



## **Pentecost Seventeen**

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# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## WORSHIP THEME

God has called us out of the darkness of this world into his wonderful light. We are now his children and members of his Church. We are forgiven and on the way to heaven. All of this is due to God's grace to us in Christ. Moved by his grace, God now calls us to action. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we work together to carry out the mission of the Church.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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# MISSION & MINISTRY SUNDAY

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## OPENING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation | 538(1-3)*

1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.

3 The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.

*Please stand*

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: O God, our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son,  
we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him and our failure to follow him.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

M: Forgive our half-hearted worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace,  
our hesitation in witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our  
imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

M: Forgive us when your love has not reached others through us, if we have been  
thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to  
seek peace, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

M: Having heard your confession, I as a called servant of Christ assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **HYMN**

*The Church's One Foundation | 538(4-5)*

4 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

5 Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

## **MISSION PRAYER**

**C: Heavenly Father, it is your will that everyone should hear the gospel, believe it and be saved. We pray that you would send us forth as laborers into your harvest to bring the precious Savior to others. Inspire our love for lost souls with your love that compelled you to die for our sins. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*



May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;  
may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.  
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

### ***Refrain***

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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.**

### ***Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON**

Romans 10:8-15

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. <sup>9</sup> Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup> For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!"

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:35-38

<sup>35</sup> Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

## **SERMON**

Matthew 9:35-38

Join the Harvest!

1. Have Christ-like compassion
2. Pray for workers

## **SERMON RESPONSE**

*We All Are One in Mission | 566(1-3)*

1 We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission Compels us from above  
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called to service, To witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; Our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others With God's surprising grace,  
So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united, And let our song be heard;  
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

## MISSION CREED

**C: 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.**

**We confess in this Third Article of the Creed, that we cannot by our own thinking or choosing, believe in Jesus Christ as Lord, nor come to him. We know that no person can come to him but by the power of the Holy Spirit; therefore by faith, we understand the urgency of bringing this knowledge to all of God's creation. The Holy Spirit has called us by the gospel, enlightened us with his gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith. He wants us to gather all people to himself in this way, and has given us the mission to go and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**As his love calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, he longs to reach to those lost and outside the family of believers with his saving grace. The gifts of his salvation through the gospel are daily and total forgiveness of sins to us and all believers, to the uttermost parts of the earth. On the last day he will raise us and every believer for all time and from every nation, and give us eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

*Please stand*

## INTERCESSION

**M:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

C: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

M: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious | (1-4)*



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious,  
2 God has called you out of dark - ness  
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple,  
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly,



Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;  
In - to his most mar - v'lous light,  
Stran - gers to God's heart of love;  
Be the peo - ple he in - tends;



Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple,  
Brought his truth to life with - in you,  
But he brought you home in mer - cy,  
Strong in faith and swift to an - swer



Roy - al priests and heirs of grace:  
Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
Each com - mand your mas - ter sends:



Know the pur - pose of your call - ing.  
Let your light so shine a - round you  
Let his love flow out to oth - ers;  
Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all his might - y deeds;  
That God's name is glo - ri - fied  
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;  
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its,  
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose  
That they too may know his wel - come  
Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice—

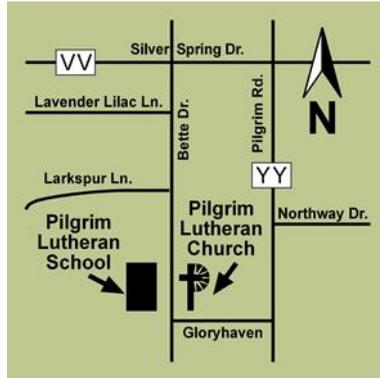


Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
And his count - less bless - ings share.  
Sing his praise, his love de - clare.

We continue with a presentation on Pilgrim's Mission and Ministry.



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