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Seventeenth

*Divine Service*

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Sunday after Trinity

**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LSB 700

**Liturgy**

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**Introit**

- P: Righteous are you, | O LORD,\*  
and right are your | just decrees..  
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.
- C: **Blessed are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his testi- | monies,\*  
who seek him with their | whole heart,**

**Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
in keeping your | statutes!  
Then I shall not be | put to shame,\*  
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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and right are your | just decrees..  
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and teach me your | statutes.**

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

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**Collect**

**P: Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen**

## **Old Testament**

Proverbs 25:6-14 (ESV)

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, Come up here, than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he

does not give.

## **Gradual**

**C: Blessed is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*  
the people whom He has chosen as His | heritage!  
By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,\*  
and by the breath of His mouth | all their host.**

## **Epistle**

Ephesians 4:1-6 (ESV)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## **Alleluia**

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## **Gospel**

Luke 14:1-11 (ESV)

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<i>Seek Where You May to Find a Way</i>	LSB 557
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Wedding Feast</i>	Luke 14:1-11
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	<i>May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill</i>	LSB 698
	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	LSB 633
<b>Canticle</b>	<i>Nunc Dimittis</i>	p.165
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