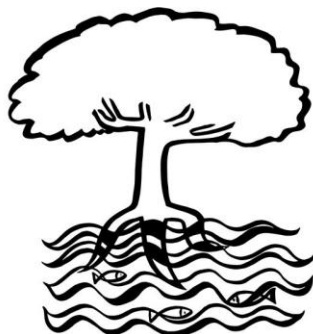




**St. John's of Hatboro**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith - Service - Community



## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

*The Good News for Today: God gives us faith to do great things – even simple acts of service for others.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us at St. John's, where we are building a loving, accepting community centered on growing in Christ, and giving people a place to belong at any stage of their journey with God.*

*Please fill out your yellow attendance card and place it in the offering plate when we collect the offering later in the service.*

### Gathering Music

**Prelude: 10,000 Reasons – (Redman)**

*Performed by St. John's Traditional Choir*

**STAND**

**Hymn: God Is Here! – ELW 526 (Red Book)**

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| <p>1 God is here! As we your people<br/>meet to offer praise and prayer,<br/>may we find in fuller measure<br/>what it is in Christ we share.<br/>Here, as in the world around us,<br/>all our varied skills and arts<br/>wait the coming of the Spirit<br/>into open minds and hearts.</p> <p>2 Here are symbols to remind us<br/>of our lifelong need of grace;<br/>here are table, font, and pulpit;<br/>here the cross has central place.<br/>Here in honesty of preaching,<br/>here in silence, as in speech,<br/>here, in newness and renewal,<br/>God the Spirit comes to each.</p> | <p>3 Here our children find a welcome<br/>in the Shepherd's flock and fold;<br/>here as bread and wine are taken,<br/>Christ sustains us as of old.<br/>Here the servants of the Servant<br/>seek in worship to explore<br/>what it means in daily living<br/>to believe and to adore.</p> <p>4 Lord of all, of church and<br/>kingdom,<br/>in an age of change and doubt,<br/>keep us faithful to the gospel;<br/>help us work your purpose out.<br/>Here, in this day's dedication,<br/>all we have to give, receive;<br/>we, who cannot live without you,<br/>we adore you! We believe!</p> |
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# Confession and Forgiveness

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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

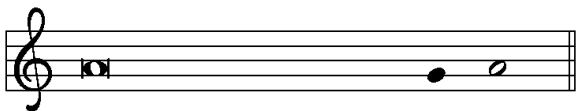
# Welcome & Greeting

Welcome to St. John's, where we are building a loving, accepting community centered on growing in Christ, and giving people a place to belong at any stage of their journey with God.

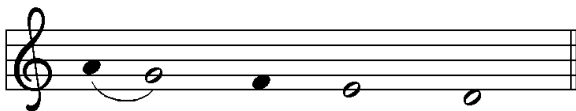
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



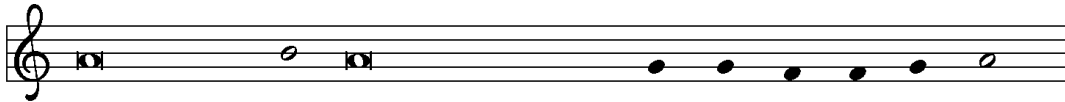
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister

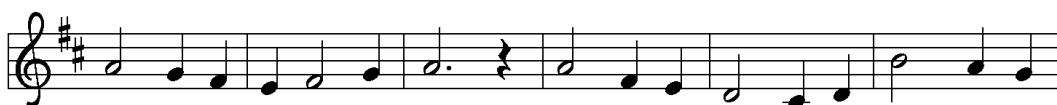


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



## Prayer of the Day

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.**

*SIT*

## The Readings

### Lamentations 1:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> How lonely sits the city  
that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become subject to forced labor.
- <sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers,  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;  
they have become her enemies.
- <sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations;  
she finds no resting place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.
- <sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate;

her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.

<sup>5</sup> Her foes have become the masters;  
her enemies prosper  
because the Lord has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.

<sup>6</sup> From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Lamentations 3:19-27 (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

<sup>20</sup> **My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.**

<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end;**

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> **"You are all that I have," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in you, O Lord."**

<sup>25</sup> You are good to those who wait for you,  
to all that search for you.

<sup>26</sup> **It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life  
that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

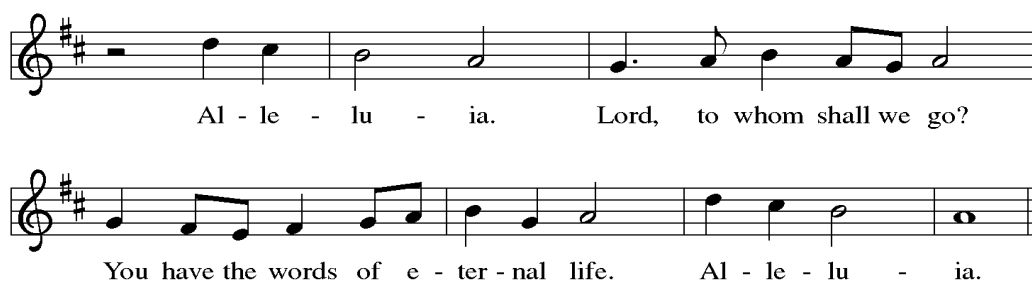
<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> 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.**

