



Are you
envious
because
I am
generous?

MATTHEW 20:15

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19 & 20, 2026

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. *Large print copies* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.



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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 4)

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand as your body allows)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
(please kneel or sit as your body allows, silence is kept for reflection)

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

▲ Gathering Hymn

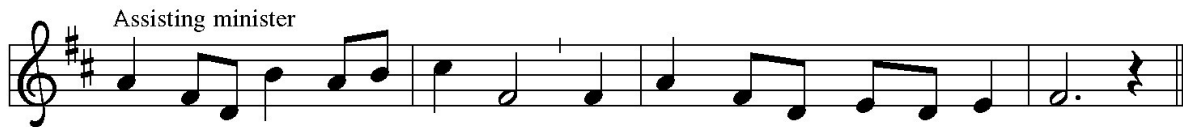
“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #685

▲ 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.

▲ Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

▲ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

▼ Children's Message

▼ First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

When he received God's call to go to Nineveh and warn them that God would destroy them for their sins, Jonah ran away. It seems that the reason that he did that was that he suspected that the Ninevites would repent, God would have mercy, and he'd look foolish for predicting a punishment that did not come. Indeed, that's exactly what happened, and Jonah retreated outside of town to grumble.

¹⁰ When 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. ² He 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 and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ The 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. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When 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." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then 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. ¹¹ And 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 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

This psalm provides the reminder (which we need as much as Jonah did) that the greatest of God's "mighty acts" are forbearance and forgiveness.

- ¹ I will exalt you, my [|] God and 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 your greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works [|] to another**
and shall de- [|] clare your power.
- ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor [|] of your majesty
and all your [|] marvelous works.
- ⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your [|] wondrous acts,**
and I will re- [|] count your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of [|] your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully [|] of your righteousness.
- ⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,**
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

▼ Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Last week we finished reading through most of Paul's letter to the Romans, and now we turn to his letter to the church at Philippi. The verses preceding this reading include Paul's traditional greeting formula, a description of how he and his companions are proclaiming the Gospel, even while they are imprisoned, and a request that the Philippians pray that he continue to be faithful, even if that leads to his death.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷ Only, 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 ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since 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



▲ Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

In our near-continuous reading of Matthew, we're skipping chapter 19, since we read that material almost word for word from Luke last year and will read it from Mark next year. It includes teaching on divorce, the blessing of the children, and the rich young ruler who, told to give up his possessions, went away grieving. That story ends with the disciples noting that they have given up everything (including homes and families) to follow Jesus, and Jesus saying that they will receive all they gave up, and more, since "many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." This week's reading explains that saying in more detail, and must have been a favorite story of Gentile converts to Christianity, coming into the people of God two thousand years after the Jews.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And 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?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

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⁸ When 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.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘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.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

▼ **Sermon**

Pastor Jason Felici

▲ **Hymn of the Day**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

ELW #724

▲ **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 the People (*please kneel or sit as your body allows*)

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

▲ **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(*share God’s peace with each other as you feel comfortable and then be seated*)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

▼ Gathering of Gifts

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Ministry to the Generations. From birth to the end of life the church accompanies individuals in a multitude of ways. Your offerings support the vital work of camps, children's support services and senior services, including: Lutheran Senior Life, Glade Run, Bethesda, Agape, and Lutherlyn.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

▼ Anthem

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Williams

▲ Offertory

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW #691

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

▲ Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

▲ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

▲ Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

▲ Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

▲ Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty and hungry, come.

▲ Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

▲ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

▲ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Sustaining God, **with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

▲ Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace  bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

▲ Sending Hymn

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW #765

▲ Dismissal

Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our fathers Ray Leydig Jr. and Joseph Hudock, given by Dawn and Chris Hudock.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEKEND is dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Paul Houck.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici
Director of Music: Debbie Morley
Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Linda McDowell
 Sunday 8:15am: Mark Jones
 Sunday 10:45am: Kathy Zamerski
Liturgical Deacons: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Curt Colaianne
 Sunday 8:15am: Lucinda Nicely, Woneida Naggy
 Sunday 10:45am: Jim & Kathy Zamerski
Ushers: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Jay & John Elder, Donna Showalter, David Horvath
 Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Herb Harris, Keith Bronson, Jr.
 Keith Bronson, Sr.
 Sunday 10:45am: BJ & Amber Hebenthal, Tim Potter,
 Anna Hudec
Acolytes: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko
 Sunday 8:15am:
 Sunday 10:45am:
Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Sandy Kisick, Candace Bungard, Sherry Palmer
 Sunday 10:45am: Linda McDowell, Christina Andrae, Mike Macey,
 Darlene Schultz

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend September 26 & 27

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am:

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