

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 5, 2025**

Service Music: Setting 8  
Proper 22 / Lectionary 27, Year C



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.

# WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**C: We come to worship God!**

P: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**C: We come to worship God!**

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**C: We come to worship God!**

P: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

**C: O God, our creator and sustainer, we are yours and we worship you!**

# PROCESSIONAL

## ***Congregational Refrain***



### **Leader:**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing,  
and glory are his.

## ***Congregational Refrain***

### **Leader:**

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.

## ***Congregational Refrain***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Children are dismissed for Children's Church.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

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

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup> 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.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 37:1-9** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

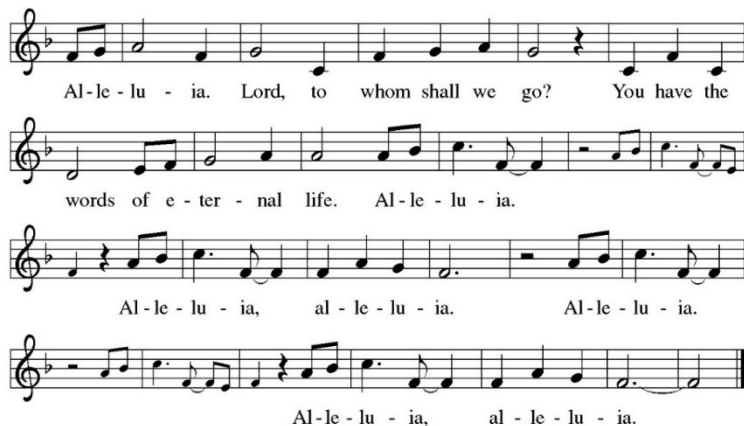
<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who

succeeds in evil schemes.<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

**<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.**

*The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## **GOSPEL**

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

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

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> "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'? <sup>8</sup> 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'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for

doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

## **SERMON**

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 574 *Here I Am, Lord*



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## PEACE



P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Greet one another by shaking hands with a word of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A: 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, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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. We pray for the people of **Sudan and Gaza** who are starving to death. Bring them aid through your ministers. Make peace in places of conflict, especially **Ukraine, Iran, and the Holy Land**. We pray for the safety of first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony, Eli, Nathan, and Tyler**. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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 **Amanda, Barry, Bert, Bev, Carol, Donna, Drew, Ed, Emmett, Frieda, Hattie, Jason, Jenn, Joe, Joseph, Karen & Ed, Konnor, LaVonne, Lynn, Maggie, Mark, Michelle, Phil, Ruthann, Sandy, Sherry, Stan, Tami, Ted, and Wally**. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for the families of the victims of gun violence last week in Michigan. Give us and those in authority the will to do whatever it takes to affect change, especially for our children. Bring the solution to this plight in all its various forms closer to us today.  
God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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. May we learn what it truly means to revere you in all parts of our lives. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially **William, Henry, and Massie**, whom we \*commemorate this week. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

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

\*See announcement for commemorations.

**Stewardship Reading: II Corinthians 8:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup> for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup> For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, <sup>5</sup> and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup> so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. <sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

P: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING** *your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed.*  
*We thank all who support God’s ministry here and in the world.*

**Offering Special Music**

Noa Hewlett..... vocals

***My Lord, What a Morning***  
Arr. By Mark Hayes

*Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: ELW 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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 the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## 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.**

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: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he wept over the city, he endured the cross.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

P: O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

P: O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

P: O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P: O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



## COMMUNION HYMNS

### HYMN ELW 608 *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## **HYMN ELW 616 *Jesus Remember Me* (sing 3 times)**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation for the hymn. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated. The system ends with a double bar line.

*The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: 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. **C: Amen**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **TEMPLE TALK**

Narrative Budget Presentation

*Finance Committee*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING BLESSING**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN ELW 545 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing***

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

## **AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION**

**P:** Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ in gratitude to God and service to others, all the days of your life?

