



**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2020**  
**Christ the Vine Lutheran Church**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
AT  
Christ the Vine Lutheran Church

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We welcome you to worship with us. We gather to hear our God speak to us through his Word. We remember what he has done for us through Word and Sacrament. We praise him through our songs and speak to him in prayer. We are sent into the world to proclaim his name to everyone. Thank you for joining us and allowing us the privilege of sharing the Word of God with you.

There is a guest book at the back of the church. If you are visiting please sign the book before or after worship. We would appreciate having your address and phone number so we can have a record of your visit and get better acquainted.

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:**

A nursery is available through the classroom on the right of the church. Just beyond is a restroom with a changing area. Audio speakers are available in the classroom and nursery area if your children need your attention. The volume control on the wall controls the speaker.



# SERVICE OF MORNING PRAISE

## OPENING HYMN

## CW#238, "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let  
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor  
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; He  
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to  
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -  
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my  
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments  
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.  
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.  
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.  
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

*STAND*

**M:** O Lord, open my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.





in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*BE SEATED*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## Psalm 103

*Refrain*



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

*Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD, O my soul;\*  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your diseases;  
he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with love and compassion.

***Refrain***

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

***Refrain***

As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;  
for he knows how we are formed,\*  
he remembers that we are dust.  
Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
the wind blows over it and it is gone.  
But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
**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.**

***Refrain***

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:5-9 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.  
(Romans 15:4)

### STAND

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.<sup>[a]</sup>”

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[b]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[c]</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’”

<sup>30</sup>“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

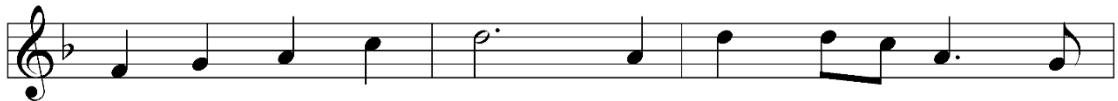
<sup>32</sup>“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup>“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**Hymn of the Day ..... CW#493, “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”**



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” You  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless The  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us; How great our debt to you!  
 bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

**Sermon**

**Romans 14:5-9**

**REMEMBER-YOU ARE SHARING THIS WORLD.**

STAND

# WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

*Te Deum*



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



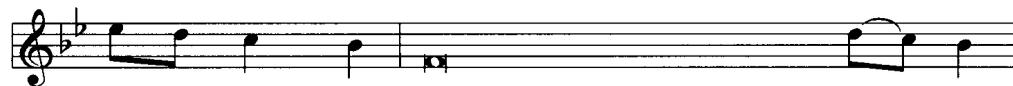
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



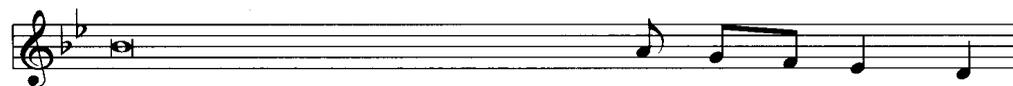
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac-claims you:



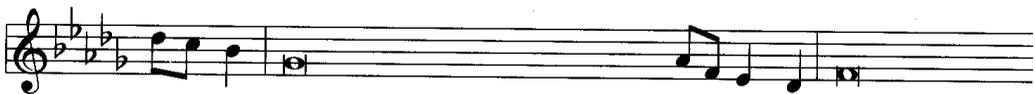
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*BE SEATED*

## OFFERING

*Out of loving concern for each other and in keeping with social distance guidelines, we will not be passing around an offering plate at this time. Instead, you may deposit your offerings in the offering plate after the church service has concluded (located by the entry way). Alternatively, you may give electronically through our Church App or by going to [Christhtevine.com](http://Christhtevine.com)*

*STAND*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

**BLESSING**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - - men.

*BE SEATED*

**CLOSING HYMN .....CW#491, "O Master of the Loving Heart"**



1	O	Mas - ter	of	the	lov - ing	heart,	The
2	Your	days	were	full	of	kind - ly	acts; Your
3	Your	face	was	warm	with	sym - pa - thy;	Your
4	Oh,	grant	us	hearts	like	yours, dear	Lord, So



friend	of	all	in	need,	We	pray	that	we	may
speech	was	true	and	plain;	Of	those	who	ev - er	
hand	God's	strength	re - vealed;	Who	saw	your	face	or	
joy - ous,	free,	and	true,	That	all	your	chil - dren,		



be	like	you	In	thought	and	word	and	deed.
sought	you,	Lord,	None	came	to	you	in	vain.
felt	your	touch	Were	com - fort - ed	and	healed.		
ev - 'ry - where,			Be	drawn	by	us	to	you.