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The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 19, 2021

Nativity Church *in*
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
of the Episcopal Church

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS, OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT

WEDNESDAY

10 AM Bible Study– “Walking with Luke” - Live on Zoom
Contact Rachel Manley

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Sunday Worship in the Nave
10 AM Sunday Worship Service, on Facebook LIVE

NEXT WEEK’S LESSONS: Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22
Psalm 124
James 5:13–20
Mark 9:38–50

Welcome and Parish Life Announcements

Entering God's Presence

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ev-

(Please be seated)

A reading from Proverbs 31:10–31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Response

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

James 3:13–4:3,7–8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 9:30–37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

(Please be seated)

Responding to God's Word

(Please stand as you are able)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

The Prayers of the People

(Please kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Celebrant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified by all people.

Celebrant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Celebrant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.

Celebrant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Celebrant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Celebrant: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer "A"

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, Joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

The prayer continues...

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues...

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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, the Power, and the Glory,
Forever and ever. **Amen.**

The prayer concludes...

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.

All: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and Glory. Now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

PARISH PRAYERS

Week of September 19, 2021

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its members and mission:

The Most Revd. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Our Bishop, The Rt. Revd. Douglas Fisher

Mass. Council of Churches;

Construct Inc., Berkshires

For the mission of the Church

Peter Vanacore serving with the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring

FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, its members and its mission:

For the Rev. Chad McCabe, Karen and Ethan

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD:

Our nation, and all in authority.

Justice in our nation for people of all races and nations, particularly
in all our cities.

For those serving in our armed forces: The Rev. Chad McCabe, Dan Blair
(Jackie's Son), Eric Catalanotti, (Bruce and Kathy Reilly's nephew),
Tanner Audia (Brad & Phyllis Nutting's nephew), and Zach Loverin
(Cindy Loverin's grandson), Matt Heseck (Deb Heseck's son).

For those on the frontlines of the fight against the Covid 19.

Comfort for all those who are quarantined, alone and lonely, and for all those
suffering from depression. For all special needs children who are having a
hard time right now. For those who are struggling to make ends meet and
those who are trying to keep their businesses alive.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in any need or trouble:

Barbara Strom as she experiences health issues

Harriett Severance: Healing

Marilyn Perry; Healing

Deb Dwinell: Healing from cancer.

Jackie Blair: Healing

Madaliso Labaj: Healing

For safety, health, and strength for Karen Zacher's family, including
Cheyenne, Loreal, her grandsons, and her niece Mandy Johnson, who is a
doctor at UMASS Medical Center

For those who do not know Christ's love

Peace for those who die alone and for their families left behind

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

MEMBERS OF THE NATIVITY FAMILY: Nancy Kimball, Becky Krebsbach, Elizabeth Krouse, Don, Titani, Madaliso and Tembani Labaj, Beth Lewis.

FOR THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS: Max Severance, Luke Wilson, Linda Pardee, Errol Ethier, Hallie Cowan, Cindy Loverin, & Kara Macek

FOR THOSE WITH ANNIVERSARIES: The Washburn Household

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Church of Nativity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 19, 2021

To be included in the Sunday bulletins, please send your News and Notes to Chad at cmccabe@churchofthenativity.org **by end of day on Mondays** at the latest.

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK:
SUNDAYS 10AM**

BIBLE STUDY—"WALKING WITH LUKE":

Wednesdays at 10AM on Google Live. Please contact Rachel Manley

REMINDER: The church building is closed but business continues as usual. Please remember to send your pledges. You may also choose to pay online with PayPal or a credit card. Go to the "Give" page (top right menu) on our website, www.churchofthenativity.org.

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Our Music Ministry

Rachel Manley, Praise Band Director,
Glen Campbell, Organist
Cara Ting, Choir

Our Ministries

Acolytes	Open
Altar Guild	Karen McCabe
Bread Baking	Karen Taylor and Lois Macek
Christian Formation Director	Sally Kazarian
Clerk (Vestry)	Cathy Terwedow
Community Meals	Kathy Reilly
Easter Egg Hunt	Deb Hesek
Fall Festival/Applefest	Jim Baker
Finance Committee	Open
Flower Guild	Theresa Hoberman
Funerals	Sue Roche
Healing Prayer	Betsy Hummel
Junior Warden	Howard Gelles
Kitchen	Open
Living Nativity	Open
Outreach	Open
Pledge Treasurer	Cathy Terwedow
Prayer Chain	Lynn DeAngelis
Prayer Shawl	Bette Ann Whynot
Reader/LEM/Coffee Host	Beckie Mangus,
Senior Luncheon	Priscilla Gagnon and Karen Taylor
Senior Warden	Deb Hesek
Simple Social	Becky Krebsbach and Mary Brown
Spiritual Direction	Sally Kazarian
Stewardship	Jeannie Hebert
Sunday School	Deb Hesek,
Tech Team	Larry Engholm
Treasurer	Henry Terwedow
W.A.R.M.	Betsy Hummel
Welcome Team	Cathy Terwedow
Worcester Fellowship	Yvonne Boutte
Youth & Families Director	Cindee Morin

Our Vestry: Rev. Chad McCabe, Deb Hesek (Senior Warden), Howie Gelles (Junior Warden), Cathy Terwedow (Clerk), Henry Terwedo (Treasurer), Debbie Burke, Janet Wilcox, Tom McDonald, Aaron Ting and Ted Flanagan.

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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As we go through the Church's year, we learn about God from different parts of the Bible at the same time. From the OLD TESTAMENT we learn that God made us, and when we turned away from him he did not give up on us. He taught us about himself and promised to come to us and save us. From the NEW TESTAMENT we learn how God's Son, Jesus, came to earth and showed us God's Kingdom and died for us. We learn what this means for us. And we say or sing a PSALM, to help us say what we feel about God.

<p>(from the OLD TESTAMENT) PROVERBS 22:22 "Do not rob the poor, or hurt people who are helpless"</p>	<p>(from the OLD TESTAMENT) PSALM 125:1 "Those who trust God are like Mount Zion, the holy mountain, that stands firm forever"</p>	<p>(from the NEW TESTAMENT) JAMES 2:5 "God's chosen ones may not have much money, but they are rich in faith and love"</p>
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The part of the New Testament called the GOSPELS tells us the story of Jesus's life. Jesus showed us what God is like. His life brings out the real meaning in all the rest of the Bible!

JESUS AND THE DEAF MAN

Mark 7:31-37

JESUS HAD BECOME FAMOUS FOR HEALING AND HELPING PEOPLE! ONE DAY...

Panel 1: A man with a speech bubble that says "UH! MUMBLE..." is being led by Jesus. A crowd of people behind them says, "MASTER! CAN YOU HELP OUR FRIEND?" and "HE'S DEAF! HE CAN HARDLY HEAR AT ALL! SO OF COURSE HE CAN'T REALLY TALK EITHER!"

Panel 2: Jesus is shown taking the man aside. A speech bubble says "UH! MUMBLE HUH!"

Panel 3: The man is shown with a speech bubble that says "AAH! (...I CAN...)"

Panel 4: The man is shown with a speech bubble that says "... I CAN HEAR YOU! I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU!!" and "AND I CAN TALK! YOU HEALED ME!"

Panel 5: The man is shown with a speech bubble that says "HERE COME YOUR FRIENDS! TRY TO KEEP THEM FROM TELLING EVERYONE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!"