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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Why do we not listen and repent? Jesus told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. We are called to listen. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“A Song on Sunday”

by Michael Shea

WELCOME

♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be ex -
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
alt - ed thus!” “Wor - thy the Lamb,” our
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, “For He was slain for us!”
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *The LORD lifts up the humble;*
- C** **He casts the wicked to the ground.**
- P** *Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love*
- C** **for they have been from of old.**
- P** *Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;*
- C** **according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *O Almighty God, Merciful Father,*
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.***
- P** *May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

- P** *The LORD lifts up the humble,*
 - C** **he casts the wicked to the ground.**
 - P** *Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;*
 - C** **for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
 - P** *The LORD builds up Jerusalem;*
 - C** **he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**
 - P** *He heals the brokenhearted*
 - C** **and binds up their wounds.**
 - P** *He determines the number of the stars;*
 - C** **he gives to all of them their names.**
 - P** *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*
 - C** **his understanding is beyond measure.**
- All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** *The LORD lifts up the humble,*
 - C** **he casts the wicked to the ground.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Matthew 28:18b

All: Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5. Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6. And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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SERMON

“BY WHAT AUTHORITY?”

Matthew 21:23-27

- I. Just as the religious leaders questioned Jesus' authority in Matthew, people question His authority today.
- II. Jesus demonstrates His authority in His teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection.

✠ APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As You have promised, Lord, hear Your people when they call, and answer us according to Your mercy. Almighty Father, You take no pleasure in the death of anyone. As John the Baptist once called a people to repentance and faith, so raise up voices within Your Church today to call a world to turn from their sins and live through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, Your power continues to uphold all things. Give Your blessing to our president, Congress, governor, and state legislature. Guide all who make, administer, and judge our laws that they be in accord with Your commands and give protection to the unborn, the aged, and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, You know our enemies and those whose purpose is set against Yours. Give Your blessing to all who defend our nation here and abroad and to all emergency personnel and disaster workers who come to our aid in time of need. Guide the nations in the paths of peace and deliver us from terror and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, You have given us healing, comfort, and peace in Christ, especially in times of illness, affliction, depression, and sorrow. Hear us on behalf of [names...] and all who suffer

any need. Grant them grace sufficient to sustain them in their hour of trouble and at last deliver them into the perfect rest of Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, You give good gifts to Your people. Keep us from ingratitude and guide us to use the resources entrusted to us for the good of the Kingdom. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring to You this day with the worship of our praise and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. **C** Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

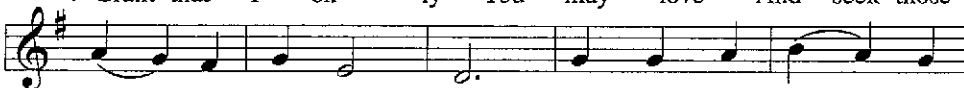
C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

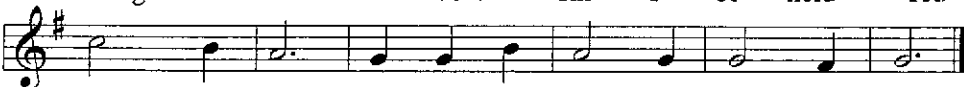
Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Festive March”

by G. F. Handel

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Altar Guild..... Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
Counter..... Carl Kurth
Elder on Duty..... Doug Harder
Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object)..... Al Axford
Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet
Usher..... Phil Vandre
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**THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE**  
**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am**

**October 4: “Victory in Defeat”**; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker

The thing about God is, He’s winning-even when it doesn’t look like He’s winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn’t look like He’s winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. (Daniel 1)

**OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total General Offering Blessings – (09/01/20 – 09/15/20) ..... | \$ 14,458.28 |
| General Fund .....                                             | 8,035.00     |
| E.C.C. Tuition.....                                            | 5,987.20     |
| Loose Plate & Other Gifts .....                                | 436.08       |
| Total expenditures .....                                       | 15,803.03    |
| Surplus / (Deficit) .....                                      | (1,344.75)   |
| Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit).....                | (6,204.18)   |