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**October 2, 2022- THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**10:30 AM – Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10  
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**Prelude -**

**Welcome - Announcements**

**Introduction to Worship**

*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.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Stand if you are able)*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*(Silence for reflection)*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #526 - " God is Here" vs. 1 & 2**

**Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138**

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.**

Kyrie . . . . . ELW Page 203

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray . . 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.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

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

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

L: The First Lesson is a reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Habakkuk.

L: The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

L: The Word of the Lord.      **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates  
the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

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

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

L: The Second Lesson is a reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy.

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

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Do 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, who 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, but 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. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and 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. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205**

## **The Holy Gospel - Luke 17:5-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 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'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 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!'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

## **Children's Message**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day – ELW #526 - "God is Here" vs. 3 & 4**

## **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 power of 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 and Intercessions:**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (especially): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (especially). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

### **Offertory Song - ELW 884**

### **Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving ( page 206)**

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 (spoken by Pastor)**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 207**

### **Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

### **Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)**

**“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 208**

**Hymn during Distribution- ELW# 635 - “We Walk By Faith”**

### **Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)**

### **Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song: ELW#535 - "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"**

### **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude:

### Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Leo Grzelkowski
Altar Guild	- Barba Naska and Serena Ashmore
Lector	- Cathy Mueller
Greeters	- TBD
Communion Usher	- TBD
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- TODAY, Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>- 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- Next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>- 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Adult Bible study meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty.
- OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS- OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> – Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr, Scott Lehr and Jeremy Roney; OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>- Justin Apgar; OCTOBER 5th - David Deal, Connor Aquino and Silas Rodenbach (91); OCTOBER 6th- Virginia Hager; OCTOBER 7th - Lois Altemose
- OCTOBER BAPTISMS- OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>- Barbara Naska; OCTOBER 4th- Alison and Emerson Rhine; OCTOBER 6th - Joan Mammana
- Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for World Hunger.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bethany Naska; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Aiden Benoure; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson;; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For the grieving:** Mary Ellen Jonczyk