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17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*
(*Congregation responses are printed in bold type*)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

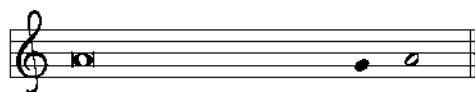
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+ GREETING

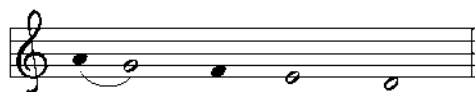
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



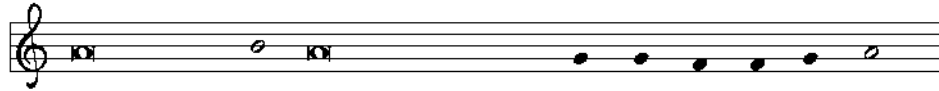
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



! Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**
³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**
⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of 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 am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL LUKE 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“God of the Fertile Fields”



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bus'd,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

+ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Almighty God, increase our faith and hear our prayers.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant us the faith to continue His mission and ministry and answer our prayers as may be best for us and to your glory, through the same Son, our Lord, Christ Jesus who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Chancel Choir

+ OFFERTORY SONG “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LBW#564

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

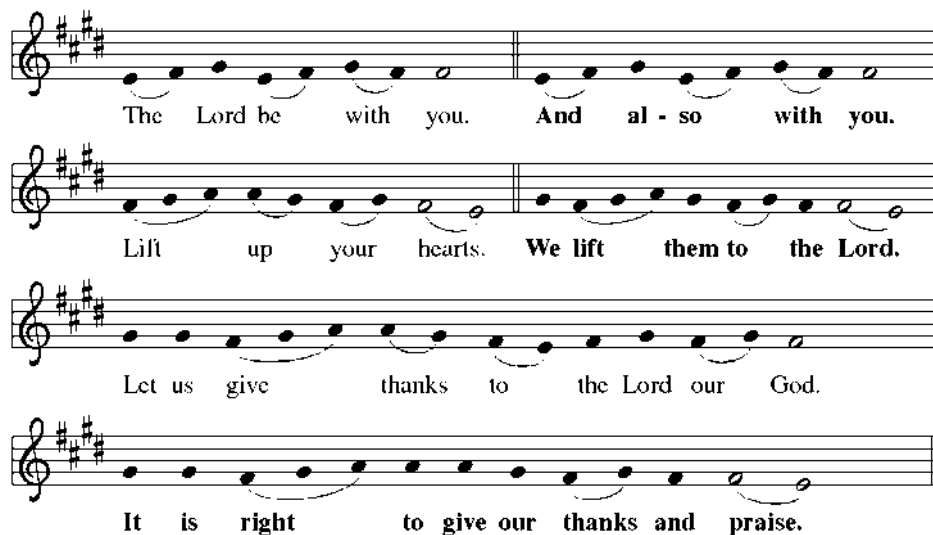
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

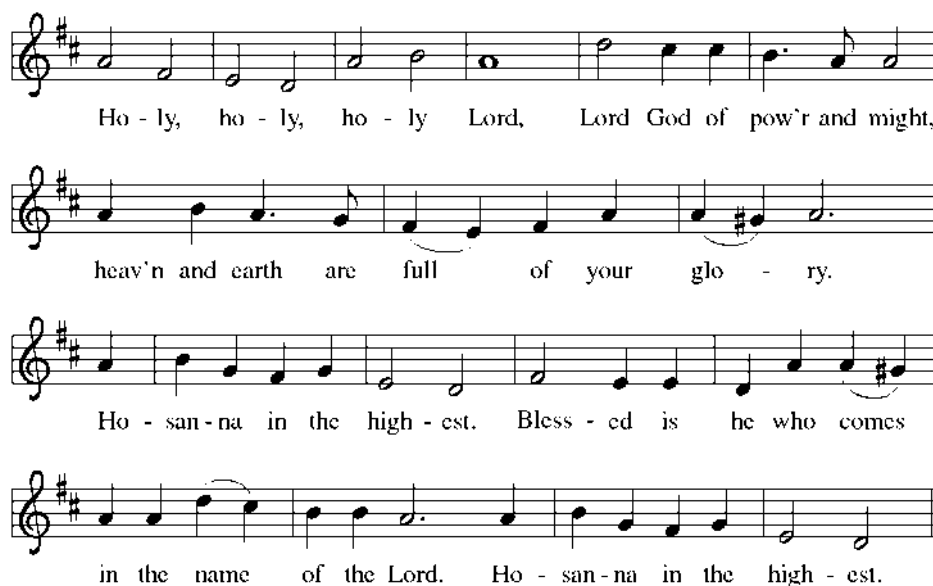
Let us pray together ...

