

# Welcome to Worship

October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Today's altar flowers are given by Suzanne Vaughan in celebration of the birthdays of her daughters Amanda and Ellen.

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

## Gathering

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

**Merciful and loving God,  
we are your stiff-necked people.  
We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others.  
We turn away from the poor.  
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

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**Give Me Jesus**

**Greeting**

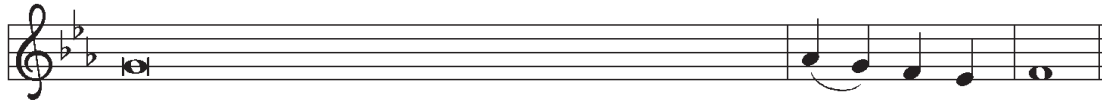
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



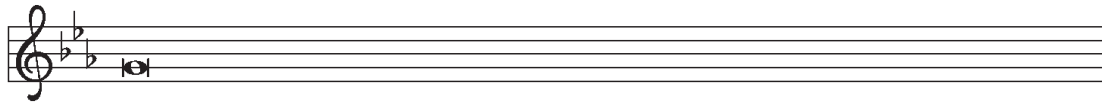
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



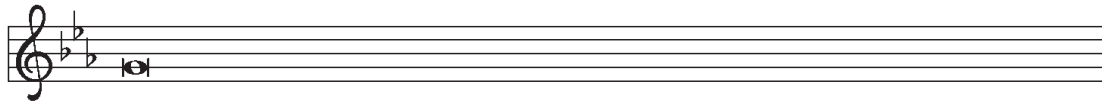
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together.

**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.**

## Word

### First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*Please be seated.*

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 judgment comes forth perverted.

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.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For 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.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Psalm 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**Take delight in the Lord,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,

and see what God will do.

**The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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, in 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, and 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 Jesus Christ, 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 the deposit 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 deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

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 plowing 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!' "

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

## Sermon

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as you are able.*

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My Life Flows On in Endless Song

## 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 Intercession

God of grace, receive our prayer.

*Please be seated.*

## Sharing of Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

## Meal

### 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.**

## Preface

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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Lord's Prayer

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

### Invitation to Communion

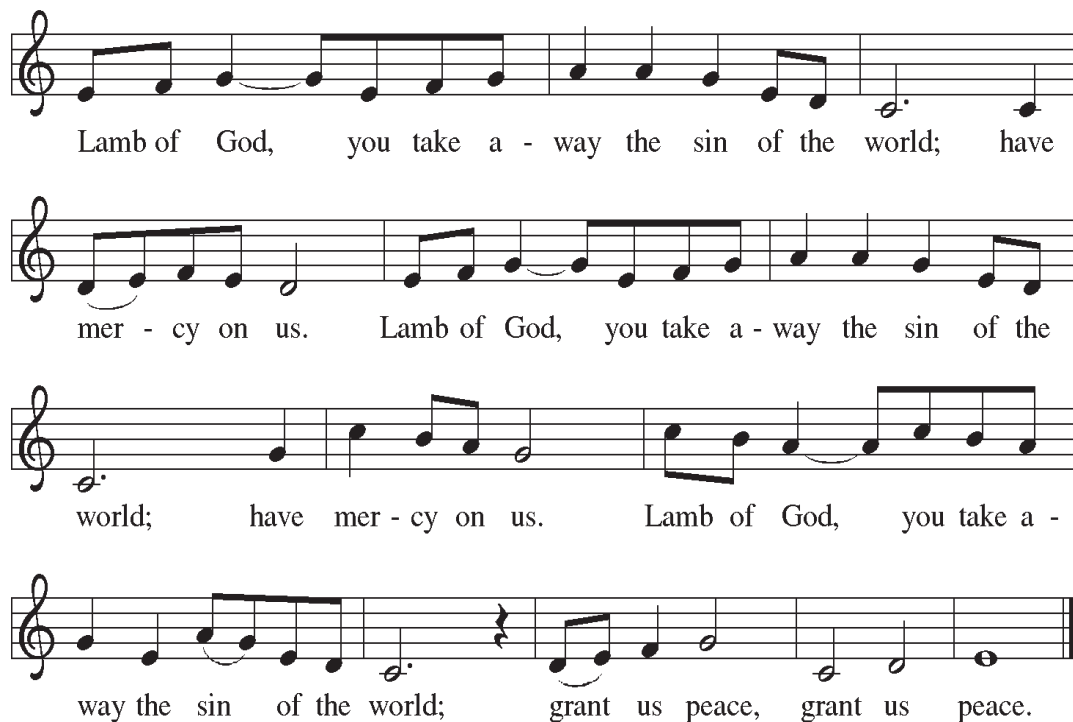
Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins

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.

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
 Come to this meal of mercy.

### Communion

*Please be seated.*



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.

## Hymns during Communion

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Lead Me, Guide Me  
Faith of Our Fathers

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.  
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. **Amen.**

## Sending & Blessing

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. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**