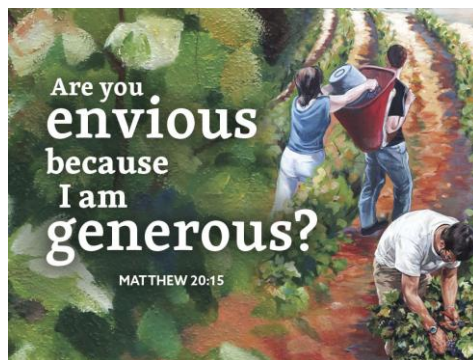




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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 20, 2026

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" LBW No. 524

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are angry about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city,

in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

¹ I will exalt you, O | God my King,*

and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

² **Every day | will I bless you***

and praise your name forev- | er and ever.

³ Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;*

there is no end | to his greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works | to another***

and shall de- | clare your power.

⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty*

and all your | marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts,***

and I will tell | of your greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;*

they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,***

slow to anger and | of great kindness.

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?****You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.****GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.**Glory to you, O Lord.***Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Your Kingdom Come!" LBW No. 376**

Your Kingdom Come!



1 Your king - dom come! O Fa - ther, hear our prayer;
 2 Stum - bling and blind, we strive to do your will,
 3 Come through the faith where - by the church must live;
 4 Your king - dom come; come too, God's glo - rious Son!



shine through the clouds that threat - en ev - 'ry - where;
 trust - ing the word you sure - ly will ful - fill,
 come through the word and sac - ra - ments you give;
 Oh, may our task for you be no - bly done!



light from a - bove, our on - ly life and joy,
 that all are yours, how - ev - er far they roam,
 come through your teach - ing, and your heal - ing too;
 Faith - ful let all your ser - vants be, and true,



show us the hope that noth - ing can de - stroy;
 that love shall tri - umph, and your king - dom come;
 come through the work en - light - ened hearts can do;
 un - til they bring all na - tions home to you;



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Text: Margaret R. Seebach, 1875–1948, alt.

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, make your Church into a place where everyone may see the beauty of Christ; find shelter in his widespread arms; and labor fruitfully to his glory and for the benefit of others. And bless the people of this congregation called Trinity, that we may stand firm together, be of one spirit, and strive side by side together to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant peace in all the world, for only in you can we live in safety. Give wisdom to our leaders and to those who take counsel for the nations, and be the strength of all who stand in harm's way to protect and serve others. Remember the poor and downtrodden, uphold all who suffer for your Name, and give to us all your saving help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the safe shelter and solid rock to all who are sick or undergoing times of trouble, especially those we have named or remember before you now. Lift them high up, and be the strength of their life. Give patience and hope to everyone who cares for them, and restore them to fellowship with those who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for those we love who have departed this life and are now with Christ. In our grief we rejoice to know that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Give us strength to labor cheerfully in your vineyard, and to be as generous to others as Jesus is to us. And, at the last, welcome us into your Son's blessed Kingdom where, with all your saints, we will gaze upon him face to face. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: "I will Exalt You" Aaron David Miller

OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 333, 492

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

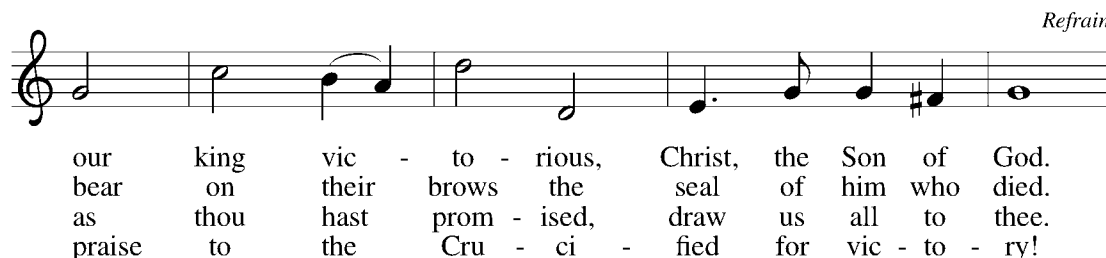
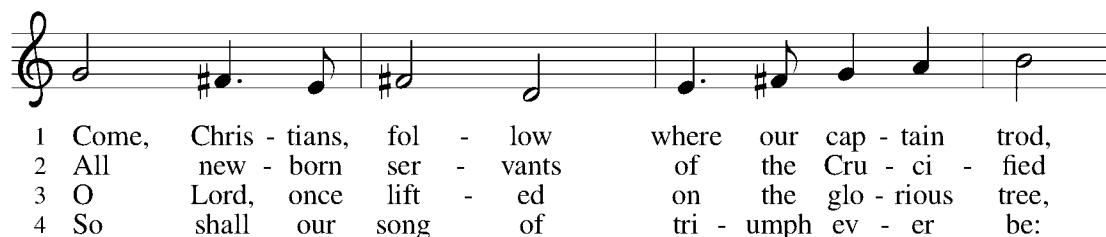
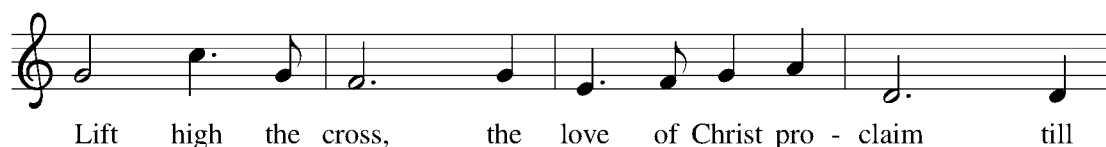
BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" LBW No. 377

Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*To joyfully share God's Word and Sacrament in order to
serve our Greater New Haven neighbors with the love of Christ.*

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