

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (ESV)

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

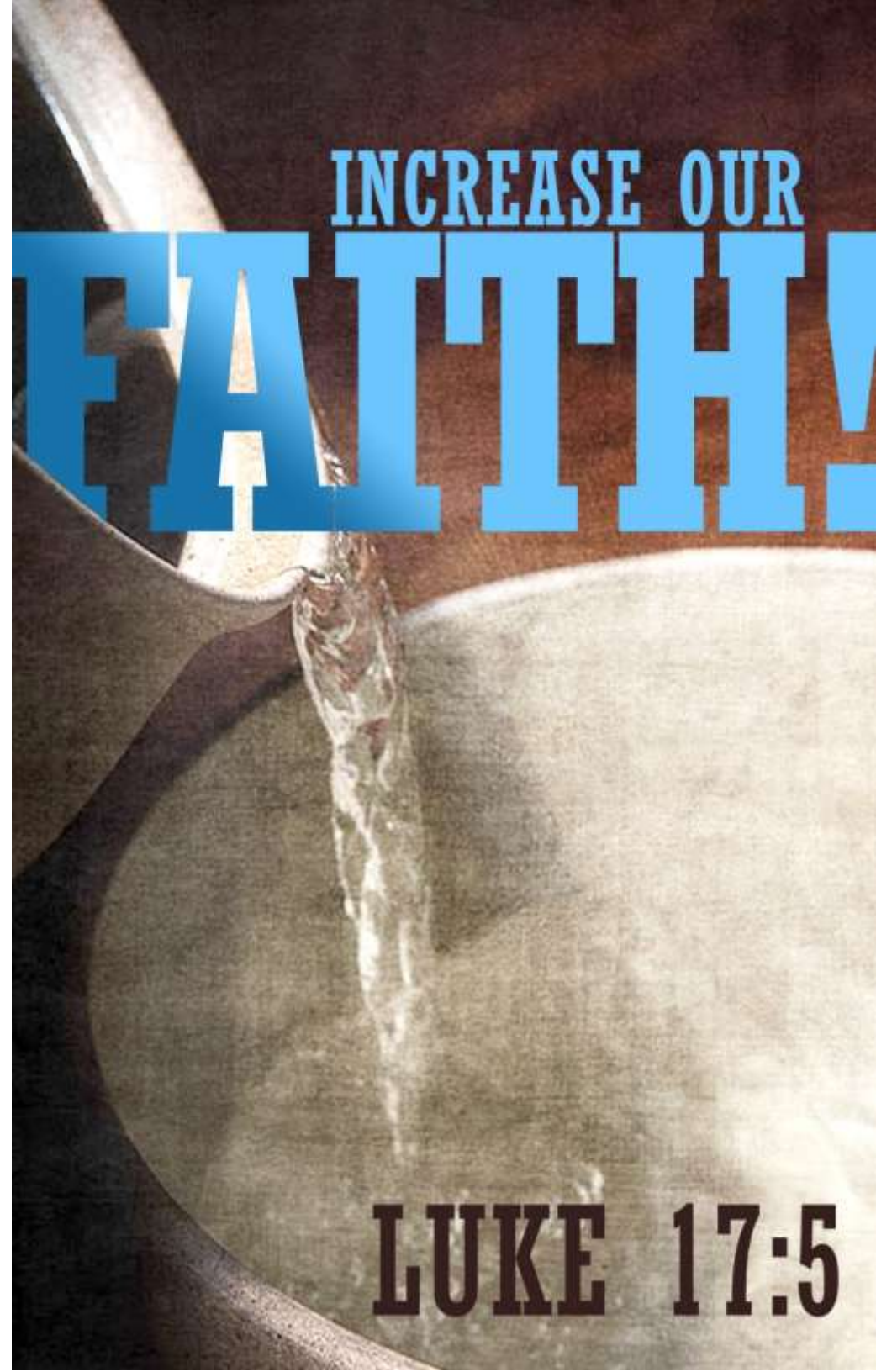
2 Timothy 1:1-14 (ESV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 I 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. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 8 Therefore 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, 9 who 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, 10 and 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, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, 12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. 13 Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Luke 17:1-10 (ESV)

17 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It 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. 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." 5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 And 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'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"



INCREASE OUR FAITH!

LUKE 17:5

October 5, 2025
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Zion Lutheran Church, 17927 Dice Road, Hemlock, MI 48626
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

As We Gather ~ We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness. We are surrounded by *"destruction and violence"* (Hab. 1:3) because the Law *"is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth"* (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, *"the righteous shall live by his faith"* (Hab. 2:4). *"Temptations to sin are sure to come"* (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus *"increase our faith"* (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His *"unworthy servants"* (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, *"by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings *"life and immortality to light"* (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, *"follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,"* by which He guards you *"in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:13).

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Pastor Larry Warsinski
Organist Pam Welzein
Elders Paul Bohn and Dale Rohde
A/V Mark Richardson
Ushers Dave Hutfilz and Dave Little

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 53 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,316 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$1,581; Capital Improvements \$1045; God's Helping Hands, \$70.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: October 5- Nicholas Coulter; October 6 – Kathy Clapp; October 7- Aubree Hildebrant; October 9-Suzanne Carroll.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."
1 Peter 3:15



Harvey Neuenfeldt, lifelong member of Zion died September 21, 2025. Harvey is survived by his children Becky (Scott) Mohler, Tom Neuenfeldt, Cheryl (Ryan) Warner, Sarah Neuenfeldt and Danny (Kara) Neuenfeldt; his grandchildren Desmond, Reuben, Aria, Nevaeha, August, Sawyer, Owen, Elizabeth, Henry, Abigail, Penelope, and another grandchild arriving soon. He is also survived by his siblings, Gwen Diebel and Barry Neuenfeldt; and the mother of his children, Suzanne Catenacci. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his siblings Kathy Duma, and Richard Neuenfeldt. ***And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).***

Pastor Appreciation Month October is **Pastor Appreciation Month** ~ Pray often and caringly for Pastor Warsinski, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

***I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all;
but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.
Martin Luther***