

*The Apostles said
to the Lord,
"Increase our faith!"
-Luke 17:5*

First Lutheran Church

October 5, 2025

The 17th Sunday

after Pentecost

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Robert J. Powell

God Is Here!

GATHERING

(Please stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: **Amen.**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

BLESSING OF THE PETS

FIRST READING

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

R: A reading from Habakkuk, the first chapter.

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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

R: A reading from second Timothy, the first chapter.

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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the first phrase; G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the second phrase; G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the third phrase; G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the fourth phrase.

Cantor: The word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you. (1 Peter 1:25)

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



Glo - ry 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!'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

REFLECTION

REVEREND BILL SCHULTZ

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

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.**

(Please be seated)

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P: We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior,
to give thanks for women like the Biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands
to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.

**C: We thank you, Father,
for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using
their talent with needles and thread.**

P: To you, Merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who,
alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful
scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns
and hues.

**C: Lord, we ask your blessings
for these women as they create their labors of love.**

P: Lord, Source of all Comfort,
we express our gratitude for the caring women
who gather in members' homes and in church basements
and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."

**C: We thank you for the quilters and ask you to bind our hearts
in love for the people these quilts will comfort.**

P: Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God
and ask that you shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will
use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage,
and for sustaining live.

**C: Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out
to the world's people as these quilters have learned to do.**

P: Jesus, we ask that you continue to bless the work of the quilters,
the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief.

C: Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to you.

P: For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

L: O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

Alexander Schreiner

Lyric Interlude

(Please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

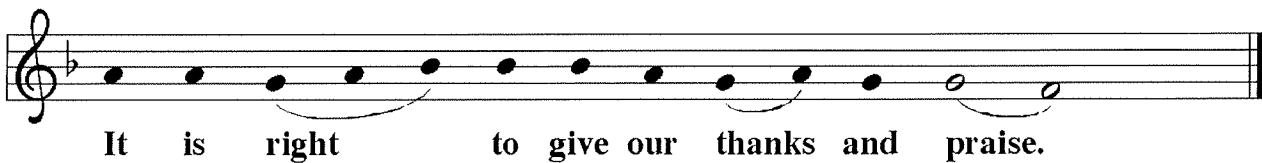
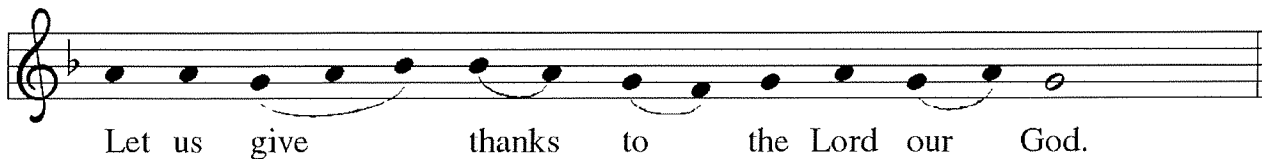
As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us.

Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially . . .

L: 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.

C: Amen.

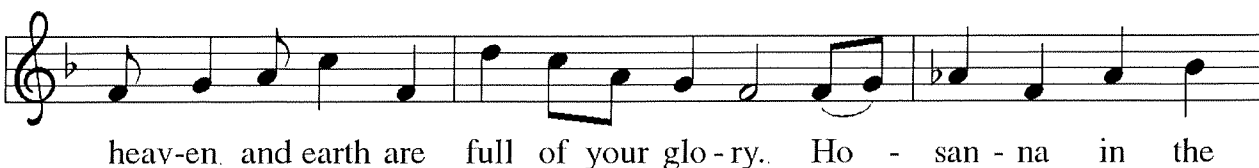
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



high - est.. Bless - ed. is he who comes in the name of the Lord.. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

Communion is distributed in two manners

† *You may commune in your pews.*

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

† *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

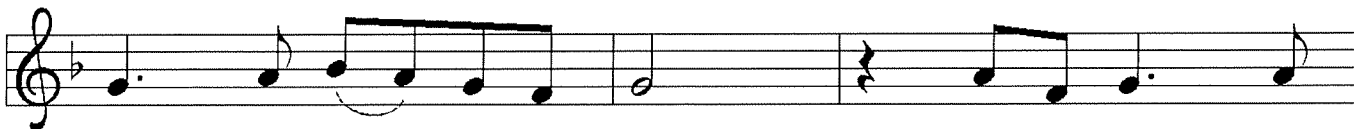
LAMB OF GOD



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

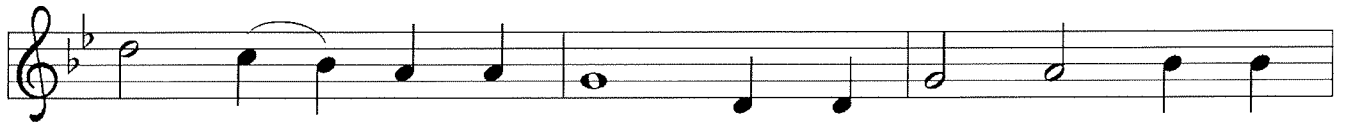


take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en



got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

(Please stand)

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness
you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry
and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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.



SENDING SONG

ELW # 545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.
P: Do not lose heart.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SICILIAN MARINERS Gordon Young
Lord, Dismiss Us with your Blessing

Events in Review



Sunday **Oct 5**
 10:00AM Church Service
 Blessing of the Pets
 Blessing of the Quilts

Monday **Oct 6**
 10:00AM Bible Study at Willows
 5:15PM Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday **Oct 7**

Wednesday **Oct 8**
 9:00 AM Piece Core Meeting

Thursday **Oct 9**

Friday **Oct 10**

Saturday **Oct 11**

Next Week

Sunday **Oct 12**

10:00AM Church Service

Monday **Oct 13**

10:00AM Bible Study at Willows

5:15PM Bell Choir Practice

Sharing Kitchen

Tuesday **Oct 14**

Wednesday **Oct 15**

5:30 PM Counsel Meeting

Thursday **Oct 16**

Sharing Kitchen

Friday **Oct 17**

Saturday **Oct 18**

If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Dates for our participation in the Sharing Kitchen are October 13th & 16th

There is a sign up sheet located on the lobby table if you would be willing to volunteer.

Lawn Mower for the Week



Rick Nominee

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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