

St. Francis



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Oct 2, 2022

The Blessing of the Animals

Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grief: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

C: Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

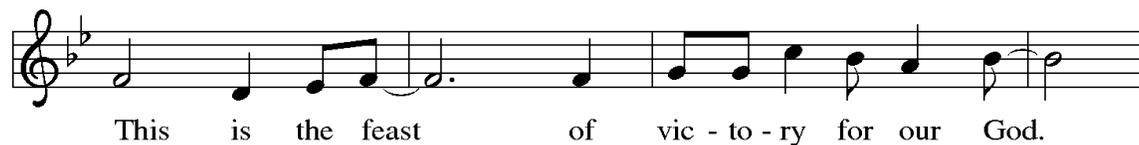
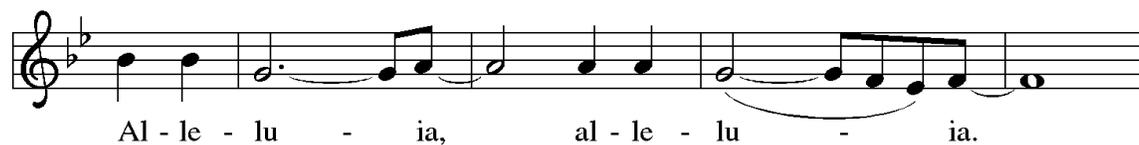
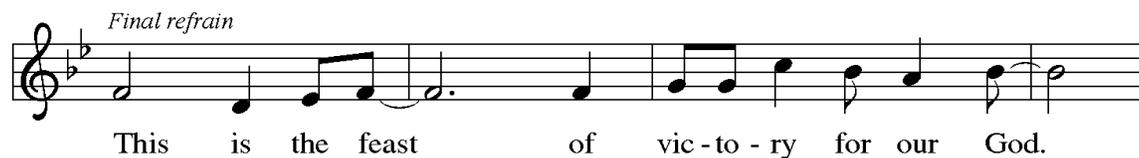
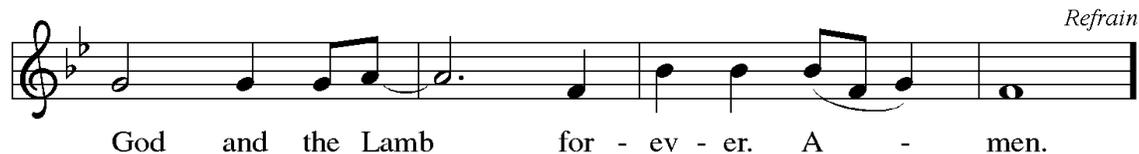
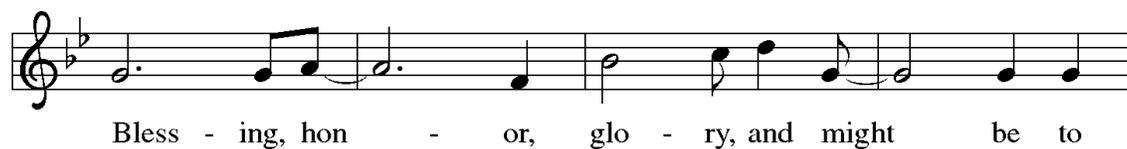
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

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



(Please be seated)

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:25-31

25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of 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 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. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I 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. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and 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 what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The 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’? ⁸Would 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’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So 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!’”

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Scheible

(please stand, as you are able)

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

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Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS *(said in unison)*

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light; and
 Where there is sadness, joy**

O, God grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All who have brought pets and animals come forward.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in your love you created us in your image

and made us stewards of the animals

that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea.

Bless us in our care for our pets and animals.

Help us recognize your power and wisdom

in the variety of creatures that live in our world,

and hear our prayer for all that suffer overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment.

Protect your creatures and guard them from all evil, now and forever.

Amen.

After your animal companions have been blessed you may return to your seats.

LITANY OF PRAYER ON BEHALF OF GOD'S CREATURES AND CREATION

Leader: Watch over the church, O God, so that we place your good news above all worldly gain. Deliver us from the temptations of comfort and complacency.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: Gracious God, you created the earth and all that is in it and proclaimed it good. All this belongs to you, and yet we harm your creation. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be champions of all those who suffer, so that we may be channels of your goodness.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: Watch over your creation, especially the life-giving water that sustains us. Heal oceans, rivers, and lakes around the world. Where drought and floods make turmoil of our settled ways, give strength for healing and rebuilding in affected communities.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of the prophets who remind us of your true purpose and for those special people who minister with tenderness to all living beings.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for animals who live in homes, on farms, in the wild, and in havens of refuge. Make us ever aware of our stewardship of creation, and help us to be faithful in caring for all you have created.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: We ask forgiveness for the part we have all played in systems that employ violence and promote hardness of heart.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: Watch over those in any need. Have mercy on those who are grieving, suffering, lost, lonely, oppressed, underemployed, and imprisoned (*especially... Joe Monte, Lisa McDonough, Jean Brown, Gary Kline, Dennis Matarese, Janet Pisano, Linda Taddie, Betty Lake, Caroline Irwin, Gary Wilkinson, Victor Klein, Lou Vallies, Joanne Warshaw, Mariann Trice, Jackie Dewitt, Ann Ferguson, Christine Abate, Anne Rainsford, Ed Shoup, Larry Poff and Hugh Mullarkey*)).

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: Watch over all caregivers. Give strength to those who attend to relatives, serve the sick, minister to prisoners, and bring food or communion to the homebound. May they bring joy to those they visit.

C: Hear us, O Lord!

Leader: For what else shall we pray?

