



SOTC Worship
September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

LORD OF LIGHT

ELW 688

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **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 struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

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.

KYRIE

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: JONAH 3:10-4:11; PSALM 145:1-8; PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

ELW 587

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to “Lord in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 191

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host. Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

Congregation:

world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

Final time: *Cong. or assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional invocations:
 you break the chains of hatred and fear:
 you are the way of justice and peace:
 you are the way of mercy and love:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is ____ Your faith -
Great is ____ Your love -

- ful - ness, ____ O God. ____
____ and jus - tice, God ____ of Ja - cob.

You wres - tle with ____ the sin - ner's rest - less heart. ____
You use ____ the weak ____ to lead ____ the strong. ____

You lead ____ us by ____ still wa - ters in -
You lead ____ us in ____ the song ____ of Your ____

- to mer - cy, and noth - ing can -
____ sal - va - tion, and all ____ Your peo -

____ keep us ____ a - part. ____ So re - mem - ber ____ Your
- ple sing ____ a - long. ____

peo - ple, ____ re - mem - ber ____ Your chil - dren, ____ re - mem - ber ____ Your

prom - ise, ____ O ____ God. ____ Your grace is e - nough, ____

____ Your grace is e - nough, ____ Your



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to join God's creative and redeeming work in all the world.

Thanks be to God!

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