

# **ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

October 5, 2025  
The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
In-Gathering Sunday



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.

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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### Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

### \*Confession & Forgiveness

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

### C. Amen.

P. 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

P. 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.*

P. Most merciful God,

**C. 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.**

**C. Amen**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**\*Gathering Hymn      God Is Here      WOV 719**

**\*Apostolic 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.**

P. Let us pray:

**\*Prayer of the day (Celebrate)**

**Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

As we dedicate these beautiful quilts, and all that the people of this congregation do to benefit and comfort our neighbors, we pray to our Father in Heaven. Merciful and loving Father,

**C: You have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.**

We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

**C: Father, we pray for more.**

We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources - our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

**C: We pray yet for more, Father.**

We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in our cultural climate of top-down greed, entitlement, and insatiable desire.

**C: Father, for much more we pray.**

We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and we pray for gratefulness and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

**C: For still more, generous Father, we pray.**

We pray for lifestyles of justice, mercy, mindfulness, and compassion; living more simply, being advocates for the poor and oppressed, supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Habitat for Humanity, and Domestic Violence Intervention, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Noon and Evening Free Meals, and Warmth for Winter.

**C: Father, we pray for more.**

We pray for confident hope in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that raising our voices for awareness and support, and each offering of money, quilts, pillows, blankets, food, and other material resources makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

**C: For one more thing, Father, we pray.**

We pray you would bless those who labor on behalf of the least of Jesus' family through all the work of our medical professionals, Lutheran World Relief. We pray for our local partner the Lebanon County Christian Ministry, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, and our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others.

May these workers in your kingdom feel your presence and you and our love.

**C:** All this we pray, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus, as your Holy Spirit continually encourages us to approach your throne of grace with confidence and ask boldly for the needs of others and ourselves.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching & song*

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**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

**L.** The word of the Lord.

**C.** Thanks be to God

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 37:1-9**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

**L.** The word of the Lord.

**C.** Thanks be to God.

**P.** The Holy gospel according to St. Luke 17:5-10

**C.** Glory to you, O God.

*The reading of the Holy Gospel*

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Angela Hammer

**Hymn of the Day**

**How Firm A Foundation**

**LBW 507**

## \* Apostles' Creed

P. United by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith

C. 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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

### \*Sharing of Peace

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

## The Offering

### \*Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### **\*Communion Prayer**

P. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

### **MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you:

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts:

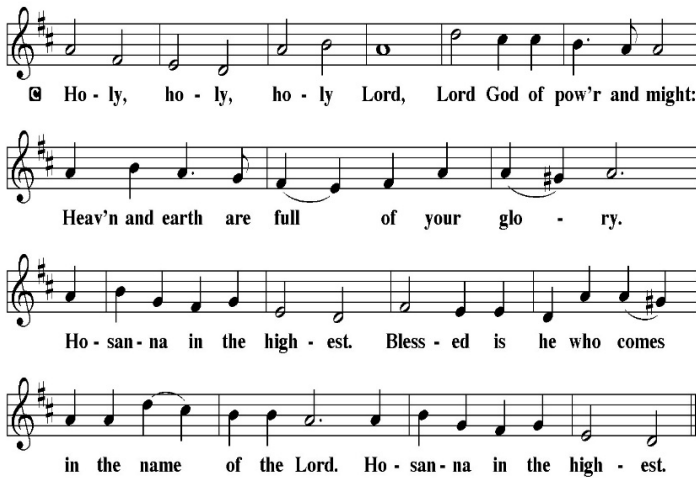
**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*Preface for Pentecost**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### \*Eucharistic Prayer

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, 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.

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

P. God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**C. 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**

P. All is ready. Come to the table. Christ promises to meet us here.

**\*Lamb of God**



**Communion Music   Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup   WOV 706**

**\*Communion Blessing**

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

C. Amen.

**\*Prayer After Communion**

P. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C. Amen

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**SENDING**

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*God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news*

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**\*Blessing**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.

C. Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn   Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing   LBW 259**

**\*Dismissal**

P. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C. Thanks be to God

**Postlude**

## Worship Leaders

The Ministers:	The St. Luke Community
The Pastor:	The Rev. Angela Hammer
Music	Dave Dysher
Lector	Elaine Matternas
Worship Assistant:	Karen Stump

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