

**Brief Order of Worship for Live Streaming Worship –  
Sunday September 27, 2020  
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Invocation**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**Call To Worship**

**Gathering Song:** “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee” ELW # 818

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Be cause we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

## Message

**Hymn of the Day:** "Lord Whose Love In Humble Service"

ELW #712

### **Apostle's Creed** "The Immigrants' Creed"

I believe in Almighty God,  
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,  
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,  
the God of foreigners and immigrants.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,  
who was born away from his people and his home, who fled  
his country with his parents when his life was in danger.  
When he returned to his own country  
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,  
the servant of a foreign power.  
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.  
But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,  
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,  
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,  
and reunites all races.  
I believe that the Church is the secure home  
for foreigners and for all believers.  
I believe that the communion of saints begins  
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.  
I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,  
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.  
I believe that in the Resurrection  
God will unite us as one people  
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.  
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner  
but all will be citizens of the kingdom  
where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

**Passing the Peace:** "The peace of God be with you"

### **Offering**

**Offertory** "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" Vocal solo by Tylar Hawkins

### **Communion**

Invitation  
Prayer of Consecration

Words of Remembering  
Lord's Prayer  
Sharing of the Elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **Announcements**

**Sending Song:** "Go, My Children With My Blessing" ELW #543

**Benediction:** The grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows. Amen.

## **Postlude**