

The Service for the Lord's Day

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

September 23, 2018

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
David Michalewsky, trumpet

Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

On this morning, as every morning, we are surrounded by God's grace.

In these moments, as every moment, we are called to discipleship by Jesus.

Throughout this day, as every day, we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit. Let us worship God.

*Hymn 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of patience and mercy, we come to you, offering "lip service" to serving you, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our backs on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Response

Lord Have Mercy

Choir

Assurance of Grace

This day the Lord reaches out in healing love and compassion. Receive the blessings which God offers. Be healed and made whole. Be ready to serve. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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

*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

Mindy D'Amico

Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.

Children and youth (through grade 8) are invited to Sunday School following the Message.

Childcare for infants through two-year-olds available in the nursery, room 11.

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Karen Buys

Dear God open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to receive and to live your Word.

Let us mirror your life in our lives as we seek to do your will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1 (pg. 424)

Anthem

Name of All Majesty

Larry Shackley

Name of all majesty, fathomless mystery, king of the ages by angels adore; power and authority, splendor and dignity, bow to his mastery: Jesus is Lord! Child of our destiny, God from eternity, love of the Father on sinners outpoured; and we can see now what God has done sending his only Son, Christ the beloved: Jesus is Lord! Savior of Calvary, costliest victory, darkness defeated and Eden restored; born as a man to die, nailed to a cross on high, cold in the grave to lie: Jesus is Lord! Source of all sovereignty, light immortality; life everlasting and heaven assured; so with the ransomed, we praise him eternally, Christ in his majesty: Jesus is Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (pg. 821)

Message

Bisi Shofu

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 440

Jesus Loves Me!

Please list prayers on pink slips located in pew racks - pass them to ushers during the hymn.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

(text can be found at hymn 250)

*Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing. These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you. Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and let all we say and do be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending the Faithful Into God's World

*Hymn 738 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

*Charge and Benediction

Response A Blessing of Grace Mark Patterson
 May God be gracious unto you and bless you. May God's face shine down upon you and give you
 peace. May God's love go with you forever. Amen.

Postlude Allegro Non Troppo Johannes Brahms

Worship Next Sunday — September 30, 2018
 Service at 9:30 am
 Bisi Shofu preaching
 Chancel Choir and Memorial Ringers participating