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The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM September 20, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOVE AND ZEAL, A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Reflection and Mediation on "Thine the Amen" . . . K. Kolander

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 827 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.*

Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you

all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day**P:** Let us pray,**C:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***Scripture Readings** (Back of Bulletin)**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 55: 6-9**Anthem (10:30): The Lord Is My Light****Choir:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
 Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all,
 Whom then shall I fear?

Congregation:**Choir:**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord:
 To dwell in His house forever,
 To gaze on the beauty of the Lord
 All the days of my life.

Congregation repeat refrain

Choir:

Do not hide Your face, O Lord;
 Ev'ry day I will seek Your face.
 Though my father and mother may forsake me,
 The Lord will receive me.

Congregation repeat refrain

Choir:

Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths;
 Guide me, Lord, along a level way.
 I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord
 In the land of all the living.

Congregation repeat refrain

Epistle: Philippians 1: 12-14; 19-30**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 20: 1-16**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.**C:** *Thanks be to God!*

Apostle's Creed: 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 thence 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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come (vs. 1-6)

Children’s Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like . . . Daniel and Friends
Sermon Text: Daniel 6: 1-16

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:

- P:** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
- C:** *and call on the name of the Lord.*
- P:** What shall I render to the Lord
- C:** *for all his benefits to me?*
- P:** I will lift up the cup of salvation
- C:** *and call on the name of the Lord.*
- P:** Precious in the sight of the Lord
- C:** *is the death of his saints.*
- P:** O Lord, I am your servant;
- C:** *I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.*
- P:** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
- C:** *and call on the name of the Lord.*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (8:00 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: LSB 565 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (LSB 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,

For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Benediction

Postlude: Toccata on "Thine the Amen" . . . K. Kolander

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Sign up if you would like to place flowers on the altar. The cost is \$20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the late service on Sunday.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Those students who will be attending college and living away from home this fall are asked to please notify the church office of their school address and email.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Fall is a great time to get into Bible study! All are welcome and encouraged to attend! See the weekly schedule for days and meeting times.

DONATIONS NEEDED: God’s Work Today is taking a small team to Africa in October, and we need donations of coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, face paint, and teddy bears for the trip. Please leave items by the bulletin board or in the church office by October 18th.

TWT CHANGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD: We collect change for our “Change to Change the World” project on the last weekend of the month. Save your coins and bring them in on September 26 and 27.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, October 3, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

LIFE CHAIN: Anyone wishing to participate in the “Life Chain” (holding pro-life signs for 1 ½ hours), please indicate on an attendance card. The date for this event is ***Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.*** Please meet at church at 1:30 p.m., and we will go as a group.

FALL WORKDAY: Please sign up if you can help with various cleaning and outdoor projects on Saturday, October 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

FLANNELS AND FIREPITS: Join us on Saturday, October 17th after church. We will enjoy fellowship, songs around the fire, s’mores and apple cider! Bring a friend! Please sign up so we can plan for supplies.

BLANKET-MAKING: ***Save the dates!*** We will work on Sunday, November 8th after the late service until 3:00, and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on both days. Watch for a sign up in the coming weeks.

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

Listener Responses to The Word Today ~ Julia (West Africa)

“I thank TWR for showing us the way to paradise. I became a Christian, and the last Sunday I was baptized, God is good! My heart is in joy and I also that the producer of this program who allowed me to know you. You are of good help and I hope to continue to count on you.”

“I listen to your program with great attention and I think I must take a step by giving my life to the Lord. I have to put things in order, change my way of life today.”

“I thought that being humble is a behavior of the weak because I felt very well in my pride. But, listening to you, I realize that humility is a virtue of God.”

“I am a regular listener of The Word Today in Julia. One day, I listened to your program, understood the Gospel, and the importance of confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. So, thank you very much to the teachings of this program through which God has saved me.”

“Last month my wife and I asked to be recommended to a church because we wanted to give our lives to Jesus Christ. Indeed, we went to the community where you sent us, we were welcomed, we repented of our sins and we are preparing the baptism of water. Thank you because we are joyful!”

“Your encouragements and recommendations have driven me to start reading the bible, and I discovered that I was losing a lot of things that I could not get from someone else. I feel joy reading and discovering biblical truth myself.”

“The Akan ethnic group are identified as people who forgive with difficulty. It is true. The lack of forgiveness destroyed me from the inside. I felt like I was caught in my own trap. Thanks to God today, your program has taught me to forgive. I say thank you for the work you do in our lives.”

“I am a Muslim and have just heard your program in Julia on the radio. The messages you give are true. I would like to know how do we obtain the forgiveness of sins?”

“I call to encourage you in regards to your program in Julia language. Personally, I am edified and more comforted on the path of God that I chose. Renowned by my parents and persecuted by Muslims everywhere, I will not go back to Islam. Thanks you for encouraging us, God bless you and keep up the good work!”