

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Loved By You"

**Sometimes I feel Like I'm alone
A bit too broken, Unseen, unknown.
Sometimes the doubt Starts creeping in,
So come remind me Once again.**

(Chorus)

**I am believed in, I am held on to.
Don't have to wonder Who I belong to.
I'm always wanted, always known and always treasured; it's true.
I am loved by You.**

**It's in Your blood, It's in Your scars
How far You'd go To reach my heart.
You call me chosen, You call me Yours.
That's all that matters Forevermore.**

**Chorus
Loved by You.**

**I don't deserve it; I never could.
But You're just that faithful, You're just that good.
How lovely it is To be loved by You. (Repeat)**

Yeah!

Chorus

**I am loved by You. Loved by You. I am loved
By You.**

**Loved By You Words and music by Riley Clemmons, Paul Duncan and Jeff Pardo
CCLI Song #7216983**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

OPENING "Jesus Does"

**Who tells the sun to rise ev'ry morning, Colors the sky with the shades of His
glory,
Wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does.**

**Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow, Cries for injustice, feels ev'ry
sorrow,
Carries the pain of His children? Jesus does.**

(Chorus)

**So we sing: Praise to the Father who gave us the Son.
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was,
'Cause that's what Jesus does.**

**Who understands the heart of the sinner, Showers His grace over all our
mistakes,
Washes us clean with His blood? Jesus does.**

**Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness? Who stole the keys to hell and the
grave?
Who has the power to save? Jesus does.**

Chorus

**Oh what a Friend, Oh what a Savior,
He's always been good, He's always been faithful.
He came to my rescue When I needed Him most
And saved my soul.**

**So we sing: Praise to the Father who gave us the Son.
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner, He saved me from who I was,**

Chorus

Jesus Does

**Words and music by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash Kyle Briskin, Martin Cash and
Scott Cash @2022 CCLI Song #7205247**

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 truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

**C: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins,
Known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your
Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor
and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 27:1,7-9

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

P: Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

C: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

P: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

C: Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE "Death Was Arrested"

**Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
Lost without hope with no place to begin;
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,
When death was arrested and my life began.**

**Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains;
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.**

(Chorus)

**Oh, Your grace, so free, washes over me.
You have made me new, now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.**

**Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He canceled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began.**

Chorus

**Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.
That's when death was arrested and my live began.
That's when death was arrested and my live began.**

Chorus

**Oh, we're free, free; forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free, free; forever, amen!
When death was arrested and my life began. (Repeat)**

**When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began.**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 1:21-28a

²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. ²⁷Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel ²⁸without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went. He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶About the eleventh hour he went out and