P: O sweet maker of all, we ask your blessing on every creature gathered here today, the large and the small. May they live peacefully in praise of you. Bless us all to love your creation, and revere its sacredness. We lay our prayers before your throne of grace and ask blessing in the name of the one who was, is, and always will be, our Creator, to whom every creature belongs through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

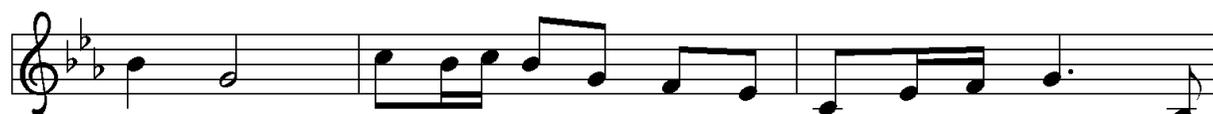
Please be seated as we finish singing

OFFERTORY HYMN*ELW 184**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please be seated)

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.



*SENDING HYMN

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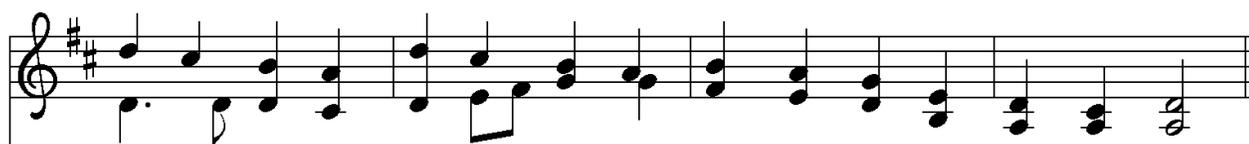
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace! Serving Christ and loving all creatures!

C: Thanks be to God.

Aug's Income: \$10,069 Average Attendance: 26

Aug's Expense: \$11,398

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Erik Christensen's 21st birthday by his family.

Scheduled to serve this week 10/2

Alan S. – Assisting Minister

Lydia Y. – Psalm Reader

Gary P. – Usher

Devine/Pysher – Counters

Volunteer-Barbara S.

Scheduled to serve next week 10/9

Rebecca Y.– Assisting Minister

Taylor J. – Psalm Reader

Alan S./Alan D.- Ushers

Christensen/Joshi - Counters

Volunteer- Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Oct 3 6:30pm – GS (Mtg Room)

Wed, Oct 5 7:30pm – AA (Hall)

Thu, Oct 6 7:00pm – AA (Hall)

Fri, Oct 7 7:00pm – FFF (Hall)

7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)

Sat, Oct 8 10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sun, Oct 9 10:15am – Worship

11:30am – Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
10/9	Pastor Rachel
10/23	Debbie Gruler
11/13	Katie Gerakaris
11/27	Pastor Rachel
12/11	Meghan Gordon

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Joe Monte

Linda Taddie

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Gary Wilkinson

Christine Abate

Joanne Warshaw

Jackie DeWitt

Ruth Dukes

Janet Pisano

Jackie Dewitt

Larry Poff

Dennis Matarese

Gary Kline

Ed Shoup

Caroline Irwin

Victor Klein

Lou Vallies

Mariann Trice

Ann Ferguson

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Oct, please call the office or add to the prayer list outside sanctuary).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

USHERS – Please plan to meet with Pastor after worship on **10/16** for short informational meeting. Your attendance will help Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Plan to stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS - Our Friday Fun Nights for fall will be **Oct 7, 11/4 and 12/2**. We gather from 6:30-7:30pm and ask for a monetary donation. For October fun we will be painting pumpkins.

COFFEE HOUR – **Oct 16th** sponsored by Fellowship.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE MEETING – **Oct 24th at 6:30pm** and service activity together at St. Matthews Lutheran Church Springfield, 400 Lynbrook Rd. This is our yearly gathering of Lutheran representatives in Delaware County.

LIFE LINE SCREENING – **Monday, October 24th 9:00am-5:30pm** at Holy Spirit in the hall. Sponsored by Nova Vascular Specialists, LLC. To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-324-1851 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HS

REFORMATION SUNDAY – **Sunday, October 30th** Breakfast Service. Wear your **red!!**



TRUNK OR TREAT – **October 30th 11:30am-12:30pm** in the parking lot. Please bring treats for the trick-n-treaters! Please contribute a canned or boxed food item for Ridley Park Food Pantry.

ALL SAINTS DAY – **Sunday, November 6th**. Every year we read the names of our deceased loved ones and light candles. Please submit the names of a loved one you would like remembered on this day. Call or leave them in the office no later than Monday, Nov 2nd. In addition, we invite you to bring a 5 x 7 or smaller framed picture of your loved one to sit on the altar table.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Righteous Live by Faith

Faith is the theme for today's readings, but not just any faith. It is a life-transforming faith, one that demonstrates the very presence of God moving, alive, and active in God's people. In response to Habakkuk's oracle, the Lord answered him that "the righteous live by their faith" (Hab. 2:4b). But just what does it mean to be righteous? It's a righteousness imparted by God, who creates and claims each of us as God's own sons and daughters, bringing us into this family by our baptisms and by the faith God gives us makes us holy children. Being part of this divine family gives us our worth, even at those times we may not think of ourselves as worthy. In 2 Timothy, the author writes a history of the faith in Timothy's family, beginning with his grandmother and then passed on to his mother and himself. This is how many of us were first brought into the family of God: we had faithful parents who knew of their own God-given righteousness and then passed this gift on to their children. But again, it's all God's doing! Finally, Jesus' disciples boldly ask their teacher to "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). They knew that faith was something needed, and Jesus explains that even a small amount of faith can do great wonders. What does it mean to have this sort of faith, a faith that can serve God's purposes here to truly be God's work and yet it's done with our hands? On this Sunday, help the assembly experience this faith that God has given us. It's a gift and connection to our God.