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

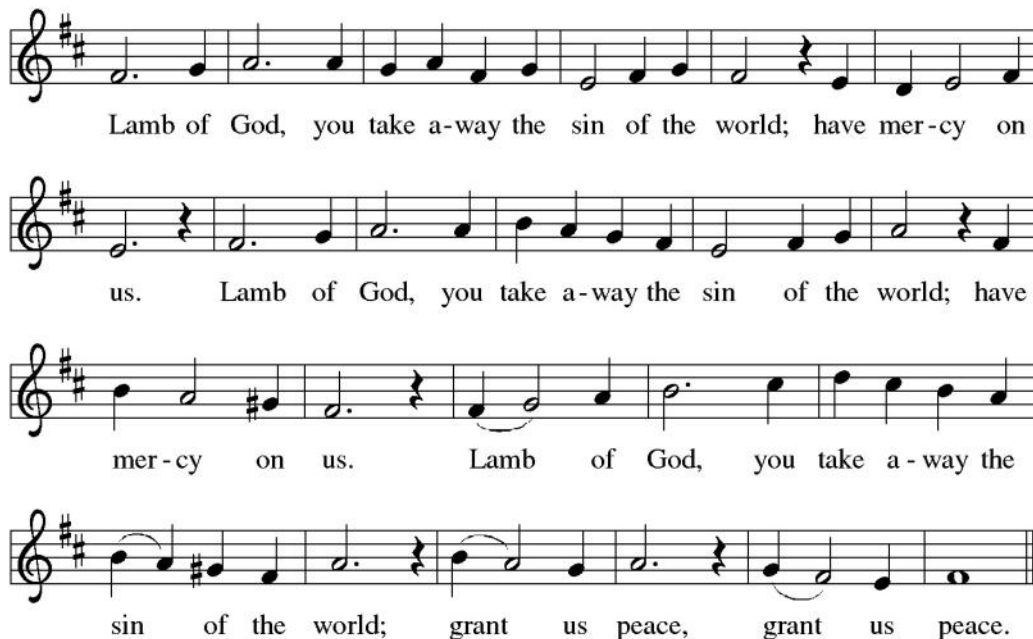
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION – All baptized children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together ...

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

LBW#500

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword, Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how.

Refrain

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word,
if they, like them, should die for thee, Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Setting 4 ELW

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Useful Information

<u>Serving 10/5/2025</u>	
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Monica Basinger
Lectors	Greta Elmore
Communion Assistants	Kristina Martin & Marcus Reynolds
Acolyte	Annalyn Kluttz
Security Team	Matt Sechler & Michael Miller
Sound System	Finn Basinger
Teller Team	Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell & Dan Roseman
Ushers	Duane & Laurie Nolan Travis & Sarah Nolan

<u>Serving 10/12/2025</u>	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Kristi Miller
Lectors	David Miller
Communion Assistant	Kristina Martin & Marcus Reynolds
Acolyte	Brody Linker
Security Team	David Linker & Mike Stout
Sound System	Jamey Basinger
Teller Team	Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell & Dan Roseman
Ushers	Duane & Laurie Nolan Travis & Sarah Nolan

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Earl & Ruth Lipe, by children Tony & Earlene Rivers and Wayne & Margaret Lipe.

RAFFLE BASKETS are needed for the Fish Fry. You can either donate a basket, donate money and we'll make the basket, or take a sticky off the board in the narthex, buy that item, place it in the box marked : Items for Fish Fry" and we'll make a basket. We need everything by Sunday, October 5 to give us time to get it all ready. See Teresa or Beth Yost if you have any questions.

QUILTS AVAILABLE for purchase. The quilters have placed a cabinet in the hall of the FLC with quilts inside. There is a suggested donation of \$100 per quilt. When you take a quilt please place the money in a brown envelope labeled "Quilters" and place in an offering plate or turn in at the church office.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	
Tues	Quilting	10:00am
Wed	Children's Choir PK-1st	6:00pm
	Children's Choir 2nd- 5th	6:30pm
	Chancel choir	7:00pm
Sat	Fish Fry	4- until

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Shirley Stiller, Derek Yost, Jerry Heilig

Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Joe Leazer (*Terri Brown*)

Comfort:

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Danny Benfield, Jesse Martin

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families

This Week's Giving 09/28/2025				Electronic Giving September 2025	
Category	Amount	Needed Weekly Per Spend- ing Plan	Difference	Fund	Amount
Attendance 142				Current	\$5,175.51
Current	\$ 4,995.00			Benevolence	\$135.00
Sunday School (Attendance 54)	\$ 36.00			Building Fund	\$140.00
Property Fund	\$ 50.00			Fish Fry	\$5.00
Director of Youth & Family Minis- tries	\$ 25.00			Lutheran Disaster Re-	\$5.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00			Kids of Grace	\$25.00
Benevolence	\$ 125.00			Youth of Grace	\$25.00
Total Current	\$ 5,281.00	\$ 7,815.00	\$ (2,534.00)	Organ Fund	\$110.00
				Scholarship	\$20.00
Barbara Miller Memorial	\$ 75.00			Total	\$5,640.51
Van Fund	\$ 25.00				
Paving	\$ 25.00				
Fish Fry	\$ 120.00				
Building Fund	\$ 100.00				
Total Offering	\$ 5,626.00				



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