

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Pastor: Sometimes our faith is weak, and we wonder if God will hear our complaints and prayers. But He is always there, listening in love and offering grace and blessings. The bigger question is whether we will hear His promises and forgiveness. Today's Reading from Habakkuk is a resounding "yes," for it is a reminder that we trust our heavenly Father because of the greatest gift we have received: faith. Sometimes, like with the apostles in today's Gospel, it seems we need more faith, but God, who has given us that precious gift, promises, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). In the Epistle, Paul rejoices over Timothy's faith in our Savior, who "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Paul encourages Timothy to "guard the good deposit entrusted" to him and each person of faith (2 Timothy 1:14). Rejoice, for today that faith moves us to hear, listen, and respond in word and song.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” *LSB 908 vs 1*

**Lord open now my heart to hear
And through Your Word to me draw near
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain
Let me Your child and heir remain**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is
proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace
to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm
those who have come to saving faith.

**People: May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart,
from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the
life**

Pastor: that, as You have promised, Your Word may
achieve the purpose for which You send it;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” *LSB 908 vs 2*

**Your Word inspires my heart within
Your Word grants healing from my sin
Your Word has pow’r to guide and bless
Your Word brings peace and happiness**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Habakkuk 1:1–4*

(“How long shall I cry for help?”)

Lector: A reading from the first chapter of Habakkuk.

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and You will not hear?

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

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

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

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

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION

Pastor: Having heard the complaint of the prophet Habakkuk, let us confess our sins.

People: We confess, almighty God, that we have not trusted Your promises; we have wondered if You have heard our cries for help. In our own sinfulness, we confess that we have considered ourselves better than others. We have failed by our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We are helpless to change without Your grace and mercy. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and renew our trust in Your promises and protection.

(Please remain seated during the 2nd part of the Old Testament Reading and absolution)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Habakkuk 2:1–4*

("The righteous shall live by his faith.")

Lector: A reading from the second chapter of Habakkuk.

I 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.

And the LORD answered me:

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

For 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.

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The prophet did not get an answer about when his prayers would be answered by almighty God, but he trusted nonetheless. Faith is a gift from God by which we can trust Him, hear the Good News, and truly listen. Through the sacrifice of His Son for us, God declares us righteous even as we struggle in our daily problems. The promises of God were all kept by our Lord Jesus Christ. In His Son’s resurrection, we receive the promise of eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Habakkuk 1:2; 2:4*

Pastor: Although we may say with Habakkuk,

People: “O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear?”

Pastor: The Lord has answered,

People: “The righteous shall live by his faith.”

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of beauty” *LSB 901 vs 1 & 5*

**Open now Thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him, who answers prayer,
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live
by faith.**

Pastor: For peace from above in times of trial and weak
faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live
by faith.**

Pastor: For peace in the world and the bold
proclamation of the
Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live
by faith.**

Pastor: For ourselves and all who join us to listen to
God's Word and respond in worship and prayer,
let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and the righteous shall live
by faith.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, in whom we put our trust, the author of
faith and hope,

**People: hear the prayers of Your people as we call to
You in the midst of a violent and unjust world.
Keep us strong in faith that we may live and trust
You confidently;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated)

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 1:1–14 ESV*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the 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 thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I 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. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore 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, who 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, and 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, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which 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. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith

and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE *Luke 17:3b*

Pastor: Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him,

People: and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia.

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

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:1–10 ESV*

And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It 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. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And 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. "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'? ⁸ Will 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'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *LSB 575 vs 1 & 4*

**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.**

**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.**

++ SERMON ++

Text: Obadiah 9-11

Outline

1. Edom's glee at the plunder of Jerusalem climaxed a long and bitter family rivalry.
2. So Obadiah predicts a bleak future for the Edomites.
3. But all this reminds us that God wills love and unity for his new family in Christ.

(Please stand)

CREED

Nicene Creed

People:

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under**

Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the

Son,

**who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the
dead**

and the life ☩ of the world to come.

Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for people here and around the world—those who call Jesus their Lord and all who do not yet know God’s gracious promises.

Let us pray for those who think that God doesn't hear them. Use the Church here and wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, gracious Lord, to proclaim the Gospel. Grant Your Holy Spirit to open their ears that faith may grow within them.

People: (spoken) **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are enduring violence within their homes and communities. O God, deliver them from their fears, give the security and peace for which they long, and grant the eternal peace Your Son won for us all.

