

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 2021 8:00 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of **Rick and Sandy Scaiefe.**

As We Gather

Our Gospel lesson for today shares a powerful, dramatic scene that reveals much about community. First, it's a story of friends looking out for and doing their best to help a paralyzed friend. Second, it shares the power of Jesus to take outsiders (us) and bring them into a life-changing relationship with Him. Before we can build one another up, we first need to celebrate the work of God in our lives through Jesus, who brings us into relationship with God. GOOD NEWS: God has made a space and a place at the table for people like us!



Preservice Music

Somebody's Knockin' Handbell Choir

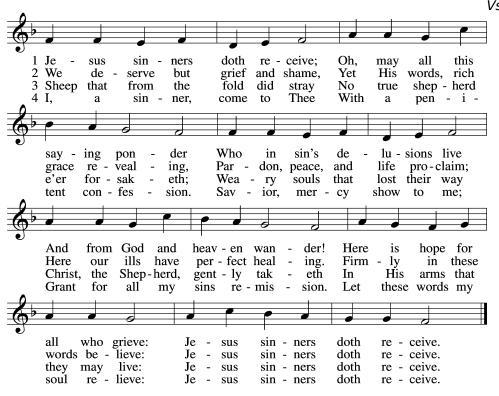
Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Greeting

Please stand

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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Invocation

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8-9

- 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

[John 20:19-23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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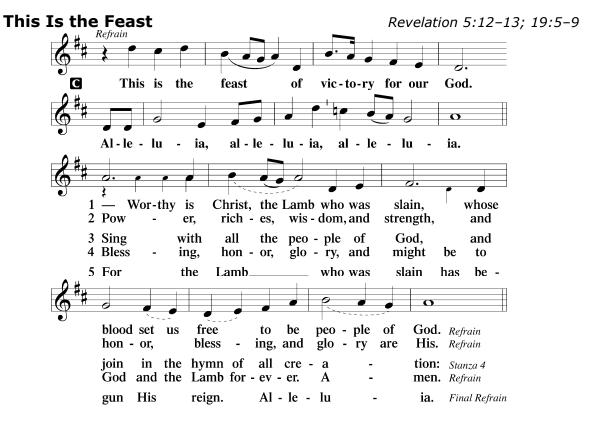
- Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Service of the Word

Kyrie

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- P 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.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Psalm 139, selected verses

- P ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
 ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- P ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- Or where shall I go from your Spirit?
 Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

 If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

 If I take the wings of the morning

 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 - $^{10}\mathrm{even}$ there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- ¹³For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
 ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

- ₱ 15My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
 - ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.
 - ¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 23Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
 24And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

All: 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.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand



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Holy Gospel Luke 5:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²²When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." ²⁵And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

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- Christ, our human likeness sharing, Heaven's love on earth portrayed; Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, In His death our ransom paid: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Be Your life in us displayed.
- 2 Hear the word that Christ has spoken, Help the weak, the hungry feed; See the pow'rs of darkness broken, Sinners pardoned, captives freed: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Help us meet our neighbor's need.
- 3 Christ, in ev'ry congregation Build Your temple, stone by stone, With Your word as firm foundation For a faith matured and grown: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Make in us Your Gospel known.
- 4 Come, O living Christ, renew us,
 As of old in wind and flame;
 With the Spirit's pow'r endue us,
 Servants of Your saving name:
 Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
 Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.

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Sermon	

Heart Song of Praise

Adult Choir

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
 - P Lord, in your mercy:
 - Hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **■** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.



Please be seated

Distribution

Tuya Es la Gloria (Yours, Lord is the Glory)

Handbell Choir

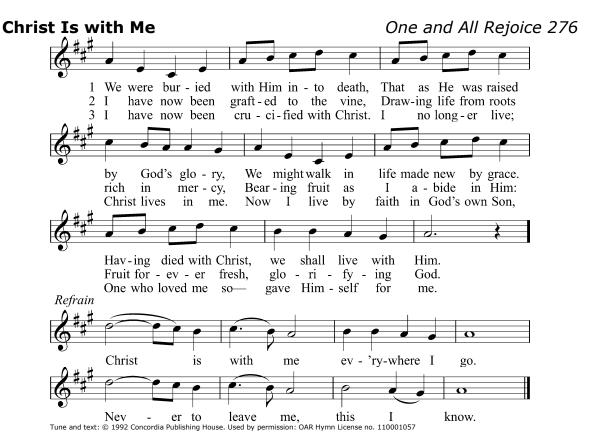
Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

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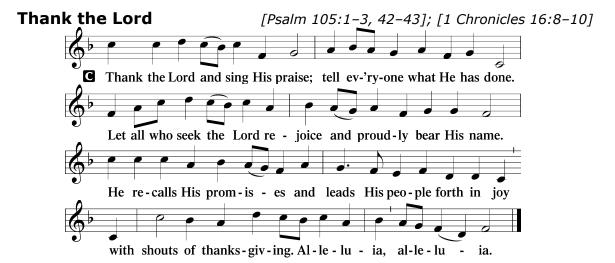


Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Please stand



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benediction *Numbers* 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and J. give you needs.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.