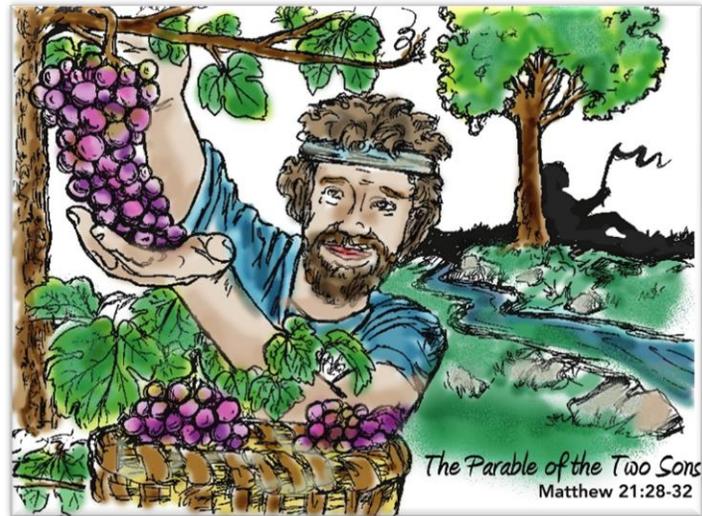


**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Sunday, September 27, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Prelude – Lillian Pinkston**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship (*from Psalm 25*)**

A: Our eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck our feet out of the net.

**C: Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.**

A: Relieve the troubles of our heart, and bring us out of our distress.

**C: Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.**

A: O guard our life, and deliver us; do not let us be put to shame, for we take refuge in you.

**C: May integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for you.  
Redeem us, O God, out of all our troubles.**

**Gathering Music – All Are Welcome (ELW #641)**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKJgcv8SdnQ>

**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another:  
*Silence for reflection*

L: Faithful God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Our sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit,

live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Greeting**

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

**C: 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!**

## Music of Praise—What Wondrous Love Is This – St. Olaf Choir

<https://youtu.be/DsVnvN3EVxY>

## Prayer of the Day

A: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.

**C: Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation,**

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Word

### First reading – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous

turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.** <sup>9</sup>**He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

## Second reading – Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Holy Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.”

And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message -Tim Leitner, SAM**

[https://youtu.be/h7geb\\_KQRVg](https://youtu.be/h7geb_KQRVg)

**Music of the Day – How Long, O God ELW #698**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X0UKRX6\\_II](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X0UKRX6_II)

### **Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead,  
on the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Turn nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us – tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Offering/Offertory Prayer**

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**C: You have set before us these gifts of your creation.**

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,**

**nourish us with this rich food and drink,**

**and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,**

**through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!**

### **The Words of Institution**

## **The 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take way the sin of the world; grant us peace,  
grant us peace. Amen.**

## ***Distribution Directions***

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**Even When He is Silent – Lutheran National Choir**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPqczvHpahs>**

**In the Singing**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ6nv5E5Z5I>**

**Communion Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

A: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ.

**C: Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,**

A: guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

L: Mothering God,  
Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Music – Lillian Pinkston**

Other music: -You are Mine ELW #581  
Virtually sung by Catholic Fellowship Jakarta Choir  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lb8vPST8yd8>

### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

