

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” Richard Blake

Invocation

*Hymn: #223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Anthem: “Seek Ye First” arr. Douglas Wagner

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: scircumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to see what lies ahead

Sermon: **Saul, Paul**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: #519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
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Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

*Hymn: #688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” (see insert)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Fanfare and Recessional” Robert Lau

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.



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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Bonnie Rice

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