Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18/19, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

Largo from New World Symphony by Antonin Dvorak

WELCOME

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to You for help. Lead us by Your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

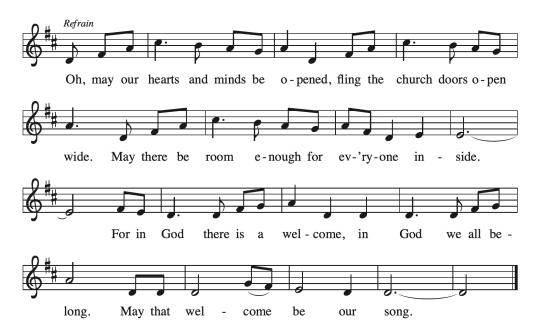
PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, our teacher and guide, You draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in Your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ACCLAMATION

"God, We Gather As Your People"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

PREACHING TEXT: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Trudy Stoffel

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC "Home" by Greg Holden & Andrew Pearson arr. by Piano Guys Rey Lautenschlager, violin

OFFERING PRAYER

Your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them, even if they don't look like pews.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will be a place of forgiveness and grace, if I forgive and receive forgiveness. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, here and online, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you, if I am open to such growth and service. Therefore, with your help Lord, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things you want your church to be. Amen.

We welcome Haisley Josette Mallers daughter of Onica & Andrew Mallers, who joined us through the waters of baptism on September 12.

People of God, do you promise to support Haisley and her family and pray for her new life in Christ? We do.

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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 After each petition: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

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"God, We Gather As Your People"



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DISMISSAL

"Serenade" by Victor Herbert

Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

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