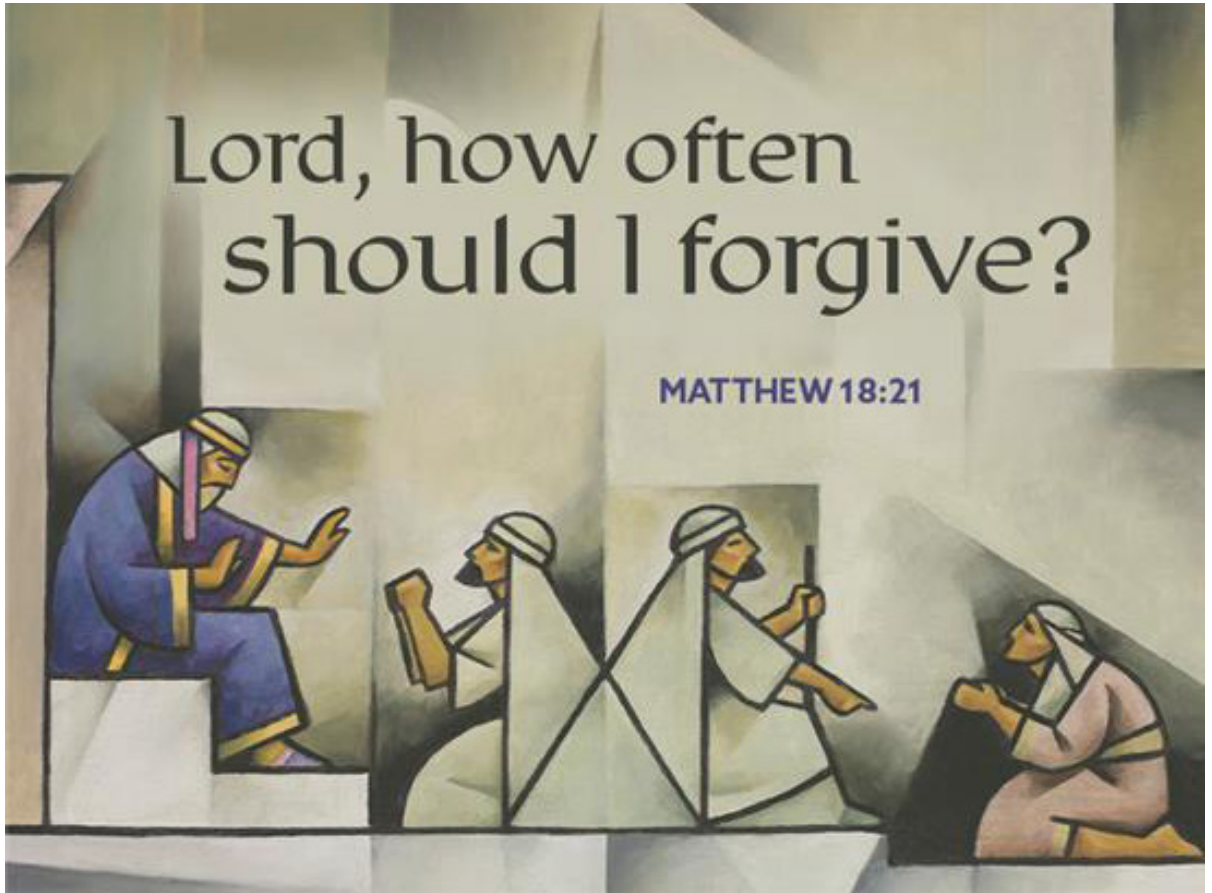


Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026

9:00 AM



Resurrection Church at Saddle Brooke

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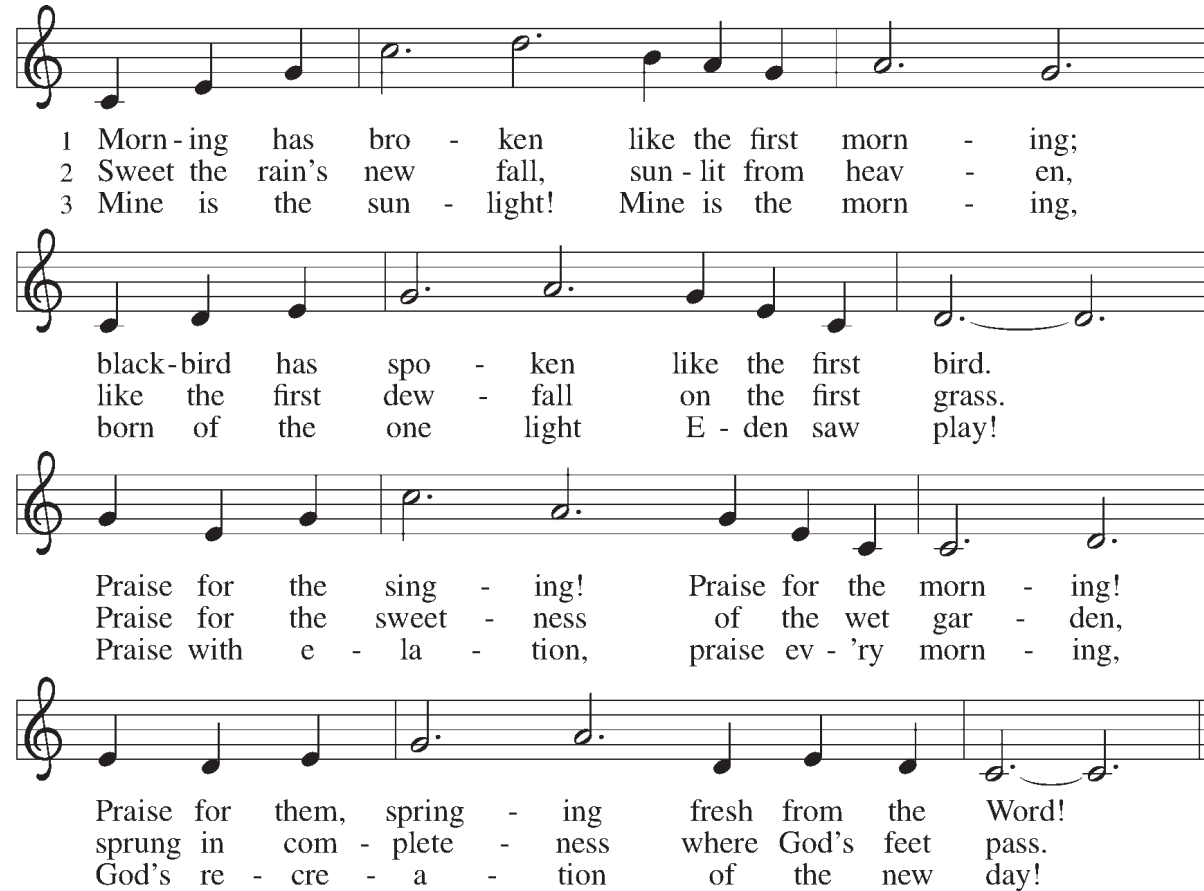
GATHERING MUSIC

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *(a time for quiet reflection to center ourselves for worship)*

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

○ God, source of all mercy,

you have forgiven us a debt we could never repay and call us to live in the freedom of your grace. Open our hearts to hear your word today. Give us the courage to release our grudges, the strength to seek reconciliation, and the grace to forgive others as generously as you have forgiven us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME HOME

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

NRSVue