*STAND*

## Gospel Acclamation:



## Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter:

**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.

7 “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’? 8 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’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 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!’ ”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*SIT*

**Sermon – “New Every Mourning” – Pastor Bo Bannister**

*STAND*

**Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness – ELW 733 (Red Book)**

- 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!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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## **The Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**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

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

*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. 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. 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.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

*SIT*

## Announcements

*Printed copies of our weekly announcements are available at the usher's stand in the Narthex, and monthly newsletters are on the Hospitality Table. Please include your email address on your yellow attendance card to receive announcements electronically.*

## Recognition of New Members

*Ericka Gradwell*

*Robin Morris*

*Cathy Tiziana*

*Andrea Trout*

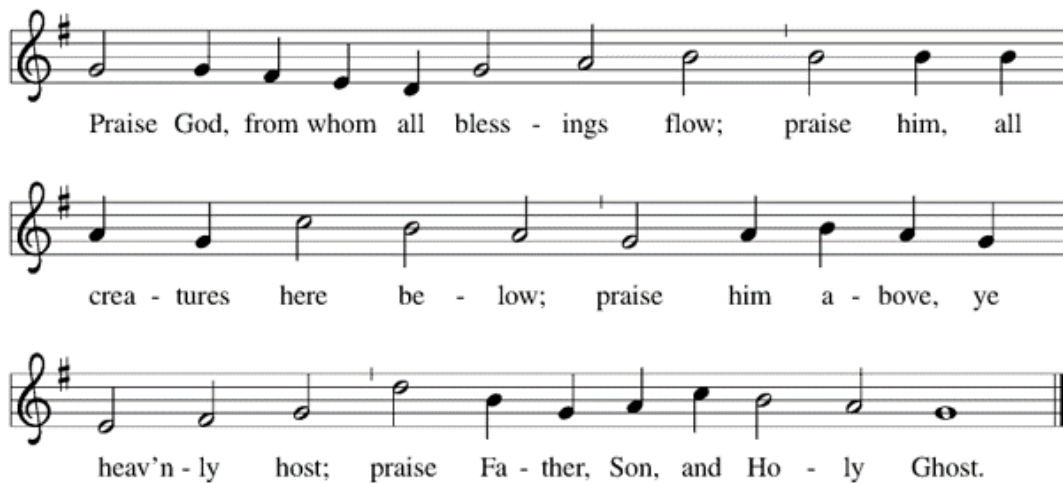
*DorisAnn Wachsmuth*

## Children's Message

## Offering

*STAND*

**Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**  
(ELW 885 / Red Book)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Offering Prayer

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.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

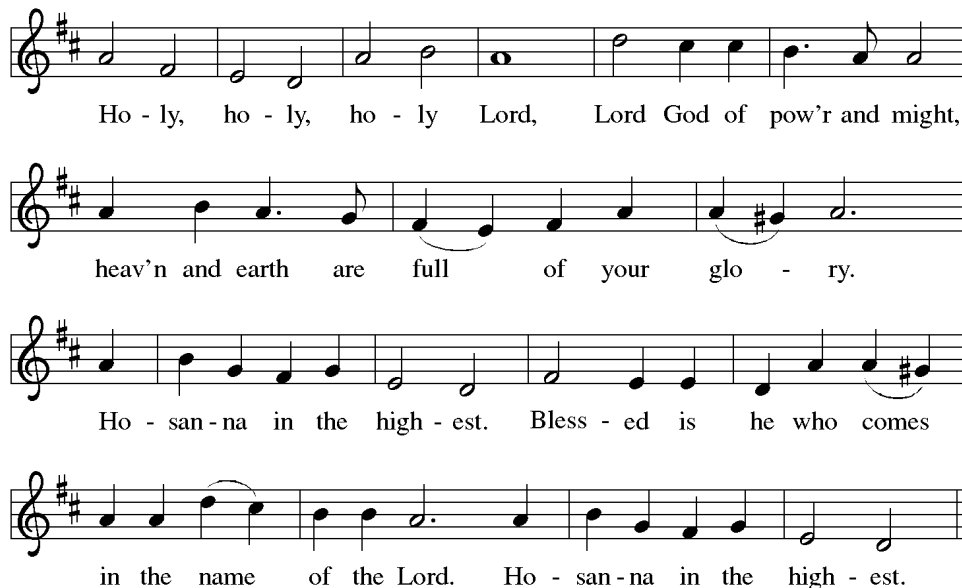
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



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

## Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be lauded as Lord of all. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that all might be set free. Through Christ you inspire in us the hope that forces of darkness will be scattered, and that you are making all things new.

Just as prophets long before Christ spoke of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we reenact your Word of Love dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May the fire of your love animate our flesh. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*SIT*

## Invitation to Communion

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

## Distribution of the Elements

## 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.

*STAND*

## Post-Communion Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you keep you in his Grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

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.**

## 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.**

## Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing – ELW 545 (Red Book)

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

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