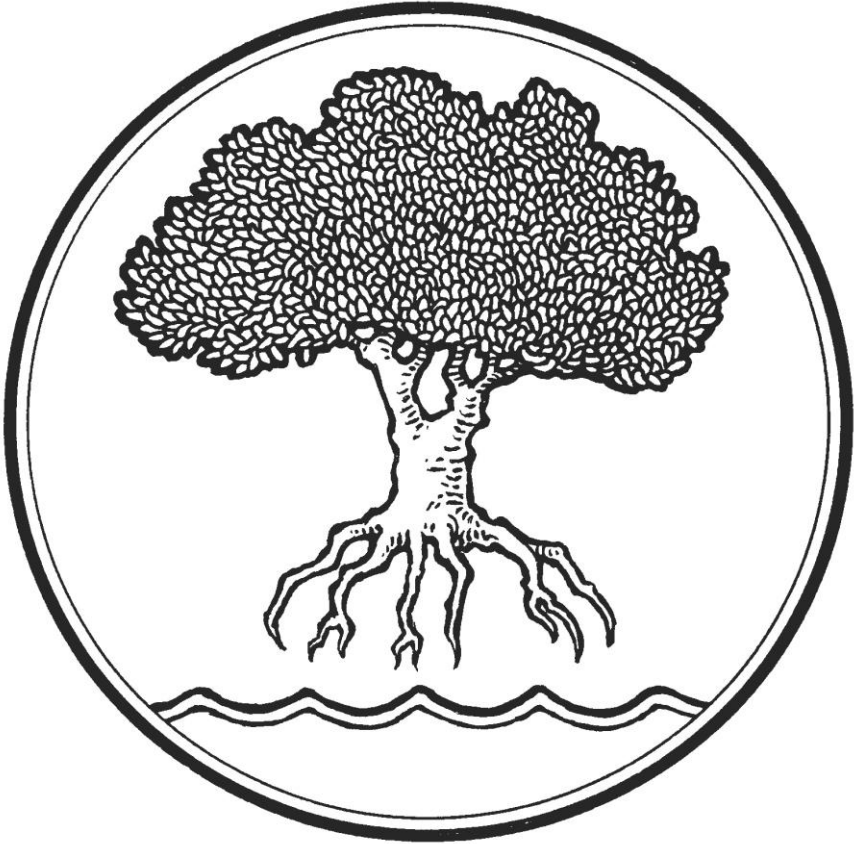


# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING I

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### PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN      “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”      895

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠      P. 151

### ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT      PSALM 119:162, 164-165, 167; ANTIPHON: V. 166

I hope for your salvation, O Lord,  
and I do your commandments.

**I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I praise you  
for your just and righteous decrees.

**Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.**

My soul keeps your testimonies;  
I love them exceedingly.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I hope for your salvation, O Lord,  
and I do your commandments.

KYRIE      P. 152-153

HYMN OF PRAISE      “THIS IS THE FEAST”      P. 155

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

**[C]** And also with you.

**[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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

## HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup>For still the vision waits 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. <sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LWML PLEDGE

**In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.**

## EPISTLE

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 17:1-10**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>“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’? <sup>8</sup>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’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>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.’”

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to You, O Christ**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY “I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED”**

**587**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[P]** Lord, in your Mercy,

**[C] Hear our Prayer.**

**In Our Prayers:**

+ Pam Barlau

+ Dan Gueningsman

+ Jeremy Radtke

+ Chad Feltmann

+ Darian Litzau

+ Angela Litzau

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 160-164**

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

**Examination Questions:** Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD” 637**

**“BY GRACE I’M SAVED” 566**

**“THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST” 565 (T: 912)**

**COLLECT/BENEDICTION P. 166**

### **LWML HYMN “SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS”**

*TUNE: 662 LSB, 518 LW, 658 TLH PROF. ERNEST LEWERENZ*

1. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings, Of His love and grace  
Will at last in glory, Meet us face to face.

