

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 8:30 AM

## WELCOME



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.

- ✝ Preacher – The Reverend Bill Gaskill
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Brian Griswold
- ✝ Worship Leader – Earl Hem

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### CTW HYMN: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever --sing praise--sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
sing praise--sing praise--sing praise--sing praise

#### **Chorus**

From the rising to the setting Sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing, praise --sing praise--sing praise--sing praise

#### **Chorus**

### CHORUS

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us ----forever----forever

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## WORSHIP

### HYMN 1: Everything is in Your Hands

**CHORUS:** Everything is in Your Hands!  
Everything is in Your Hands!  
Everything is in Your Hands! O God!

1. My Past and my present and things yet to come.  
My days are in your hands, each and everyone.  
I know You can handle any challenge that I face.  
You promised you'd be there every step that I take. **(Chorus)**
2. There's nothing too big, that You aren't bigger.  
Remind us again Lord, that You are in control.  
We know You can handle any challenge that we face.  
You promised You'd be there every step that we take. **(Chorus)**



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## HYMN 2: Build My Life

- 1 - Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You
- 2 - Jesus the name a-bove ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

### CHORUS

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none be-side You, open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are and fill me  
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me

### BRIDGE

I will build my life upon your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in you a-lone  
And I will not be shaken

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**Prayer of the Day - 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.**

## GOD'S HOLY WORD

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

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?  
<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore, judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watch post 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. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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

- <sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD AND see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.



<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,

**but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke 17: 5 - 10; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> "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'? <sup>8</sup> 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'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> 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, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **SERMON – The Reverend Bill Gaskill**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, Our Savior, and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. Receive these gifts as a joyful act of worship and an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth. Use these gifts and us in your service. **Amen.**

#### **OFFERING HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Refrain**

**Refrain** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

† We recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

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

*A brief silence.*

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, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. (*Please name silently or out loud*). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

## THE LORDS PRAYER

### **CLOSING HYMN: Lord, Reign in Me**

Over all the earth You reign on high,  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
But my one request, Lord my only aim,  
Is that You'd reign in me again

#### **Refrain**

Over every thought, over every word,  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing,  
So won't You reign in me again.

#### **Refrain**

#### **Refrain:**

Lord reign in me, reign in Your power,  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again

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**Blessing:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

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