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,

"We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Psalm 103:8-13

NRSV

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

**⁹ He will not always accuse, nor
will he keep his anger forever.**

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according
to our sins nor repay us according to
our iniquities.

**¹¹ For as the heavens are high
above the earth, so great is his
steadfast love toward those
who fear him;**

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions
from us.

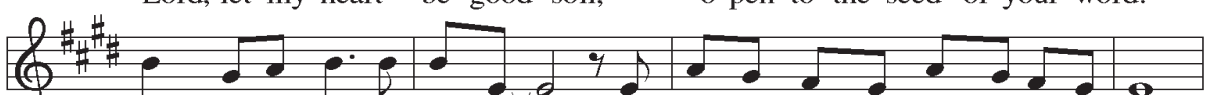
**¹³ As a father has compassion
for his children, so the Lord has
compassion for those who fear
him.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

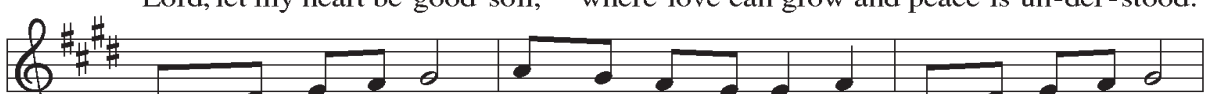
*Gospel Acclamation



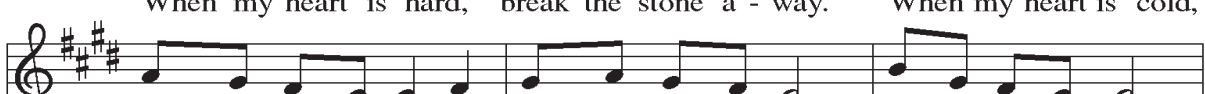
Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



