Word was then applied to her personally in baptism. Paul also talks about the Word in our epistle lesson. The Word of Christ is near to us and brings salvation to us as it is received by faith into our hearts.

Finally, the Gospel lesson shows us that the Word of God is not a what; it is a who, Jesus Christ. He is the Word of God made flesh, from whom we receive God's grace and through whom we come to know God face to face.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 2Samuel 11:2-5; 14-17; 26-27    Psalm 32  
Luke 18:9-14

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** The Lord gave the Old Testament prophets like Habakkuk the vision of the coming Christ, in whom the righteous live by faith. Though our sin so often mars our vision, in Christ we see by faith. Christ has taken up our sinful condition, in all its ugliness, on the cross and has shown us the beauty of His love in His redemption. So now, the vision that we hold on to, like Paul, is nothing but "Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank English and Peace families for all the prayers, cards and love given to our family over the past several months. A special thank you to Pastor Alex. God has truly blessed us.  
**Linda Wulf and Family**

**SERVICE TRAINING:** If you signed up for one of the following teams: ushers, sound team, visitation, or altar guild, there will be training following the service. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents for use in God's kingdom.

**ELLIE MENZ** the mission director of IOWAY will be speaking to us after the service on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to stay and hear how God may be inviting us to partner with IOWAY in missions.

**YOUTH TRIP:** All high schoolers are invited on a youth trip to Denison, Iowa to visit a sister LCMS mission congregation, Amigos en Cristo. On this trip we will see how Christ is at work in our district and be encouraged by Pastor Lopez to witness to Christ in Rock Rapids. Please let Pastor Alex know by October 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to come so we can arrange rides.

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

**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 1:** Bob Iwen, Lucas Larson, Devin Olson, Justin Olson

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD**

*Blue Hymnal 14*

**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 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166*

I hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.  
I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.

Seven times a day I praise you  
for your just and righteous decrees.  
Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.  
My soul keeps your testimonies;  
I love them exceedingly.  
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.  
I hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 16:11–15*

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

**GRADUAL**

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**EPISTLE**

*Romans 10:5–13*

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

**VERSE**

*John 6:68*

Alleluia. Lord, who whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

- C** 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,

*John 1:14–18*

and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE

*Blue Hymnal 94*

### SERMON

### OFFERTORY

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- 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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### 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

*LSB 195*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN 923: ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD

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