

A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

September 22, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity ***Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted***

“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence” (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him, given that your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (St. Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “Friend, move up higher,” giving you His very Body and Blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.



Iustus es Domine
“Thou art just, O Lord”

Readings for Next Sunday: **Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**

Prophecy of the Day:	Daniel 12:1-3
Second Reading of the Day:	Revelation 12:7-12a
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Matthew 18:1-11

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Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity **Christian Freedom Sunday**

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional
Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #644

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The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

Righteous are you, O Lord,
and right are Your just decrees.
Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love,
and teach me Your statutes.
Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessèd are those who keep His testimonies,
who seek Him with their whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping Your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.
(Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124)

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Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Proverbs 25:6-14**
[Humility will be Exalted]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of His mouth all their host.
(Ps. 33:12, 6)

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 4:1-6**
[Walk In Unity]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia** p. 190

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Luke 14:1-11**

[Take the Lowly Place]
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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
"Seek Where You May Find a Way" #557

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory** p. 192

[We are seated]

The offering is received
God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray," #623
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction p. 199
[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Take My Life and Let It Be" #783