



Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme
Christ FOR Us

Our synod's 175th anniversary theme is "Christ Through Us." That can only be understood properly if we first establish the concept of "Christ For Us." Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection were not for his own benefit but specifically for humanity's salvation. He lived a perfect life, fulfilling God's law on behalf of sinners, and his death was a substitutionary atonement for our sins. The phrase "for us" underscores the idea that salvation is entirely a gift, granted by God through Christ's actions, and is not earned by human effort or merit. "Christ For Us" is central to the Bible's explanation of justification, where believers are declared righteous before God solely on the basis of Christ's work, received through faith. Christ's vicarious suffering and resurrection assure Christians that God's wrath against sin has been fully satisfied, and through Christ, we are reconciled to God.

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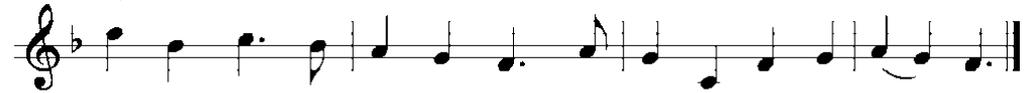
1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joyce, with ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

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The Service

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

1061 Gloria (Scan) - HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG CW 1061

Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, you have given your only Son as the sacrifice for sinners. Grant us grace to receive the fruits of his redeeming work with thanksgiving and daily to follow in his way; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 3:8–15

Human beings falling into sin led to God promising a Savior.

⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

32B How Blest Are Those

Psalm 32B



1 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how
2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
4 Let all the faith - ful pray to you while
5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in



glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like
griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my
you may still be found; you place them safe a -
all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with



guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.
wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
bove the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.
faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

Second Reading

Romans 5:8–10

Christ died for us, and we are reconciled to God.

⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 5:1

Alleluia. Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:9–14

Jesus Christ is light, grace, and truth for us, his children.

⁹The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -
6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin
7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and
8 "The foe will shed my pre - cious blood, me of my life be -



pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to
moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I
reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast



all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay
be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my



bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."
ser - vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.
ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.

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Sermon

Romans 5:8-10

Christ died...

- 1) To Justify you.
- 2) To Reconcile you.
- 3) And He lives to save you.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially* . . .]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

1067 Sanctus (Scan) - KUORTANE

CW 1067

Tune: KUORTANE



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

1068 Agnus (Scan) - NAAR MIT ÖIE

CW 1068

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE



1 Dear-est Je-sus, lov-ing Sav-ior, Christ, who takes all sin a-way,
2 Dear-est Je-sus, lov-ing Sav-ior, Christ, who takes all sin a-way,



Lamb of God, the world's Re-deem-er, hear us as we hum-bly pray:
Lamb of God, the world's Re-deem-er, hear us as we hum-bly pray:



in our dire and des-p'rate need, for your mer-cy, Lord, we plead.
let your mer-cy still in-crease; grant us par-don, grant us peace.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

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CW 557 sts. 9-10



9 "Now to my Fa - ther I de - part, the Ho - ly Spir - it
10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and
send - ing and, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, my help to
teach - ing; so shall my king - dom's work be wrought and hon - ored
you ex - tend - ing. He will a source of com - fort be, teach
in your preach - ing. Take care that no one's man - made laws should
you to know and fol - low me, and in all truth will guide you.
e'er de - stroy the gos - pel's cause; this fi - nal word I leave you."

Announcements

Thanksgiving Flowers

For anyone wishing to help beautify the Altar for Thanksgiving, please drop off the plant(s) of your choice (traditionally mums) to the church by 11:00 am on Saturday, October 11th. You are welcomed to take your plants home after the Thanksgiving Worship service or, if you wish, you may leave them at church to continue to beautify the altar for upcoming worship services.

Church Cleaners

October 12 – Thomas / October 19 - John

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (5)** 9:00 am **Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am **Worship with Communion**
11:45 am *First Fellowship Potluck*
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore
- We (8)** 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)
- Fr (10)** 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Su (12)** 9:00 am **Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am **Thanksgiving Worship**
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*
- We (15)** 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)
- Fr (17)** 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Su (19)** 9:00 am **Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am **Worship with Communion**
11:45 am *Evangelism Meeting*
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore



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