

Sunday Worship Service – October 5, 2025
17th Sunday after Pentecost
***With One Voice – Holy Communion – Bread of Life, Setting 5* (p.28-41)**
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Words of Welcome by Pastor

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Statement

Prayer of Confession ¹

*Creator God, we confess our compassion to you,
 and ask only that you increase it.
 Let our intimate knowledge of weeping
 expand into concern and caring for a world
 so often wracked with tragedy.
 Let us not worry that we have to fix it all.
 Let us rather be encouraged, in compassion,
 to do the things we know we ought to do.
 In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Know that sincere faith – even faith the size of a tiny seed –
 can work wonders in all of us.
 Embrace the compassion and the promise of life
 that is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WOV #771 Gathering Hymn “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” (v.1&2)

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: **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.**

3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;**

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**strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

p.28 **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.**

p.28 **Kyrie**

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

p.29 **Hymn of Praise “Glory to God”**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth,**

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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.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

God, how long will I call for help and you not listen? I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you don't deliver us. Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish so that devastation and violence are before me? There is strife, and conflict abounds. The Instruction is ineffective. Justice does not endure because the wicked surround the righteous. Justice becomes warped.

I will take my post; I will position myself on the fortress. I will keep watch to see what the Lord says to me and how he will respond to my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said, "Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet so that a runner can read it. There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late. Some people's desires are truly audacious; they don't do the right thing. But the righteous person will live honestly.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

To Timothy, my dear child.

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

I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my

hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

So don't be ashamed of the testimony about God or of me, God's prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on God's own purpose and grace that God gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. Now God's grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. Jesus destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what God has placed in my trust until that day. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

p.31 **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Jesus 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.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.' "

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

WOV #675 Hymn of the Day ***"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"***

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."
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
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:
4. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

p.33 **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 and 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*

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all creation. Prayer petitions will end with "God of grace" and the
congregation is invited to respond by saying: **"receive our prayer."**

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 (*especially*).

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 (*especially*). 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.**

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

Sharing of the Peace

p.35 Offertory

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

p.35 Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

p.36 **Great Thanksgiving**

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

p.36 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

p.37 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out
to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, Jesus took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this holy communion
we may know the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

p.39 **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Communion *(for online worshippers)*

Communion Distribution

Commune assistants, then assistant communes pastor.

p.39 **Lamb of God**

**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 peace, grant us peace.**

WOV #710 Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.**

Refrain

2. **Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.**

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

Refrain

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace
from now to life everlasting.

p.40 **Post Communion Canticle**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

p.41 **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament
of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us,
that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing²

Go now, relying on the power of God.
Guard the good treasure God has entrusted to you
and hold firm to the teaching of the apostles.
Remember one another in your prayers
and continue to offer yourselves for the gospel.

And may God give you grace, mercy and peace;
May Christ Jesus lead you into life and faith;
And may the Holy Spirit live within you
and rekindle good gifts within you.

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WOV #725 Sending Hymn “*Blessed Be the God of Israel*”

1. **Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David’s tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

2. **With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

3. **My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God’s people they are saved from sin’s eternal sway.
Then shall God’s mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

Sending

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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