

17th Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025



WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!
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SERVING TODAY:

Reader:	Debi Musick
Ushers:	Steve Botkin, Micah Moeller, Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin & Rex Bross
Children's Message:	Dawn Finnicum
Altar Guild:	Joyce Martin
Communion Assistant:	Susi Laflin
Video assistant:	Steve Powell
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Luke Purdum & Henson Davis

PRELUDE: **Blackwelder Brass**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #842 ***O Worship the King*** vs 1, 3 & 4

Oh worship the King, all glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: 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.

FIRST READING **Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

2 How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

2 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

2 Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. **3** For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

4 "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 37:1-9

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass,

and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;

dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD,

who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,

and see what God will do.

⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light

and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

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 the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. ¹³What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

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

⁶He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Dawn Finnicum
One Faith One Hope One Lord
Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

Adult Choir w/ Blackwelder Brass

HYMN

#812

Faith of Our Fathers

ALL VERSES

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

APOSTLE'S 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 again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed, the under employed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or scan to QR code to give online.



COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL CLEAN UP

We are planning the annual fall clean-up for October 11th starting at 9am. Like previous years, Lyle Scharping will be providing chili for lunch.

AMVETS

St. Pauls is introducing a new ministry that helps needy veterans in our area. AMVETS receives used clothing and many other items for veterans. Information on AMVETS shopping cart.

TRUNK OR TREAT & CANDY COMPETITION

Trunk or Treat will be from 5-7 on October 26. Sign-ups are available in the narthex. October 1st our class candy competition will begin to see which class can collect the most candy! Each class will have a designated tub in the activity center. All candy will be handed out at Trunk or Treat.

ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY

Join us on Wednesdays in the Narthex as we read and discuss "The Love That is God" by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt. We meet from 6:30-7:30pm. It is a great way to get to know people and have great faith discussions! Let Pastor Stefanie know if you have any questions!

80th CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating St. Paul's 80th Anniversary with a special catered meal on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. We will be having turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, salad, rolls & dessert. The cost will be \$15/adult and \$10/children under 10. Tickets will be on sale in the narthex each Sunday in October, beginning 10/5.

STORIES OF SAINTS

To honor the 80 years St. Paul's has been loving, serving and growing in Christ, we want to collect the stories of the saints over the years. Will you tell about someone who has impacted you or the church, a ministry experience where your life or the lives of others was changed, or how God has worked in your life while you have been part of St. Paul's? The Church has always celebrated the faithfulness of God through sharing the stories of God's people. We want to do the same! There are stories and moments only you know. Will you write them down so we can give God thanks and praise? Send your stories (they don't have to be long!) to Pastor Stefanie through email or leave a printed copy in her box!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

10/4-5- Confirmation Retreat
10/5- Worship & Education
10/6- 9am Canticle Ringers
10/7- Executive Board Meeting
Twilight Tones
10/8- Wednesday Night Activities
Class candy competition
5:45 Meal -BBQ Sandwiches
6:30- Adult Choir & Education
10/11- 9am Fall Clean up
10/12- Worship & Education
5-7 *Youth Country & Western Night*
10/13- 9am Canticle Ringers
10/14- Twilight Tones
10/15- 6:30- Adult Choir
No Meal or Education (Fall Break)

10/16- XYZ

10/19- Worship *No education*
10/20- 9am Canticle Ringers
10/21- Twilight Tones
10/22- Wednesday Night Activities
Class candy competition
5:45 Meal -Pizza
6:30- Adult Choir & Education

10/26- Worship & Education
Reformation & Confirmation Sunday
5-7 Trunk or Treat
10/27- 9am Canticle Ringers
10/28- Twilight Tones
10/29- Wednesday Night Activities
5:45 Meal -Chili Dogs
6:30- Adult Choir & Education