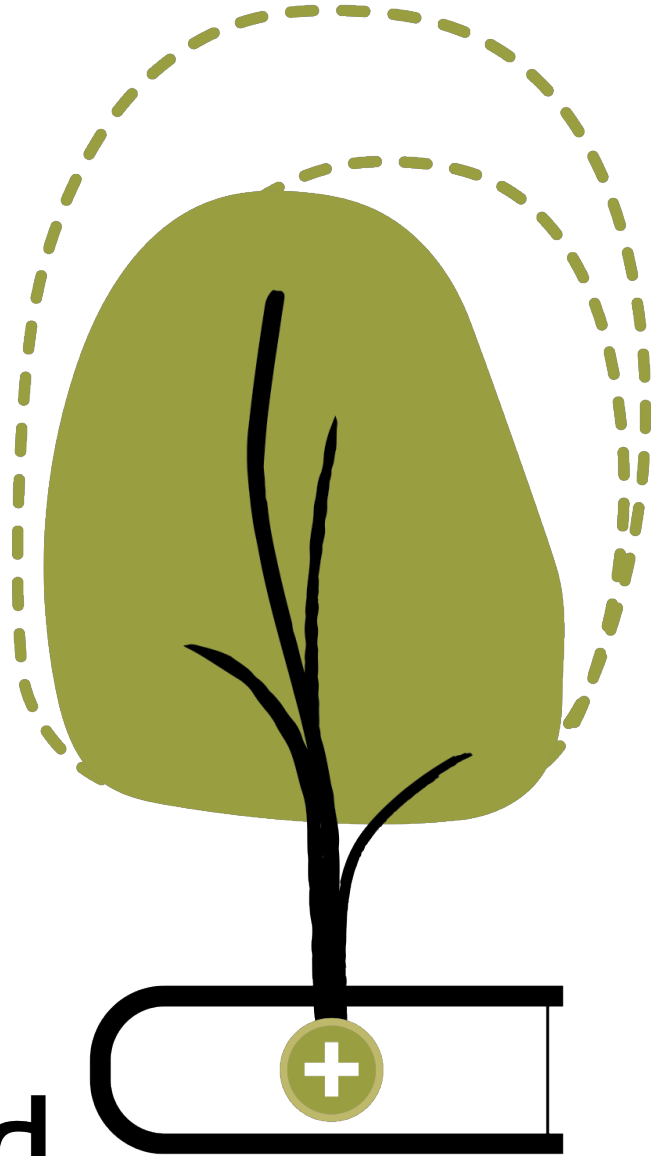


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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Theme: Lord, Increase our Faith!*

*Faith that delights in duty*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Savior Jesus, we thank you for bringing us through another week. Bless us as we hear your Word this morning, and renew us to serve you in this coming week. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Look up "duty" in the dictionary. It's defined as "something one is expected or required to do." Look up "duty" in a thesaurus. Some of its synonyms: chore, burden, obligation, work. "Duty" can carry some strong negative thoughts. In Christ's kingdom an increase in faith doesn't lessen duties; it increases opportunities to serve God and others. Increased faith means increased obligations and work.

But the same faith that increases our duties leads us to delight in them. Through faith we know we serve the one who first came to serve us. We consider it a privilege to imitate Christ in our service to others. Just as his service to us brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** People use the word faith very casually. "You've got to have faith." "Keep the faith." "Take a leap of faith." Jesus talks about faith in ways that are anything but casual. In thinking about his second coming, Christ wonders, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" Jesus' words force us to consider what true, saving faith is. They make us ask who could have such faith. Most of all, Jesus' words move us to run to our God and beg him for more of it. Lord, increase our faith!

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

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# Order of Worship



## **PRESCHOOL ANTHEM (10:30)** *Let's Praise the Power of Jesus' Name*

Let's praise the pow'r of Jesus' name as on our knees we fall.  
He is our Savior, mighty King. Let's crown him Lord of all!  
He is our Savior, mighty King. Let's crown him Lord of all!

Let's bring our sins to Jesus' feet, the big sins and the small.  
He is our Savior, mighty King. Let's crown him Lord of all!  
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Let's show him love in all we do in answer to his call.  
He is our Savior, mighty King. Let's crown him Lord of all!  
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## **HYMN: Before You I Kneel**

CW 735

*A soloist sings verse one. The congregation is invited to sing verses two and three.*



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the  
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the  
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your  
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my  
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - jice and be glad  
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.  
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each  
 Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -  
 May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -  
 way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing  
 pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.  
 deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.  
 ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

*Please remain seated.*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## Response of Praise: Ten Thousand Reasons

*A soloist sings our response of praise.*

*Refrain* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Refrain*)
- 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Refrain*)

### THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18

*In faith, King David knew everything we have is given by the LORD. Therefore, David found it a duty and delight to plan the construction of the LORD's temple.*

<sup>1</sup>Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup>With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

<sup>10</sup>David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup>Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup>Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup>We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup>LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. <sup>18</sup>LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12

*Saint Paul thanks God that the growing faith of the Thessalonians enabled them not only to grow in love for one another, but also to face persecution.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup>All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

<sup>11</sup>With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. <sup>12</sup>We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel**

Luke 17:1-10

*Jesus teaches about the connection between increased faith and an increased sense of duty to God.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup>Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup>He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup>Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## **Children's Devotion**

# Hymn of the Day: Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

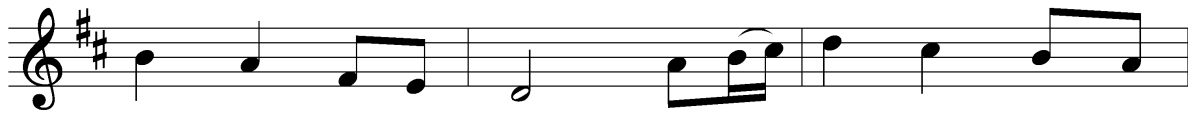
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1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our  
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a  
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our  
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,  
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,  
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful  
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.  
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.  
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

## Sermon

*Please stand after the sermon.*



# THANKSGIVING

## Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.  
From there 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.**

*Be seated.*

## Offering



 Connect Card

*Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.*

*We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.*



 Give Online

## Prayer of the Church

### 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.**

# Hymn: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CW 749



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Blessing

M: 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 † give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Hymn: Jesus, Still Lead On

CW 842 sts. 1, 4



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the  
4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.  
till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

### Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

After worship, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at the same time in the fellowship hall downstairs.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Lord, Increase our Faith (Faith that overflows with gratitude)

Bible Readings: Genesis 8:15-22; 2 Corinthians 9:10-15; Luke 17:11-19

Hymns: 597, 624, 659, 507

# ***Welcome to worship!***

## **FOR OUR GUESTS**

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary or as it's passed during the service.

## **FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

