

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

**O give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good,  
for his steadfast love  
endures forever.**

**Psalm 136:1**



*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.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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***“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”***

(Luke 10:2)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the side of Katie Luther Chapel. There are coloring activities, puzzles, and books to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# We Gather

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

ELW Hymn #520

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

### APOSTOLIC 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.**

### KYRIE

ELW pp. 184-185

*The assembly joins with the refrain and the Minister sings the verses.*

### 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.**

## We Hear & Respond to God’s Word

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### FIRST READING

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

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

### SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Cantor sings the verse. The assembly joins with the refrain:*





## GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn #796

"How Firm a Foundation"

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER

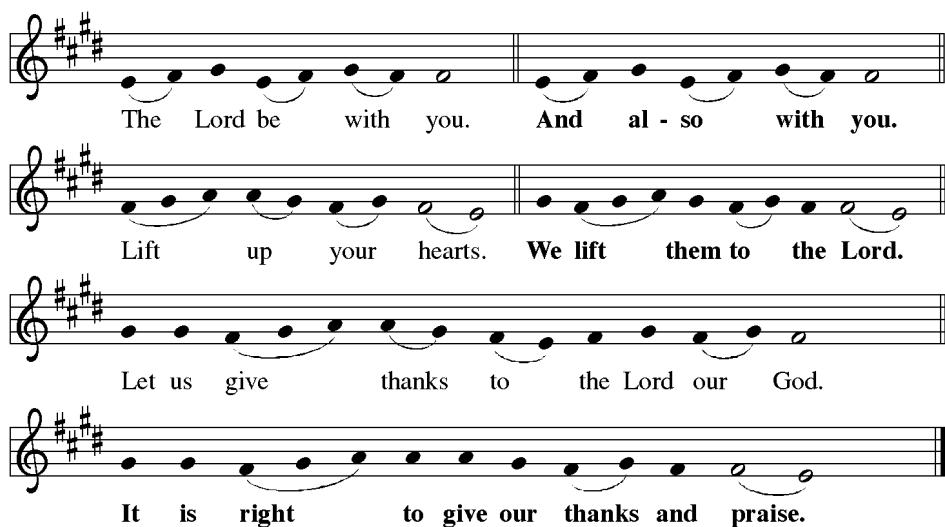
ELW Hymn #679

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Let us pray together...**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.**

# We Feast at the Lord's Table

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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...

## SANCTUS ("HOLY, HOLY")

ELW Hymn #525

"You Are Holy"

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

## SHARING THE MEAL

“Here Is Bread”

ELW Hymn #483

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW Hymn #596

## We Are Sent into the World

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### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together... **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 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. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn #538

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.

Go in peace. You are strengthened to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

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# Today's Readings

Sunday, October 5, 2025  
17th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## First Reading

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

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.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

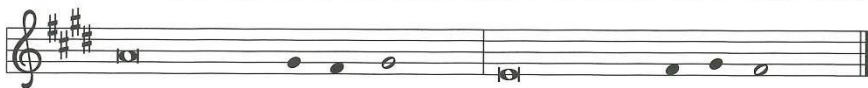
<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the  
appointed time;

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.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

## Psalm

**Psalm 37:1-9; tone 5**



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

<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither  
<sup>1</sup> like the grass,  
and like the green grass <sup>1</sup> fade away.

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD  
<sup>1</sup> and do good;  
dwell in the land  
and <sup>1</sup> find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Take delight <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
who shall give you  
your <sup>1</sup> heart's desire.

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD;  
put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
and see what <sup>1</sup> God will do.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD will make your vindication as  
clear <sup>1</sup> as the light  
and the justice of your case  
like the <sup>1</sup> noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD  
and wait <sup>1</sup> patiently.  
Do not be provoked  
by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds  
in <sup>1</sup> evil schemes.

*continued*

<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave <sup>1</sup>rage alone;  
do not be provoked;  
it leads on- <sup>1</sup>ly to evil.

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall <sup>1</sup>be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD  
shall pos- <sup>1</sup>sess 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,

<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, relying on 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. 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 Christ Jesus, 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 what 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 treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## Gospel

## Luke 17:5-10

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 worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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