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AS WE GATHER

Guided by Faith

In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi's difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & BIRTHDAY BLESSING 10/16 Ruby Moore;
10/17 Pr. Mark Croucher

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Father Welcomes" #605

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, we hear the words of encouragement from Paul to young Timothy: "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

People: God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we seek strength away from where You promise to be present with Your Word and in Your means of grace, and for the times we have not desired the grace found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pastor: "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

People: We confess we have chosen the easy way out when our following and serving of Jesus becomes difficult for our lives, forsaking Your name and the name You have given us in Baptism.

Pastor: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."
People: **We confess we have not remembered the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin, death, and the devil, through His sacrificial death and rising from the dead. Because of this, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him,
People: **we will also live with Him;**

Pastor: if we endure, we will also reign with Him;
People: **if we deny Him, He also will deny us;**

Pastor: if we are faithless,
People: **He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.**

Pastor: Our faithful God, the one almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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: **Amen.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.
People: **Holy and awesome is His name!**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
People: **His praise endures forever!**

☩ WORD ☩

PSALM OF THE DAY *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,
People: **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: **♪ For He is our maker.**

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

**♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Baptism of Theodore Elias Buffkin

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ruth 1:1-19a
(Ruth's loyalty to widow Naomi)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:5-17
(Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Luke 15:10

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19 *(Jesus cleanses ten lepers.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” #594

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own” #781 v1-2

**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!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of everlasting mercy, You offer Your salvation and redemption to all people with forgiveness assured through faith in Your Son. As You did for Your people of old, including Ruth and Naomi, grant us trust in Your provision and direction, even amid trials we may face. Help us to endure and to also point others to the help and hope You offer and sustain by Your grace. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

People: **hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.**

Pastor: Ever-sustaining Lord, who strengthens by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, encourage us by Your servant Paul. As he endured persecution and prison for the sake of Your Gospel for the salvation of the world, sustain us in our faith and in our witness. Grant strength to endure the trials and sufferings in this world, and to remain firm in faith when we bear Your name as Your baptized and redeemed people. Soften hearts of those who reject Your Word and grace and pour out Your Spirit that many more may come to know Your mercy, which is known and

shown through Your Son. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

People: **hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.**

Pastor: Healing Lord, out of compassion, Jesus healed the ten lepers afflicted by disease. Be with those who suffer in body and mind with disease, diagnosis, and despair. We especially lift up to You those who have asked for our prayers, including Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan and Ian. For those afflictions and ailments known only to You, grant the comfort of Your presence and healing according to Your will. We thank You for the healing of our greatest afflictions faced against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. Through hardships, as we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

People: **hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

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: **♪ Amen.**

HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #924

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

October 12, 2025

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 26 total: 10 guests

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, October 19th is "**God's Help Dwells in Us**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us. (Numbers 11:29) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.