

17th Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

As with God's mercy and grace, so also with God's love, it reveals God as the One who cares for creation. God's mercy gives hope to the weary. God's grace gives new life to all who believe. God's love gives light to the world. In Jesus Christ the fullness of God is made known once and for all. So hope in Christ that you may be strong; have faith and receive the gift that is eternal; live in love and let the light shine. "For God so loved the world..."

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (arr. Emma Lou Diemer)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for you are good;
your steadfast love endures forever.

People: When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord,
you saved us from our distress.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful
works to all of humanity.

People: Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving,
as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" #804

*Confession of 1967 #2

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God's superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals His love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of His love.

*Gloria Patri Hymnal Page 581

Dedication
Reading of the Word: Psalm 111 Page 562

*Doxology Hymnal Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem The Adult Choir
"Crown Him With Many Crowns" (setting by John A. Behnke)

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1) #188

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #286

Preaching of the Word:

"The Beginning of Wisdom"

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" #839

*Benediction

*Postlude
"Postlude" (Julius Andre)

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* Congregation will stand if able
Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

**Forgive others
as quickly as
you expect
God to forgive you.**