

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost- October 5, 2025 PAX

LWML Sunday

As We Gather

This is a difficult day for your pastor. For you are, in a sense, listening in to our Lord speaking to him of His high expectations as His called and ordained servant. It all has to do with addressing his sins with the cutting accusation of God's Law, but with the goal of applying the comforting healing and hope of God's Gospel of forgiveness and strength. Yet, if you listen carefully, you will discover that it's not only about your pastor's frailty or sins, but it is also Christ addressing your sins and need through him. The pastor's calling is, at once, a most difficult one but also the most joyous and fulfilling calling and vocation. Your pastor has the responsibility and obligation not to mislead you into sin but to apply the remedy for it. Preaching and teaching the Word of Christ and administering that Word of forgiveness of sin and new life through the Sacraments, is not primarily the pastor's work but is indeed the work of Christ Himself. The pastor pours baptismal water, and the believer dies and is raised with Christ. The pastor does no magical incantation, but Christ speaks through him. The bread and wine are Christ's body and blood for you that takes away your sin (and the pastor's!), imparting forgiveness and eternal life. Pray for your pastor, as he prays for you. Forgive your pastor, as he lives by the same forgiveness he declares to you.

“In Christ Alone”

*In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
firm through the fiercest drought and storm*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in all
here in the love of Christ I stand*

*Bridge
Oh oh oh... oh oh oh... oh oh oh... oh oh oh*

*There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again*

*And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me*

*For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ (repeat Bridge)*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny*

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand (repeat Bridge)*

*I find my strength, I find my home, I find my help, in Christ alone
When fear assails, when darkness falls, I find my peace, in Christ alone
I give my life, I give my all, I sing my song, to Christ alone
The King of Kings, the Lord of All, all heaven sings, to Christ alone*

*To Christ alone, In Christ alone
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
Here in the pow'r of Christ we stand*

“Psalm 62”

*My soul finds rest in God alone, My Rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
And lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.*

*Chorus:
O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

*Find rest, my soul, in God alone
Amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven.*

Chorus

*I'll set my gaze on God alone,
And trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul,
And He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever.*

Chorus X2

Bridge

*Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Chorus X2

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Luke 17:1, 5; 2 Timothy 1:8–9

- P** When the Lord Jesus warned His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come,” the apostles said, “Increase our faith!” Let us confess our own weakness and sin, asking the same of our gracious and merciful God.
- C** **O God, Your Law is true and my delight. Yet because we still feebly struggle against sin, we confess our weakness and failure to live according to Your holy will. Our lack of faithfulness toward You causes us to hesitate or even refuse to love and forgive our neighbors. O God, increase our faith! Forgive us and renew our minds and spirit that we may serve You by faithfully serving our neighbor.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, “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,” I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- 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.”

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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

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.’”

Apostles’ Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

“Blessed Be Your Name”

*Verse: Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.*

*Verse: Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk in the wilderness, blessed be Your name.*

*Bridge: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,*

*Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.*

*Verse: Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.*

*Verse: Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.*

*Bridge: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,*

*Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.*

*Bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.*

*Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.*

Sermon

Rev. Greg Prauner

Offering

Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

P 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.
C Amen.

“Raise A Hallelujah”

Verse 1

*I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me*

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

*Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive*

Verse 2

*I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me (Chorus)*

Bridge 1

*Sing a little louder... sing a little louder
Sing a little louder... sing a little louder
Sing a little louder... sing a little louder
Sing a little louder... sing a little louder*

Bridge 2

*Sing a little louder... in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder... louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder... my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder... heaven comes to fight for me (repeat Bridge 2)*

Sing a little louder... (Chorus 2X)

*I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah*

“I BELIEVE ... PHIL WICKHAM”

*I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ, hey*

*I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood, I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat*

CHORUS

*All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome*

*The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus mighty name, I believe*

I believe, I believe

*I believe in the hope of Heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen*

*I believe that a day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar, keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion (CHORUS)*

Oh, I believe in You

BRIDGE X3

*No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?*

CHORUS X2

In Jesus mighty name, I believe!

I believe, I believe

I believe, I believe

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