

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

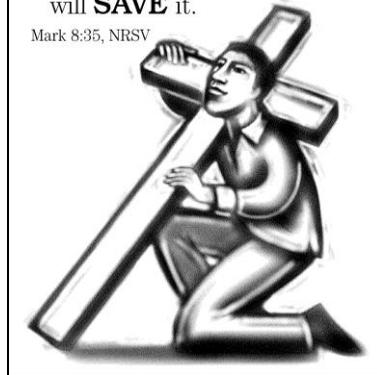
September 19, 2021

Worship Focus

Upside-down Kingdom:
Where Losing Means Winning

Those who want to
SAVE their life will **lose** it,
and those who **lose**
their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel,
will **SAVE** it.

Mark 8:35, NRSV



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Order of Service for SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service I with Communion

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Welcome to WELS National Hymnal Week!

Today's service previews a variety of new elements from the new *Christian Worship* hymnal that our church has purchased and will begin using on a regular basis in December. You can find out more at www.christianworship.com

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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INVOCATION

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
 and will forgive us our sins
 and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

**I am sinful by nature
 and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Two staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). The first staff begins with a 'C' in a box. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

The cantor/choir sings the first refrain and verses.

The congregation joins on the following refrains.

Refrain

Two staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). The lyrics are: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-10

Christ suffered greater pain than any other human and by it he gained for us the victory.

ISAIAH 50:4 The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

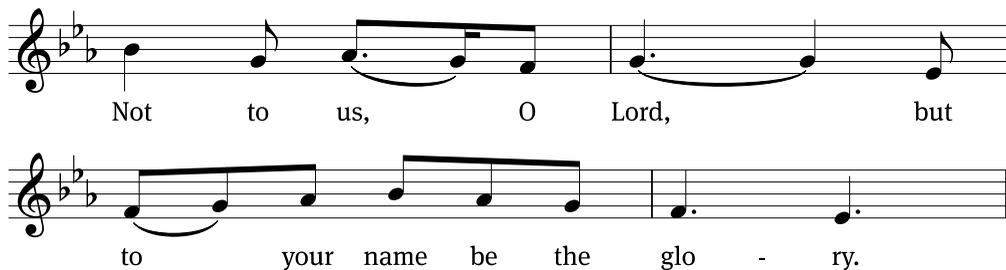
Psalm 115

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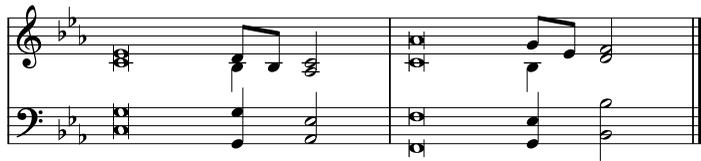
The choir sings first refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing the following refrains.

The congregation sings the verses responsively with the choir.

Refrain



Not to us, O Lord, but
to your name be the glory.



Refrain

Why do the nations say, "Where / is their God?"
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever / pleases him.

The Lord remembers us and will / bless us:
He will bless his people / Israel,

he will bless those who / fear the LORD—
small and / great alike.

Refrain

All you Israelites, trust / in the LORD—
he is there / help and shield.

**House of Aaron, trust / in the LORD—
he is their / help and shield.**

You who fear him, trust / in the LORD—
he is their / help and shield.

**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.**

Refrain

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

Our faith is reflected in our actions. Faith acts by helping those who cannot repay us for our kindness to them.

JAMES 2:1 My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.

²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor sings the refrain and verse.

The congregation joins to sing the final refrain

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Rejoice in the Lord
for his love and faithfulness.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

*The life of a Christian will be cross-filled. God uses the crosses in our lives for our saving benefit...
winning by what seems like losing!*

MARK 8:27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Christ.”

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

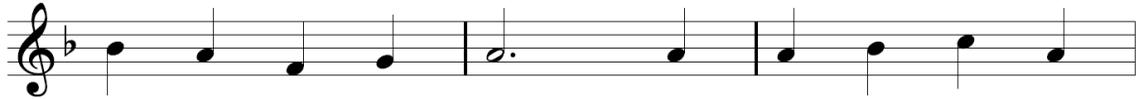
Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
 5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
 place with - in the hands of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
 fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
 mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

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✠ Sermon ✠

Mark 8:27-35

In the Upside-down Kingdom, Losing is Winning!

Sermon notes:

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Pour out your special blessing on . . . (here name the person and the cause of the petition). Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

- Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
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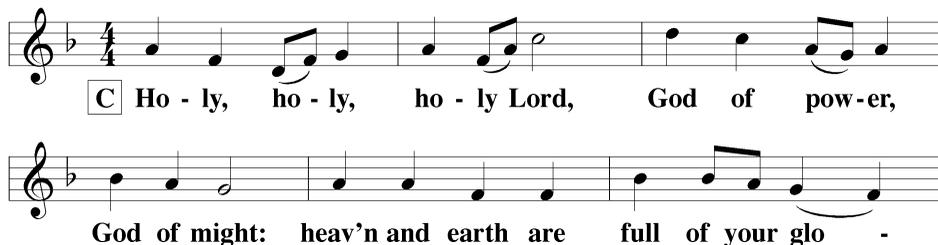
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✠ The Sacrament ✠

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. (8)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,**

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

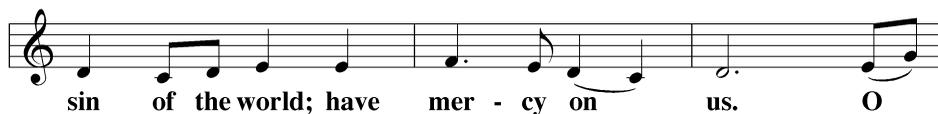
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -
 men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all for me."
 lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings
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 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to



