

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

October 5th, 2025 – 10 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. Rudy Schneider

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, you asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them, but then withdrew them for the work was too hard. You asked for my eyes to see the needs around me, but I closed them for I did not want to see. You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get to involved. Lord, forgive my efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so. Renew me and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. Live now as the forgiven child of God and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into all righteousness. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: ELW#863 – My God How Wonderful Thou Art

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

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So 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 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. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For 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. ⁴Look 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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

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

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The 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'? ⁸Would 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'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

¹⁰So 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

HYMN: ELW#796 – How Firm a Foundation

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.**

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

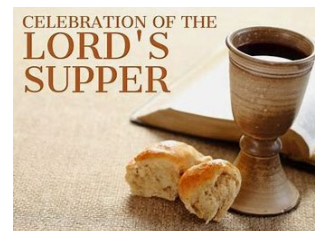
Lord Jesus, Our Savior, and Redeemer, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. Receive these gifts as a joyful act of worship and an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth. Use these gifts and us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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus the Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages, to save and to redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He fulfilled all your will. He stretched out his hands in suffering, to free from suffering those who trust in you. As he was born to die, you raised him from death to life, so that we too would know that we shall be raised from death to life.

We therefore remember; On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and after breaking it and giving thanks to you, said, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this often for the remembrance of me."



And in the same way, 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 often, for the remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. And unto that time, we come before you praying;

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 – Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Stir My Spirit	Lord, You are More Precious
Stir my spirit, O Lord, I pray Tune my ear that I might hear Your word. Take pleasure in, be glorified by every step I take, Build my life a temple for You, Lord. By Darrell Dement c. 1986 ZionSong Music, CCLI license #22085334	Lord, you are more precious than silver, Lord, you are more costly than gold, Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, And nothing I desire compares with you, And nothing I desire compares with you. © 1982 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI License # 22085334

Closing Prayer - 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.**

CLOSING HYMN: ELW#812 – Faith of Our Fathers

Song of Blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day,
As you trust God and walk in God's way.
May God's presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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Dismissal: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

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