

***THE ABSOLUTION**

♪Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

♪Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE KYRIE**

♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. C: ♪And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray. C: ♪Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel 18:26-32, page 705:

²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: ♪Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE is from Philippians 2:1-4, 14-16, pages 980-981:

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA**

C: ♪Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter, verses 23-27, page 826:

²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer,

then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♫Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** (Luther's Explanation of the 3rd Article)

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

L: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sunday)

- 1. Lord God, we all to You give praise, Thanksgivings meet to You we raise
That angel hosts You did create Around Your glorious throne to wait.**
- 2. So watchful is the angel band That follows Christ on every hand
To guard His people where they go And break the counsel of the Foe.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday)

Sue Velten

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Can I Thank You, Lord*

LSB 703

- 1. How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.**
- 2. It is Your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart newborn.**
- 3. Grant that Your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart To serve You willingly.**

***4. O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.**

THE SERMON

“Its’ Not Fair”

(Ezekiel 18:29-30)

VOLUNTARY Chancel Voices (Sunday)

O Lord, My God You Are My Refuge

J.S. Bach/arr: Hal H. Hopson

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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 BENEDICTION** C: ♩ Amen. Amen. Amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *Songs of Praise the Angels Sang*

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- 1. Songs of praise the angels sang, Heav'n with alleluias rang
When creation was begun, When God spoke and it was done.**
- 2. Songs of praise awoke the morn When the Prince of Peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when he Captive led captivity.**
- 3. Carried by their final breath, Songs of praise shall conquer death;
Then, amid eternal joy, Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.**

***SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgists: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson/Pastor Robert M. Brown

Organist: Sat.: Alice Kastens; 8 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler; 9:20: Burnell Hackman

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Sat. Cantor: Rachel Wildman

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Dennis Gerfen

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NEWS & NOTES:

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Join us at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Keith and Dorothy Paul in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary; from Dave and Heather Carlson in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary on October 1; and from Don Rotty and family in loving memory of Don's father, Joseph Rotty.

PASTOR BROWN WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU There are multiple options available—in your home, outside your house, at church, or through a Zoom meeting. Go to www.peacelutheranstl.org for details and to sign up.

JOIN US FOR LIFE CHAIN Please join the Life Ministry Team for Life Chain to support the sanctity of human life Sunday, October 4, 1:45 to 3:00pm. Peace members will meet at Reinhold Flooring, 5429 Telegraph Rd. at 1:45. - Info: Contact Steve Andrews at 314-845-0943.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 6. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.

KFUO PEACE BROADCASTS still have these openings: 2/14, 2/21, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 (Palm Sunday), 4/11, and 4/25 for 2021. Contact Alan Hopfer, 846-4433.

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\$ _____ for the broadcast date of (choose one from list above) _____.

FEED MY PEOPLE - ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2020 Due to COVID-19 restrictions, things will have to be different for Adopt-A-Family this year! Gift Cards are not as much fun, but will be safer to buy and distribute. Please let me know by November 1, if you would like to adopt a family and how many people you would like. If you have any questions please call me at 314-894-3773, e-mail at larry.sorth@gmail.com, or place a note in our mail slot at church. Thank you! — Joyce Sorth.

GREEN PARK CHILD CARE IS HIRING Hours: Mornings 6:20am-8:20am and Afternoons 3pm-6pm, Monday through Friday. Requirements: Flexible schedule, must be able to wear a mask for full shift, patience, ability to work with children grades JK3-8th, employment subject to a background check. Contact: April Baese at 314-835-7207 or via email April.Baese@greenparklutherschool.org.

CALLING ALL EIGHTH GRADERS Lutheran South is now accepting applications for fall 2021. Applicants who apply by November 15 are eligible for Course Selection in February. Know you're coming to Lutheran South and want to hold off on a visit? We're happy to send you a shadow gift this fall, just send us an email. Questions or to schedule a visit, contact: Katy Schmitt, Director of Admissions, 314-833-1088, kschmitt@lslancers.org.
ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS' DAY is September 29.

JOURNEY WITH US THROUGH THE REFORMATION Each week we will be meeting with different people involved in the life of Martin and Luther and witness how God worked through these individuals to bring Reformation to the World. There will be weekly videos for you to watch, activity booklet for children, hymn Bible Study for teens and adults, and fun Reformation links to enjoy. To view the information, go to our church website and click on the Luther's Seal.