

October 5, 2025

After Pentecost, Lectionary 26, Yr C



Ringin' of Bell

PRELUDE *Meditation – Founded on Faith*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Please Stand

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: Against you, and you alone, we have sinned.
In your compassion, cleanse us from our
sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a
new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away, but fill us with your
Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's
compassion for us. As high as heaven is above
earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as
east is from west, so far God removes our sin
from us, renewing our life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and
love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING SONG ASC 1048
Founded on Faith



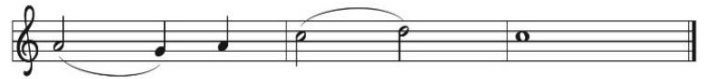
- 1 Found - ed on faith, the church, a - live by grace,
- 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day,
- 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
- 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
- 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em-power'd to serve,



pro-claims the gos - pel here and ev - ry place,
Bapt - ized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em-power'd to serve with gifts, both great and small,
We yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu-man worth;
We share God's end - less love with-out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say;
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
A world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



A - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Benevolent, merciful God:

**C: 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.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The wicked surround the righteous; wait for the LORD

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw:

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you
will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will
not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are
before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never
prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; there-
fore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watch-post 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. ²Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a
runner may read it. ³For 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.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 37:1-9 *We read responsively*

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

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

⁸ 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, ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² 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. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Faith the size of a mustard seed

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ 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!'"

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Dr. Margaret (Marggi) Pleiss-Sippola*

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

◆ 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.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING
Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

C: 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 *Spoken*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

The Lord's table is set. Come to this meal of mercy.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

How Firm a Foundation No.796

1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

2 **"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

3 **"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

4 **"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

C: Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoner's free, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG No. 208

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

1 **Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

2 **From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge **Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love, rememb'ring
your covenant of life with us.**

3 **Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!**

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *May the God of Hope Go with Us*
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CALENDAR

Su 10-5	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM Coffee 10 AM FLC WOMEN MEET
Th 10-9	1 PM Love Day
Su 10-12	9 AM ASSEMBLY-LED WORSHIP 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM Coffee

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