**C:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **C:** Thanks be to God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance last week:**

Saturday	26	
Sunday	72	YouTube 5

**Birthdays this week:**

10/6 Bill Martin      10/10 Connie Jacob

**Anniversaries this week:**

10/5 Steve & Lindsay Miller

**The flowers today are given by Audrey Lovell in honor of her husband, Charlie.**

**10/27 – Blood Drive****Today – Rally Day!**

**11/1 Habitat for Humanity Work Day**– Grace Lutheran in Davenport has committed to helping with a Habitat work day on November 1st. There is a morning shift and an afternoon shift, and lunch will be provided on-site. There are many different ways to participate. No skills necessary.

**Altar Guild**—The Altar Guild is looking for more members to join their team! If you're interested in joining the Altar Guild, contact the church office at (563)355-4161; [stjamesbett@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesbett@gmail.com).

**We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town!**

**Youtube Link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqnGF4g\\_QWtn\\_I2SqL5Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqnGF4g_QWtn_I2SqL5Q)

**COMMEMORATIONS**

**William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536**

**Monday, October 6, 2025**

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

**Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

**Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)**

**Friday, October 10, 2025**

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

**Worship Assistants**

**October 5**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Acolytes  
Organist:  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Counters

**9:00 AM Worship**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Angie Schmidt  
Velvet Collison  
Maddy Beck  
Judy Larson & Fritz Voss  
Marilyn Pieart & Dee Worley  
Ann Larson

## Prayers for Healing and Support

### Congregational Members

**Ed** Arp, **Lynn** Chamberlain, **Bev** Chappen, **Sherry** Germanio, **Sandy** Henry, **Frieda** Houldsworth, **Bert** Leder, **LaVonne** Mienke, **Mark** Peters

### Family and Friends

**Amanda** (friend of Melissa), **Barry** (cousin of Ellen Hogbin), **Carol** (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), **Donna** (Ed Arp's sister), **Drew** (Pat Larson's friend), **Emmett** (friend of Diana Worley), **Hattie** (Frieda's sister), **Jason** (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son), **Jenn** (family of Bryce/Kim & Gary/Eunice), **Joe** (Janene's son), **Joseph** (friend of Bryce & Kim), **Karen and Ed** (Shirley's Aunt and Uncle),

**Konnor** (Bert Leder's grandson), **Mark** (friend of Jason Forari), **Michelle** (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), **Phil** (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), **Ruthann** (Justina's mom), **Stan** (relative of Fritz Voss), **Tami** (family of Maggie Bayliss), **Ted** (Ellen Hogbin's father-in-law), **Wally** (Frieda's nephew)

### Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

**Anthony** Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)  
CPT **Eli** Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)  
**Nathan** Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)  
**Tyler**, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

*If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.*

# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9AM Worship  Rally Day!	6	7 6PM Christian Ed. Mtg.	8 1:30PM Finance Mtg.  5:30-6:30 Choir Practice	9 9-11AM Food Pantry  11AM Service at BHCC	10	11 5PM Saturday Service
12 9AM Worship  10AM Stakeholder s Mtg.	13  <i>Columbus Day</i>	14	15 6-8PM Food Pantry  6PM Confirmation n Class	16 9-11AM Food Pantry  11:30 GANG  2PM Bingo @ BETT Health Care Center	17	18 5PM Saturday Service
19 9AM Worship  10AM Open Church Council Mtg.	20	21 1PM Sarah Circle	22 6-8PM Food Pantry	23 9-11AM Food Pantry  11AM Service at BHCC	24	25 5PM Saturday Service
26 9AM Worship	27 Blood Drive 2:30- 5:30PM	28 12-4PM Quilting	29 6-8PM Food Pantry  6PM Confirmation n Class	30 9-11AM Food Pantry	31  <i>Halloween</i>	11/1 5PM Saturday Service