

*Seventeenth Sunday  
after  
Pentecost*

*Recovery Sunday*



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**Welcome to Holy Apostles' Church**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 26, 2020**

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**Community Outreach:**  
**Mitchell-Morrill-Henry Food Pantry:** Tuna Helper  
**Backpack Program:** Individual Cereals and Ramen Noodles

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**RECOVERY SUNDAY**

**Annual Council:** Due to Covid-19, the 153rd Annual Council of the Diocese of Nebraska will be Online via Zoom this year! October 17, 2020 from 10 AM - 3 PM. You won't even have to leave your house; just need an internet connection. If you are interested in being Holy Apostles representative or simply being a visitor to this year's Annual Council, please talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl.

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**EVENTS OF THE COMING WEEK:**

Sunday: Rite II Eucharist 10:30 AM

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a time of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**Prayer Before Worship:** For the Victims of Addiction (BCP pg. 831 #56)

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. ***Amen***

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**Processional:**

No Hymn

**Birthdays:**

**October 1: Aiden Meysenberg**

**Anniversaries:**

**September 29: Levi and Lucy Albaugh**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Lector: Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power. That one is God. May you find Him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked His protection and care with complete abandon. These are the steps we took, which are suggested as a program of recovery:

***Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over our addiction; that our lives had become unmanageable.***

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our lord. *Amen*

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

**People:** *Christ have mercy.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

**Step 2:** *We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(Celebrant reads the collect of the Day)

**People:** *Amen*

**Step 3:** *We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God.*

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**THE LESSONS**

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Lector: A reading from **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 25:1-8**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Lector: A reading from **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

    who, though he was in the form of God,  
        did not regard equality with God  
        as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
    he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point of death--  
    even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
    and gave him the name  
    that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
    every knee should bend,  
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
    that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**Matthew 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Testimony:*

*LaTosha R.*

**Homily:**

Deacon Angela Jones

## Litany of Healing

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers aloud or silently:

Reader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**People:** *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, giver of life and health, send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*

**Step 4:** *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory.*

**Step 5:** *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*

**Step 6:** *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and People:**

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Step 7:** *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*



Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

***Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.***

***Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.***

Reader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly;

***People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

***People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

***People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

***People: Hear us, O Lord of Life.***

*Reader:* Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, nor despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

***People: Hear us, O Lord of Life.***

Reader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

***People: Hear us, O Lord of life.***

*Reader:* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

***People: Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit who are bereaved;

**People:** *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**People:** *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: You are the Lord who does wonders;

**People:** *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Reader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

**People:** *And in your light we see light.*

Reader: Hear us, O Lord of Life;

**People:** *Heal us and make us whole.*

**HEALING** (All stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

### Offertory Sentences

**Step 10:** *Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.*

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother as something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.

**Offertory Hymn**

No Hymn

## HE HOLY COMMUNION from RESERVE

**Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: *And also with you***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: *We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets on their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People: *By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant: And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Celebrant and People:**

***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.***

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Celebrant and People:**

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen*

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Step 12:** **Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to those addicted, and to practice these principles in all affairs.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of*

*your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

No Hymn

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

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**REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:**

Intercessions aloud or silently.

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The Church of the Province of Sudan

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