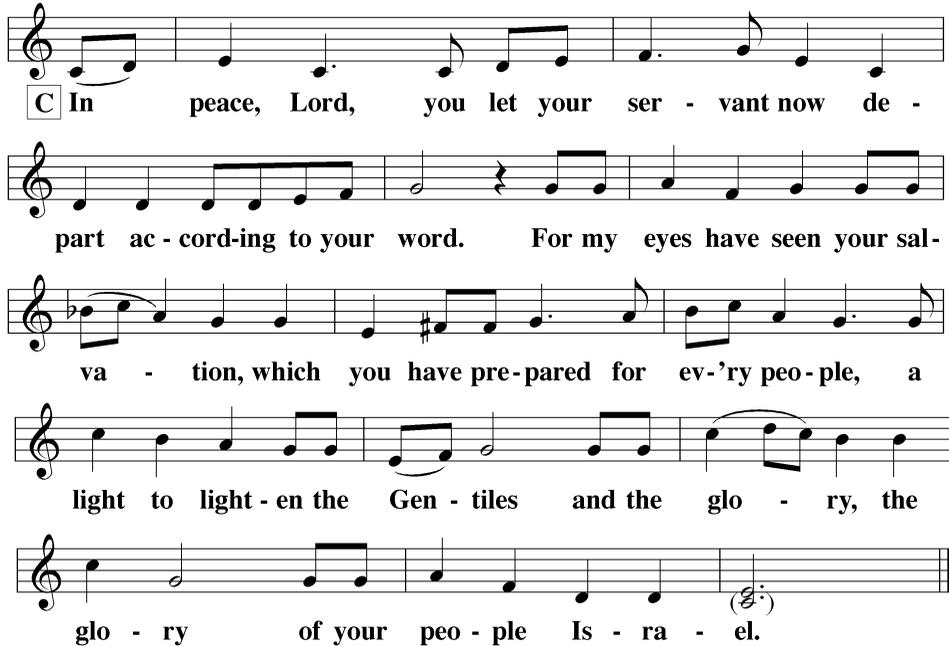
count - less as the sand to th' un - thank - ful
 you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 need what we can do, say - ing by your
 stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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✠ Sending ✠



C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 334 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



The Upside Down Kingdom End of Summer Worship Series

Lewis Carroll, author of [Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland](#) said, “If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense. Nothing would be what it is, because everything would be what it isn’t. And contrary wise, what is, it wouldn’t be. And what it wouldn’t be, it would. You see?” He got close in his description of Wonderland!

Jesus got even closer! As Jesus’ ministry drew to a close, he spoke boldly to about what the Kingdom of God was like. It was a kingdom unlike any other. It was a kingdom in which our earthly expectations collided with God’s spiritual expectations. It was... and is... an **Upside Down Kingdom**.

God didn’t turn things upside down; we did. The rebellion of God’s creatures (we, human beings) against the Creator has so disfigured our world that it’s hardly recognizable from the way God intended it to operate. But that is why God the Father sent his Son into our world. Jesus came to right our wrongs... to forgive our sins... to give us eyes to see how mixed up we are in this world.

God’s perfect way is so unlike our sinful way, that when Jesus speaks it often sounds like nonsense. He explains what God expects in His Kingdom and it seems all upside down:

- First become last and last become first
- We win when we lose, and we lose when we win
- Big things are little and little things become big
- Masters are servants and servants are masters

As the Sundays after Pentecost wrap up, our attention turns back to the Gospel lessons from Mark. The readings are stunning, and Jesus’ message is arresting. Nothing is at it should be, at least that’s the impression Jesus gives us. Hold on tight as we take our own adventure into God’s **Upside Down Kingdom**.

15 th Sunday after Pentecost (9/5):	Where the Inside Stains (Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23)
16 th Sunday after Pentecost (9/12):	Calvary Family Reunion Sunday (Matthew 5:14-16)
17 th Sunday after Pentecost (9/19):	Where Losing Means Winning (Mark 8:27-35)
18 th Sunday after Pentecost (9/26):	Where the Least are the Greatest (Mark 9:30-37)
19 th Sunday after Pentecost (10/3):	Where the Little Things are Big Things (Mark 9:38-50)
20 th Sunday after Pentecost (10/10):	Where the Children are Blessed (Mark 10:2-16)
21 st Sunday after Pentecost (10/17):	Where the Poor are Rich (Mark 10:17-27)
22 nd Sunday after Pentecost (10/24):	Where the Masters are Servants (Mark 10:35-45)



New Hymnal Concert Sunday, September 26th; 3pm

Get a taste for our church's new hymnal in a showcase concert! Come early and stay after for refreshments!

Hymns provide a unique opportunity for exploring God's gifts in the musical arts. The National Hymnal Week concert offers relaxation and refreshment as some of the best musicians in WELS present arrangements of hymns old and new via an online concert. The program will familiarize you with new texts and tunes from Christian Worship as well as feature cherished hymns, all utilizing a diverse spectrum of God's musical gifts to his church. Sit back and drink in the truths of God's Word in song.

Approximate length: 65 minutes

Featured artists:

- Children's Choir from Christ the Lord, Brookfield, WI (Lisa Uttech, director)
- WELS chamber choir Canticum Novum (Jonathan Laabs, artistic director)
- MLC College Choir (Prof. Adrian Smith, director)
- Liturgical ensemble Trinitas from Trinity, Waukesha, WI