

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

- [A] Let us bless the Lord.
- [C] Thanks be to God.
- [P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- [C] Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART *LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY* LSB 857

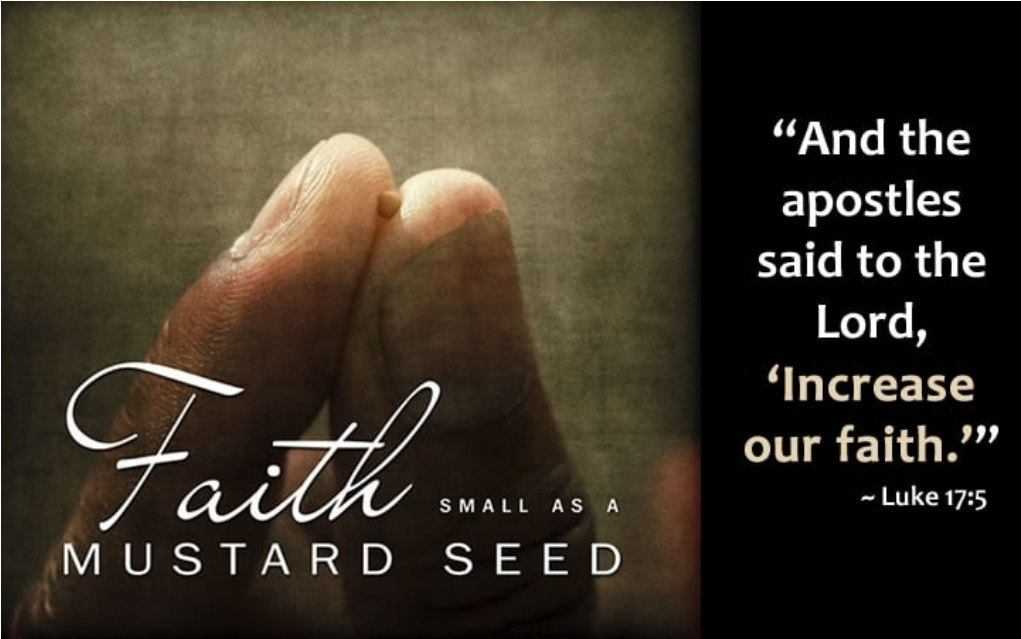
POSTLUDE

+TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY+

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

+IN THE NAME OF JESUS+

WELCOME to the Divine Service at Ascension of Christ! We pray that you will be richly blessed by God as you hear His Word, receive His gifts and worship Him with your prayer and praise!

TO OUR GUESTS Welcome, we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher or a greeter if you have any questions. Be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor. We invite you to consider Ascension of Christ if you are looking for a church home. We gather every Sunday morning for Adult Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., the Divine Service at 10:15 a.m., and Fellowship Hour immediately following the Divine Service. Children are invited to participate in Sunday school/Confirmation after church.

CHILDREN AT ASCENSION At Ascension, we want you to feel at home. First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome here! To make it easier on your family, please dare to sit closer to the front where your children can easily see what's going on, note the colors, watch the pastors, wonder about those heads on the lectern, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here is for them, too! As we go through the Divine Service, encourage them to join in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy. And with your spirit. I believe! Our Father!* And please be sure to sing and pray your parts too! Children learn by following your lead. There are some busy bags in the back of the church for you and if you must take your children out of the church, please hurry back!

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS JOYFULLY RECEIVED HERE TODAY At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings and so are encouraged to commune. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. If you are a guest and would like to learn more about the practice of the Lord's Supper at Ascension of Christ, or if you are uncertain about whether you should receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with Pastor Loree before communing for the first time.

THE LITURGY FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Faith does not preclude Christians from adversity and persecution. Faith arms believers with Christlike tenacity, equipping us to persevere in prayer and joy, continually confessing Jesus as the source of life and immortality. Temptations will come; believing saints will sin; yet repentant sinners will be forgiven. Satan will surely seek to undermine our faith, yet Christ Jesus in unrelenting mercy will guard us until the day of salvation.

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

PAX DOMINI

- [P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- [C] Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION	
<i>DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD</i>	LSB 637
<i>JESUS, LEAD THOU ON</i>	LSB 718
<i>LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US</i>	LSB 851
<i>JESUS CHRIST, MY SURE DEFENSE</i>	LSB 741

Stand
DISMISSAL

- [P] The true body and precious blood of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- [C] Amen.

+GOD GATHERS US BEFORE HIS HOLY PRESENCE+

Please note the ♪ symbol is used to indicate a sung response.

PRELUDE

Please stand at the sound of the chimes and face the cross.

OPENING HYMN *HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE* LSB 496

INVOCATION

- [P] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] Amen.

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION

- [P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- [C] **who made heaven and earth.**
- [P] If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- [C] **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- [P] Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

- [C] **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- [P] Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166



Antiphon
I hope for your salvation, | O Lord,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

Psalm
I rejoice | at your word*
like one who | finds great spoil.
Seven times a day I | praise you*
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.
Great peace have those who | love your law;*
nothing can make them | stumble.
My soul keeps your testi- | monies;*
I love them ex- | ceedingly.
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.

Antiphon: (Repeated)

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+GOD GIVES US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME+

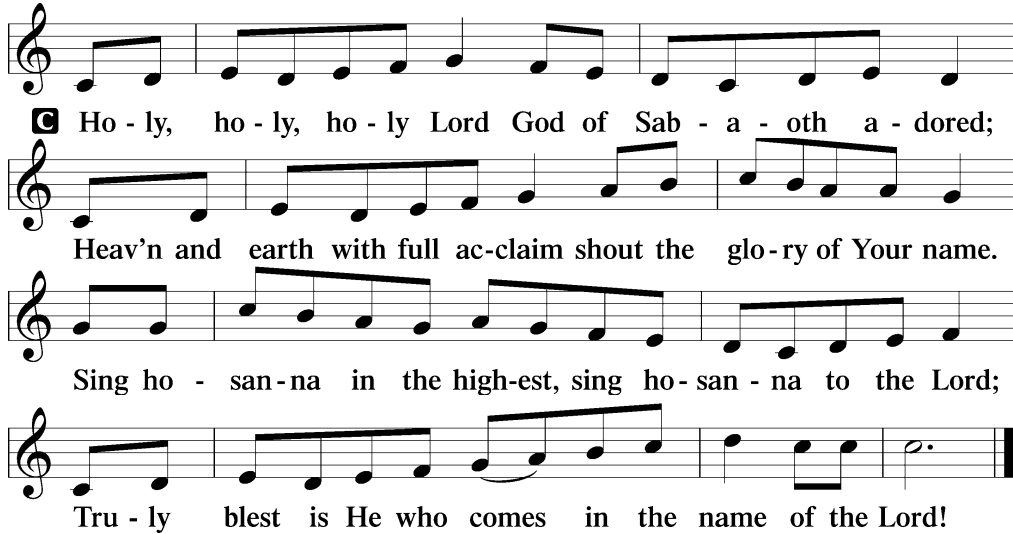
Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” ⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me,

NICENE CREED

(Back cover of the hymnal)

Sit
HYMN OF THE DAY I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED LSB 587

SERMON

+GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS & OFFERINGS+

Kneel/Stand
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit
OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;

and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.
Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;
We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,
Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

+GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD+

OLD TESTAMENT

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

["I will...look out to see what He will say to me."]

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will

answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 91:11; 103:1



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1–14

["God gave us a spirit...of power and love and self-control."]

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith

that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and

called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

[Faith as a mustard seed.]

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into

the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.