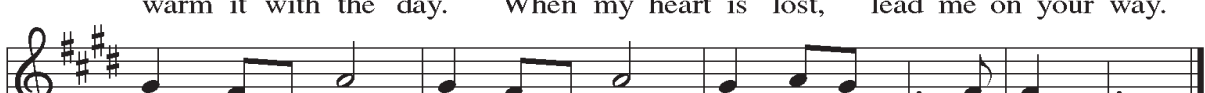
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

NRSVue

²¹ Then Peter came and said to Jesus,
“Lord, if my brother or sister sins
against me, how often should I
forgive? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven
times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven
times. ²³ “For this reason the
kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one
who owed him ten thousand talents
was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he
could not pay, the lord ordered him
to be sold, together with his wife and
children and all his possessions and
payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave
fell on his knees before him, saying,
‘Have patience with me, and I will
pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of
pity for him, the lord of that slave
released him and forgave him the
debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he
went out, came upon one of his
fellow slaves who owed him a
hundred denarii, and seizing him by

the throat he said, ‘Pay what you
owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell
down and pleaded with him, ‘Have
patience with me, and I will pay you.’

³⁰ But he refused; then he went and
threw him into prison until he would
pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow
slaves saw what had happened, they
were greatly distressed, and they
went and reported to their lord all
that had taken place. ³² Then his lord
summoned him and said to him, ‘You
wicked slave! I forgave you all that
debt because you pleaded with me.

³³ Should you not have had mercy on
your fellow slave, as I had mercy on
you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed
him over to be tortured until he
would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my
heavenly Father will also do to every
one of you, if you do not forgive your
brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise be to Christ!

SERMON: "Power, Power, Who Holds the Power?"

Pastor Carol George

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Musical notation for the hymn 'Have Thine Own Way, Lord'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the

2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and

3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound - ed and

4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter Thy

try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just

wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er- all pow - er- sure - ly is

be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall

will, While I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.

now, As in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.

Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!

see Christ on - ly, al - ways liv - ing in me!

TEXT: Adelaide A. Pollard
MUSIC: George C. Stebbins

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NEW MEMBER RECEPTION



***APOSTLES' CREED**

People of God, what is it we confess to be true?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Musical notation for the prayer 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'. It consists of two staves of music in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Concluding each portion of the prayers the leader says: "Loving Lord..." and the **congregation responds: "hear our prayers."**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
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- Feed My Starving Children Thank you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Living Bread

by Gilbert Martin

Resurrection Singers

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose mercy is greater than we can imagine, whose love never gives up on us, and whose grace calls us to begin again.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we do not always extend the mercy we have received from you. We remember the ways others have hurt us and forget how much you have forgiven us. We hold on to resentment, keep score of wrongs, and sometimes would rather be right than be reconciled. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and free us from the burdens we carry. Teach us to let go of what keeps us from loving one another, and give us courage to seek peace where there has been hurt. Amen.

God knows our hearts and meets us with mercy. In ✠ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are set free to begin again. May God's grace guide us in the way of love, as we extend to others the mercy we have received.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that we receive. This gift of grace is given freely by Christ for all. We welcome people of all ages to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

May God fill your heart with mercy and remind you of the forgiveness you have received. May Christ give you grace to forgive others, even when it is difficult. And may the Holy Spirit ✠ strengthen you to live in that grace, today and always.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



***SENT FORTH**

Called by God’s Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.
Go in peace. Forgive as you have been forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***SENDING MUSIC**

Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October.
Thank you.

Attendance for last week:

Oro Valley: 380
SaddleBrooke: 76
Online: 312

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Worship Accompanist/

Choir Director:

Peter Yanez

Audio/Visual:

Denis Greenland

Council Representative:

Mimi Heywood

Ushers:

Alan Stemme and Doug Miller

Greeters:

Ann Stemme and Sandy Miller

Bible Reader: Steve Westby

Prayer Leader: Mimi Heywood

Communion Servers:

Tom and Opal Larkin

Altar Care & Communion:

Jayne Poppert

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR RESURRECTION AT SADDLEBROOKE

Sunday, September 27 Deacon Emma Janzen

Sunday, October 4 Pastor Erin Morris

Sunday, October 11 Deacon Emma Janzen

For any pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Carol George
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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