Onward, then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

2. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” Us He gave command  
To proclaim his Gospel Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest:  
Leading them to Jesus We can serve Him best  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” Is there greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, Deigning to employ  
Us to build His Kingdom? Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner Brought to heed his voice  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim;  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

#### **Attendance Last Week**

Sunday: 142

Bible Study: 18

Sunday School: 31

#### **Organist:**

Jane Holasek

#### **Scripture Reader:**

Jane Holasek/ Tracy Jackson

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION-** Church Worker Appreciation: October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. From October 5th thru the 19th, boxes will be located on the narthex desk for Amanda, Ellie, and Pastor Barlau. Feel free to drop a note or card of appreciation into their box. You may bring your own from home or use the supplies provided.

**2. LWML-** To all Ladies of the Congregation- The LWML Crow River Conference Rally will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle on Saturday, October 18. Registration is \$5.00 at 9:00 AM. Rally starts at 9:30. See bulletin board and front and back entry doors for more info. This is for anyone. You do not have to be a LWML member.

**3. HELP NEEDED-** The Board of Education is looking a few people to paint the library. Paint, brushes, and rollers can be provided. Please let Ellie or Tracy Peterson know if you would be willing to help out!

**4. POSTER CONTEST-** The 1st-6th grade students participated in a poster contest providing information about the need for clean water for all God's children. You can vote for the winner with your pocket change! Today, October 5th, check out the poster display in the education wing, and place your change (or cash) in the container next to your favorite poster. All donations received will support World Vision.

**5. CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING:** New photo dates of Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> have been added for you to schedule an appointment to be included in the new church directory. See October Lamplighter or table in Upper Narthex for more information.

**6. TRUNK OR TREAT** will be October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-6:00 in our church parking lot! Sign up is in the upper narthex, or you may email Jane Holasek at [jfholasek@gmail.com](mailto:jfholasek@gmail.com) by Oct. 12. See more information in the October Lamplighter, or contact Jane or Ellie. We'll help you! Join us for a fun evening October 31<sup>st</sup>!

**7. THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY** for Season 5 will be on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the education wing. We have DVDs from the previous seasons, if you want to catch-up and join us!

**8. 2025 FALL SESSION MUSIC CLASS** will be on ALL THURSDAYS in October - 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the education wing music room. Please join us for some music-making fun, and invite a family from the area to join us too! Babies through age 5 are welcome!!

**9. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY-** Our next highway clean-up date will be Sunday October 12. EVERYONE 12 and older is welcome to help with this service project. We will meet at church at 12:30 PM to watch the safety video, then carpool out to our clean-up site.

**10. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING-** Please plan to attend the Quarterly Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> between services.

**11. SUNDAY SCHOOL** Grades K-6 will sing Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service.

**12. SCHEDULE- October 11:** Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service- Peter Feltmann, Cameron Mogenson, Duane Litzau; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Joey Schauer, Jack Schauer, Carolyn Toenies, Brandon Schmidt; Acolytes: 1<sup>st</sup> Service- A. Lind, T. Herrmann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: C. Bebo, T. Parpart; Greeters- 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Ralph, Donna, Kori Machemehl; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Craig & Tracy Jackson;; Scripture Reader: Evelyn Dial; Flowers: Jane Roth; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

### ***Calendar of Events***

<b>Sun. Oct 5</b> <i>LWML Sunday</i>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b> Sun. School/Bible Study/ACT <b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b> Bahr/Strei Scholarship Offering
Mon. Oct 6		Release Time Classes Pastor at Conference
Tues. Oct 7		Pastor at Conference
Wed. Oct 8	Noon 3:05 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Release Time 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Thurs. Oct 9	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Release Time Classes Music Class <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study
Sat. Oct 11	8:30 a.m.	Leave for MN So Dist Youth Day
<b>Sun. Oct 12</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP W/ CONT LINE COMM</b> Sun. School/ Bible Study/ ACT Sun School K-6 Sing <b>WORSHIP W/ CONT LINE COMM</b> Adopt-A-Highway Ditech Clean Up Bahr/Strei Scholarship Offerings

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