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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry), OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates: please stand, either in body or in spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Opening Hymn:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759
vv. 1-3

**1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!**

**2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**

**3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.**

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***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.

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.***

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain.***

***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 WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

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 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.

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 faith.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9

Read Responsively

¹Do 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.**

³Put 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.**

⁵Commit 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.**

⁷Be 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.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life
that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I 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. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I 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. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and 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 what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
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.

⁷Who 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!'"

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Val Rahrs

Sermon:

Pastor Brett

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

Hymn of the Day:

“We Walk by Faith”

**ELW #635
vv. 1,3&5**

**1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:**

**5. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

***Profession of Faith: The 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 the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

God of grace...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

....through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Evidence of Grace”

Choir

***Offering Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...Gracious God,
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet
of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ,
who sets a table for all. Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy.....**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

The 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

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ‡ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School during the singing of the closing hymn.)

***Sending Hymn:**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**ELW #545
vv. 1,4&6**

- 1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.**

- 2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**

- 3. Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Vander Berg Family** (COVID), **Joyce** (severe swelling in feet—Susan Martin’s cousin), **Katie & Trea Hess** (car accident—Angela Bonow’s kids & Jim & Andi Dorn’s grandkids), **Mel & LuVerne Knoedler** (COVID), **Mary Jane Brown** (stroke—Deb Brown’s mother-in-law), **Doug Leafgreen** (healing from surgery), **Kathy Johnson** (COVID), **LaDonna Schmidt** (cancer), **Jean Collins** (COVID), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero’s father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin’s mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson’s cousin’s husband).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Gloria Gorr**.

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady’s son-in-law).



Macy Schlothauer, 10/3; Katie Newton, 10/3; Becky Martin, 10/3;
Jennifer Sibal, 10/4; Emma Foote, 10/4; Linda Lojka, 10/5;
George Schlothauer, 10/6; Leah Nikont, 10/7; Gail Koenig, 10/8;
Kurt Nikont, 10/9; Janet Miller, 10/9; Willard Rusch, 10/9

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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OCTOBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Veggies

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT:

Habitat for Humanity

A community organization seeking to put God's love into action, by bringing people together to build homes and hope. Provides decent and affordable housing to those in need by instilling Habitat homeowners with strength and perseverance to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**
Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts.
every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

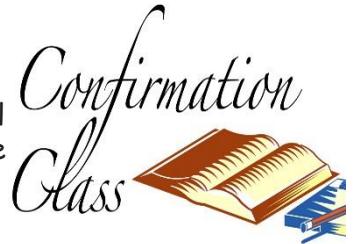


JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (sloppy joes/chips/pickles/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

Confirmation Classes

Classes will convene each Wednesday evening from 6—7 p.m. beginning October 5th. Dinner will be provided. Our first evening together (October 5) I do ask that parents attend as well so that I can share a bit about how the year will work and how the parents can support their students through the process. For more info please see the October newsletter. For any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Brett.



The 2022 CROP Walk will be on TODAY, October 2nd @ 2 p.m. starting at the parking lot on the Pathway at the back of the zoo. Jack Martin will be available after worship to collect any donations, to sign you up as a walker, or help you become a sponsor. If the weather is wet and miserable that day, the walk will be canceled, and walkers will be asked to walk another day or to go out to the mall and do a few laps inside.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – October 2

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: DaKota Newsom & Rhyan
Buckley

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – October 9

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Jack Martin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown &
Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Brynlee Payne & Michaela Hess

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Joan Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 2

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

2 p.m. – CROP Walk

Monday, October 3

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Beth
Janecek's Home

Tuesday, October 4

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, October 5

12 p.m. – OWLS Luncheon

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, October 8

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, October 9

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

11:30-2 p.m. – EPIC @ Lingle Corn
Maze

OCTOBER 2, 2022
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



The righteous live by faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
Monday	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	The righteous live by faith
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Wednesday	Romans 1:16-17	The power of the gospel
Thursday	Galatians 3:10-14	Faith is the only way
Friday	Hebrews 10:32-39	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-9	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. Habakkuk 2:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us the confidence to trust in your justice and loving presence now and always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of our future, we thank you for this food that gives us the strength we need to serve others in love as we place our trust in you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 1:13)



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OCTOBER 2, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
O Holy Spirit, Enter In



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What have you seen, read, or heard about that seems unfair and unjust?
- When something bad happens, where do you feel God is in that moment?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4.

The prophet, Habakkuk is complaining and wondering: why do the wicked prosper? This is an age-old question. Life is just not fair. Violence and destruction continue and the righteous look doomed. God's answer is "the righteous live by their faith" (Habakkuk 2:4b). This text is also quoted in Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38. These few words hit an important chord for New Testament faith. Faith in God involves the "long game," not routine experiences of victory after victory. History is full of moments where God's law and justice are overshadowed by the din of evil. God's answer to Habakkuk is now our answer received through faith in Christ. Hang in there with faith in God. God's way will win the day, even if it doesn't appear so now. The apostles in Luke 17:5 say to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" It's not about the quantity of faith we have. It's about the qualities of the God in whom we place our trust.

Discuss: When life seems unfair, how do you rely on your faith in God?

Pray: God of the ages, when our confidence is low, when we see wickedness, remind us again and again that in Christ we can rely on your faithfulness now and always. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support someone who feels they have been treated unfairly?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus told a parable about the Kingdom of God by comparing faith to a small mustard seed (Luke 17:5-10). Cut an apple in half and count the seeds. Talk about what would happen if each seed became a tree and produced countless apples. Now compare your faith to a seed and name the ways you can bear fruit for the kingdom of God. Conclude by praying Lord God, help us to trust in you and bear fruit that gives glory to you and serves the work of your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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