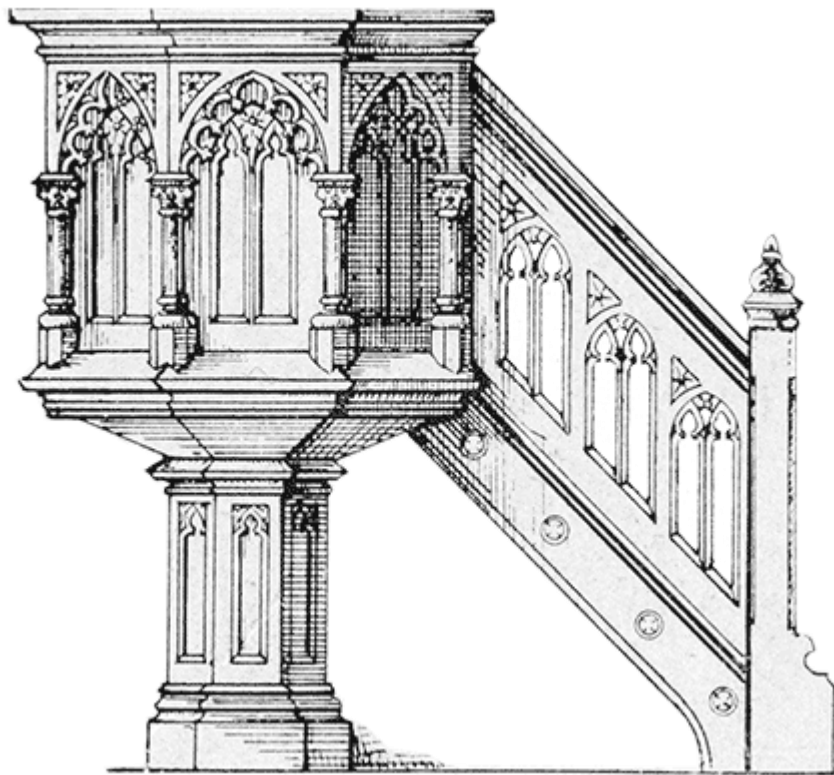


The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
“X” Marks the Spot: Worship Treasures
STORY AND PULPIT



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☐ = Pastor ☑ = Lector [reader] ☒ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)
⬆ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30): *Thy Word*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid and think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00): *Teach Me, O Lord*

Sanctuary Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. —based on Psalm 119:33

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⬆ GATHERING HYMN: *God Is Here/Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ELW Hymns 526/579

- 1 **God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 **Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and PULPIT; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each. Interlude**
- 1 **Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and PREACH THE WORD."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**
- 2 **Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and TEACH."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

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⬆ GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☒ **And also with you.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- 📖 O God, you reveal yourself through your Word and its teaching and proclamation. Open our hearts to hear the words your Spirit will communicate to us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- 🙏 **Amen.**

LESSON: Exodus 9:13; Acts 17:22-23; Acts 10:36-42

- 📖 The lesson is taken from Exodus, chapter 9; Acts, chapter 17; and Acts, chapter 10.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and **stand** before Pharaoh, and **say** to him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me.” —*Exodus 9:13 (NKJV)*

Then Paul **stood** in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. —*Acts 17:22-23*

Then Peter began to speak to them: ...

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, **preaching** peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That **message spread** throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are **witnesses** to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as **witnesses** and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to **preach** to the people and to **testify** that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. —*Acts 10:36-42*

- 📖 Word of God, word of life.
- 🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Gather Us In***

ELW Hymn 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 4:16-20; Luke 5:1-3**

- 📖 The Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and **teaching** them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” —*Matthew 28:19-20*

And Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and **proclaim** the good news to the whole creation.

—*Mark 16:15*

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He **stood up to read**, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ▶

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives ...”

—Luke 4:16-18

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and **taught** the crowds from the boat.

—Luke 5:1-3

- Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

⤴ HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW Hymn 661

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

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⤴ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

- Ⓞ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior."*

Please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

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OFFERING ANTHEM (8:30): *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

These are the words of the hymn from which the ringers play the tune:

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

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OFFERING ANTHEM (11:00): *Show Me Thy Ways*

Sanctuary Choir

Rita DeNell, flute, and Domenic Ravita, guitar

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths; Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation, and on thee do I wait all the day.

Text: Psalm 25:4,5

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, and join their unending hymn:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
—ELW page 144

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P 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.**

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic).

At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”

COMMUNION HYMN: *Your Word Is Like a Lamp, O Lord**Tune: CANONBURY*

- 1 Your word is like a lamp, O Lord, and like a light to guide our way;
For in this ever-changing world it bears your promise every day.**
- 2 You showed your love to Israel, and to the world you sent your Son—
A witness without parallel; the scriptures tell what you have done.**
- 3 You speak your word in history, to cultures bound by time and place.
Yet in the Bible we can see the boundless reaching of your grace.**
- 4 God, open wide each heart and mind by your own Spirit now, we pray,
That in your scriptures we may find new strength to serve you every day.**

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† PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ May The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day and always. ☞ **Amen.**

† SENDING HYMN: *In Christ Called to Baptize**ELW Hymn 575*

- 1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**
- 2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**
- 3 IN CHRIST CALLED TO WITNESS, BY GRACE WE WILL PREACH
THE LIFE-GIVING GOSPEL; GOD’S LOVE WE WILL TEACH.
BY GRACE MAY OUR LIVING GIVE PROOF TO OUR PRAISE
IN COSTLY COMPASSION REFLECTING CHRIST’S WAYS.**
- 4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.**

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† DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace, with God beside you. Invite everyone to Jesus’ pathway of joy and life!
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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Ushers: Mark Barbour and Tor Brunso (8:30); Mike and Pat Oliver (11:00)

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