People: (spoken) **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who suffer injustice, deprived of basic human rights, and who do not have the food, clothing, and shelter they need for themselves and those for whom they care. Move the Church to show Your compassion in both the proclamation of the Gospel and in words and deeds of Christian charity, which make Your love real to them.

People: (spoken) **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are in dire need of Your caring protection, Lord our God, all whose hopes are dashed, whose bodies are captive to chronic illness and sudden crises, and who see nothing but strife and contention,..... Surround them with Your servants to make visible Your eternal promises in Christ our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world. Where we or our brothers and sisters have lost sight of Your promises, Lord Jesus, or are wondering about when You might return to usher in an eternal Kingdom of peace, grant them eyes to read Your gracious promises and ears to hear the Good News of eternity with You.

People: (spoken) **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please remain kneeling or sitting and join in offering a blessing for the mites being given)

People: Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving all that we have. Bless the mites that being given back to You so that they can be used to spread the Good News of Jesus' love here and throughout the world. Amen.

(Those that have mites to offer please come forward)

OFFERING OF MITES

OFFERING

(after the mites have been offered, the regular church offering will be received)

(as the offering is being received)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” *LSB 781 vs 1 & 2*

**We give Thee but Thine own
What-e'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, Lord our God, for You have not only promised us eternal life with You but have also bestowed on us the gift of faith by which we can trust that by His death and resurrection Your Son has fulfilled all Your promises, opening heaven to all who call on Him for mercy and forgiveness. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we raise our voices, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. By grace, You have given us faith so that we may listen to Your assuring Word and receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered here with our brothers and sisters in the faith, O Lord, we ask that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Grant us to guard the good deposit entrusted to us by Your Holy Spirit and strengthen our faith through this Sacrament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sing) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
 the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Serve The Lord with Gladness” vs 1 & 2

Tune: *LSB 662*

**Serve the Lord with gladness in our works and ways
Come before His presence with our songs of praise
Unto Him our Maker we would pledge anew
Life’s supreme devotion to service true.**

**Serve Him with gladness, enter His courts with song;
To our Creator true praises belong:
Great is His mercy, wonderful is His Name.
We gladly serve Him, His great love proclaim.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness thankful all the while
For His tender mercies, for His loving smile:
Blessed truth enduring, always just the same,
We will serve with gladness and praise His Name.**

**Serve Him with gladness, enter His courts with song;
To our Creator true praises belong:
Great is His mercy, wonderful is His Name.
We gladly serve Him, His great love proclaim.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticule)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You
have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**People: and we implore You that of Your mercy You
would continue to strengthen us so that we hear
Your Word and live in faith toward You and in
love toward one another;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with
favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word” *LSB 923 vs 1 & 2*

**Almighty Father bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard
Oh may the precious seed take root
Spring up and bear abundant fruit**

**We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace
Grant Lord that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav’n appear**

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God!**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Jim Bumgarner, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, David Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO!

October 5th & 19th

Quilting

September 29th

Church Offerings

Now collecting in PEWS like we did before COVID

Attendance

Sunday September 25th

9:30 am 35

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Marilyn & Bill Switter – October 4th

Birthdays

Eleanor Wirth – October 3rd

Alyssa Gorka – October 6th

Jim Bumgarner – October 8th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Nancy Dajos in as she has a medical procedure scheduled for next week, the 28th

Family of Laraine Maynard, friend of Pam Benford, who was called to glory

Kathy Carley & Family, friend of Pam Benford, Brother was called to glory

Linda Mesea, Pat Bates sister, ill;

Susan McPherson, friend of the Utcai's, hospitalized;

Nena Mullins, Friend of Pam Benford, moved to Cleveland Clinic and diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, testing-- back pain

Pat Bates, giving her doctors the wisdom to discover the cause of her illness and then then prescribing the treatment.

THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA in this time of disaster—Direct all efforts to attend the injured, console the bereaved, and protect the helpless. Bring hope and healing that all my find relief and restoration, all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

You Can Read and Understand Jonah

Text: Jonah 3:10–4:2

Sermon Outline

1. Like ourselves, Jonah goes in the opposite direction when God gives him a job he doesn't want to do.
2. Even when Jonah does go to Nineveh, God still has to teach him that he wants everyone to repent and live.
3. If God can work the "impossibilities" of Jonah's story, why not believe in Jesus and live.

The Message of Jonah Is about Repentance, Rebirth, and Life as We Hear and Believe the Good News of God's Grace in Christ and proclaim it!