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# 11:00 AM - October 5, 2025, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

# **Holy Communion - Setting 5**

#### INTRODUCTION

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**ELW p. 94** 

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

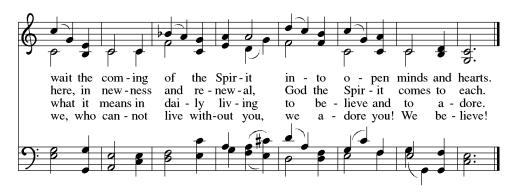
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





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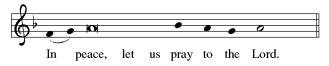
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**GREETING ELW p. 203** 

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

And also with you.

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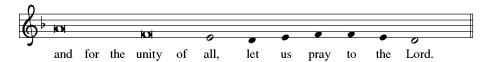


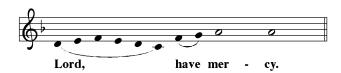
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,











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.** 

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

A reading from Habakkuk.

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 37:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

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

- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

A reading from 2 Timothy.

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I 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. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I 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. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

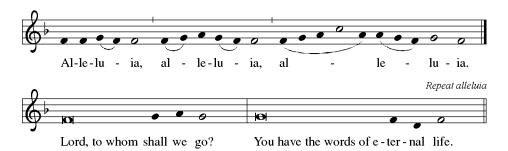
<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The 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.

<sup>7</sup> "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'? <sup>8</sup> Would 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'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So 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!' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof



Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

CREED ELW p. 105

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 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,

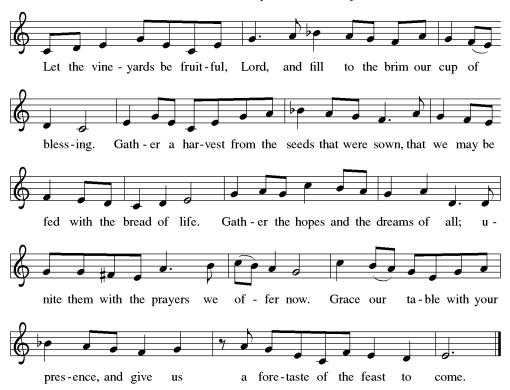
receive our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 161

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**



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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

## Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

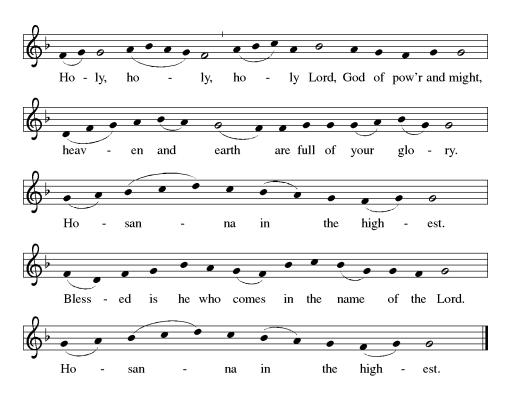
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE ELW p. 161

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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 for the 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.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 163

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

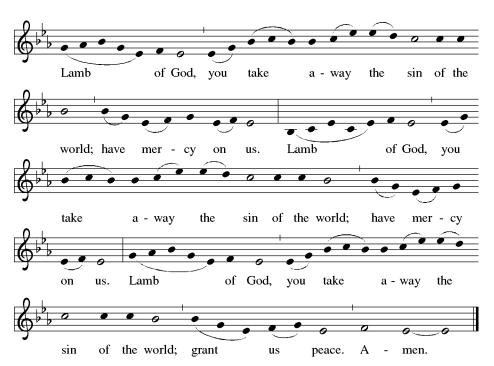
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

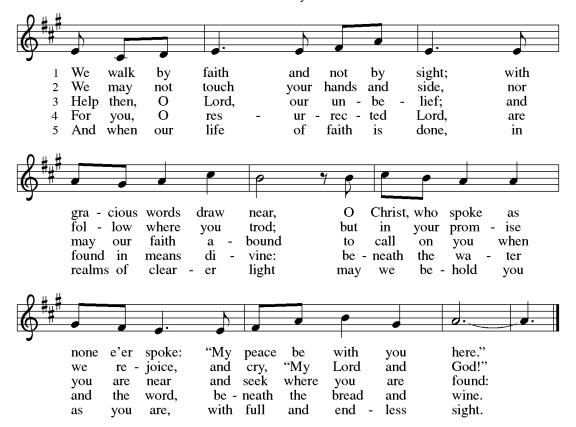
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 164





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Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

BLESSING ELW p. 164

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.



DISMISSAL ELW p. 164

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

# Worship Assistants

Communion assistants	Ann Spainhour, Tammy O'Quini
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Ushers	Tom & Janet Smith
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# Inspiration Word Search

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LOVE
COMPASSION
MOTIVATION
ENERGY
TEAMWORK
ENDURE
POSITIVE

HARD WORK
EMPATHY
SUCCESS
CONFIDENCE
STRENGTH
DEDICATION
INTEGRITY

RESPECT
INSPIRE
ACHIEVEMENT
IMAGINATION
EFFECTIVE
KNOWLEDGE
COLLABORATION

ORGANIZATION
ENCOURAGE
PERSEVERANCE
CHALLENGE
FAIRNESS

KINDNESS

FAMILY
CREATIVE
HOPE
DISCIPLINE
PRIDE
MINDSET

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Karen Holton, Jensen Redmond, Nancy Lee, Logan O'Neal, John Payne, Chris Corbacho, Brandon Haltiwanger Miranda Downing.

## **Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Pam Hoskins, Liliana Stork, Kim Pittman, Natalie Cook, Jana Payne Karen Holton, Barbara Raulerson

## **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Grace Kelly, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, John Conrad, Linda Price Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr. Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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## **Worship Leaders**