

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

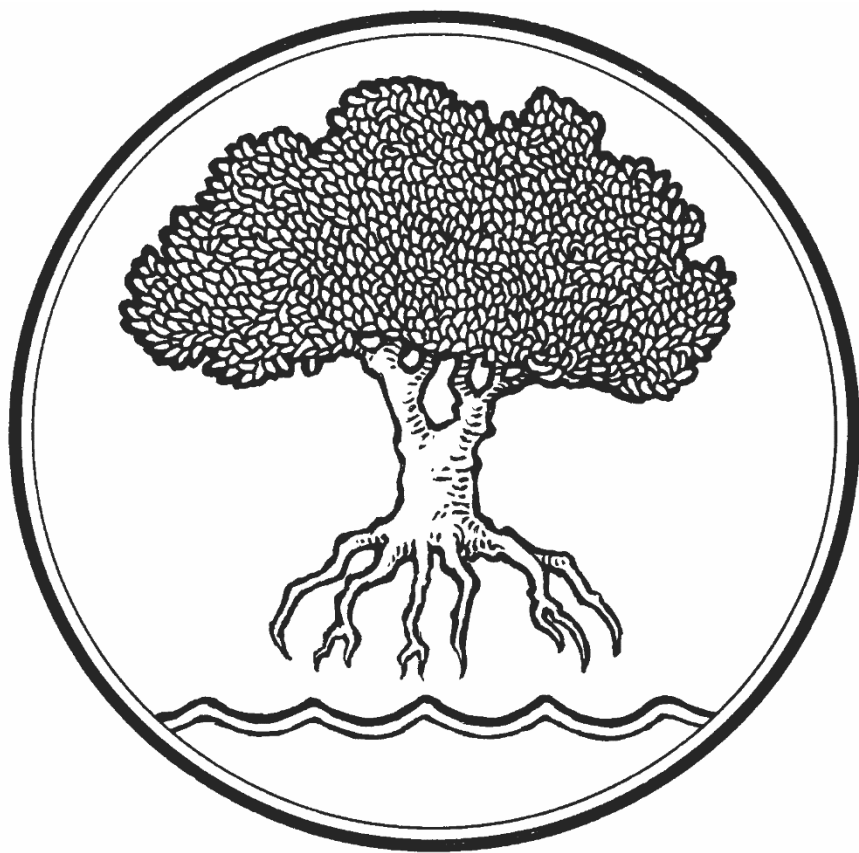
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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Life Quotes: We shouldn't expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God's blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ." *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts: October 5 – (Proper 22) – As the world continues to devalue human life, we cry out to God like Habakkuk, "Violence!" (Habakkuk 1:2). Knowing the One in whom we have believed (2 Timothy 1: 12), we are not shaken, for He is our rock, our salvation, and our fortress (Psalm 62:2). Our Lord, who abhors even the thought that His little ones should be enticed to sin (Luke 17:2), certainly does not sit idly by as those little ones are abused, neglected, and killed. He hears our prayers and answers them all in the way He knows best. "If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay" (Habakkuk 2:3).

Divine Service III

Hymn: “For All Faithful Women”

LSB 855 (st. 1, 13, 3, 4)

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.184)

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Service of the Word

Psalm 62

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

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

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle *2 Timothy 1:1–14*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God
according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a
clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers
night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I
may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith
that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice
and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I
remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you
through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of
fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our
Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel

by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (p.190)

Holy Gospel *Luke 17:1–10*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Office Hymn: "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

LSB 587

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer (p.196)

The Words of Our Lord (p.197)

Pax Domini (p. 197)

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns:

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

LSB 857

Nunc Dimittis: (p.199)

Thanksgiving (p.200)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Salutation and Benedicamus (p.201)

Benediction (p.202)

Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 576

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

- ❖ Our Shut-ins
- ❖ Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament, that through these means God freely gives His grace to sinners by faith.

Please remember to sign the Guest Register at the end of the pews.

This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

STJ: Mon. Oct. 6

Able-Light

10 am

Beth:	Wed.	Oct. 6	CWIA	1 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Oct. 6	Chimes	5: 30 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Oct. 6	Confirmation	6: 00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Oct. 6	Youth Group	6: 00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Oct. 6	Lifelight Bible Study	7: 00 pm
STJ:	Thurs.	Oct. 7	LWML	9: 30 am
Beth:	Thurs.	Oct. 7	Lifelight Bible Study	10: 30am

Next SUNDAY Acolytes and Greeters

Beth:	Sun.	Oct. 12	<i>Acolyte: Madalynn Johnson</i>
			<i>Greeters: Robert & Maria Strack Family</i>
STJ:	Sun.	Oct. 12	<i>Acolyte: Cassidy Thompson</i>

Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Worship Service	8: 00 am
Beth:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Sunday School	9: 15 am
Beth:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Adult Bible Study	9: 15 am
STJ:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Sunday School	9: 30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Worship Service	10: 30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Adult Bible Study	11: 45 am
STJ:	Sun.	Oct. 12	Dual Parish Voter's Mtg	7: 00 pm

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Dual Parish Voter's Meeting: October 12th 7 pm at St. John

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register (red/maroon book) at the end of the pew. Thank you for worshipping with us today.



We would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest Supper in any way and for the congregation's support and prayers. - Mary and Nancy

Bethlehem Soup Supper, Craft and Bake Sale

The Soup Supper, Craft and Bake Sale will be on December 13th. We are in the planning stages and looking for volunteers to sign up for activities during the week. Sign-up sheets with different tasks are available at the back of church. Please take a look and prayerfully consider using your talents and time to volunteer. Deadline to sign up is 10/12. If we do not get enough help, then this will change what we are able to do, and the event will be a carry out only – no eating in!





Community Blood Drive at St. John Lutheran on October 18th from 8 am to 12: 30 pm. Appointments preferred. Call 877.232.4376 or visit versiti.org/WI Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. **PROMOTION:** Everyone who donates receives a FREE pint of Culvers custard while supplies last.

Higher Things Conference: Registration materials are available. See Deb Mathey to get a packet. The Youth Group will be attending the Higher Things conference in St. Louis June 23-26.



NEEDED: Plastic Bags

Arlette at Bethlehem and Sharon B. at St. John are looking for plastic bags to make mats for the Orphan Grain Train. It takes approximately 800 bags to make one mat. Any questions contact Arlette or Sharon B.



Snow plowing at St. John Lutheran Church is being hired out. The parking lot will be cleaned out for worship services and events on the calendar. Make sure all events are on the monthly calendar that comes out with the newsletter. If it is not listed on the calendar, the parking lot will not get plowed.

North WI District Adult Gathering is fast approaching. Guest speakers will be Rev. Timothy Shoup, President of the LCMS North WI District and Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola. Registration forms available.

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Time: 9: 30 am – 2: 30pm

LWML North WI Zone 10 Fall Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Spencer, WI on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Registration at 8:00 am with a registration fee of \$5. For more details, check out the October Newsletter.

The Lutheran Hour: The following dates are available for 2026 sponsorship of The Lutheran Hour over radio station WDLB-1450AM/98.7FM at 8:00 am on Sunday morning:

January 11 & 25, February 15 & 22, March 8, 15, 22 & 29,

April 5, 12 & 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7 & 28, July 26,

August 16, 23 & 30, September 6 & 13, November 1, 8, 15 & 22,

December 13 & 20. What better way to help spread the Word of God! Please contact Lisa at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spencer at 715-659-4006 or email her at trinity.spencer.wi@gmail.com to request a date.