



# Increase our faith!

LUKE 17:5

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### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **October 4 & 5, 2025**

# Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need ***communed in the pew***.

A ***large print copy*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available in the front narthex.



## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4 & 5, 2025

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;  
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

### Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 1)

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.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and  
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

### Prelude and Silent Prayer

### Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

Mary Ann Coulston

### Stewardship Hymn

"Lord of All Good" Verse 1

**Please see insert**

***(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)***

## **GATHERING**

### **The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

*(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

#### **Gathering Hymn**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

**ELW #812**

#### **Greeting**

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.**

## Hymn of Praise

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*(continued)*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

*(please be seated)*

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

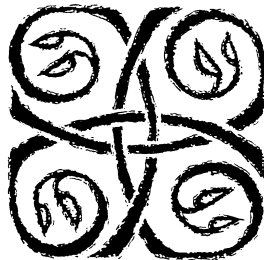
## Children's Message

### First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6

*Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks are from several of those figures, now from Jeremiah. The Book of Lamentations expresses Jeremiah's grief over Jerusalem, sacked and conquered by the Babylonians.*

<sup>1</sup> How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor. <sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. <sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. <sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. <sup>5</sup> Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. <sup>6</sup> From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Lamentations 3:19-26** (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

*This song, from later in the book, reflects Jeremiah's trust in God's steadfast love, even in the midst of the ruined city.*

<sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction | and my homelessness  
is worm- | wood and gall!

<sup>20</sup> **My soul continually | thinks of it  
and is bowed | down within me.**

<sup>21</sup> But this I | call to mind,  
and therefore | I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> **The steadfast love of the LORD | never ceases,  
God's mercies never come | to an end;**

<sup>23</sup> they are new | every morning;  
great | is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> **"You are all that I have," | says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in | you, O LORD."**

<sup>25</sup> You are good to those who | wait for you,  
to all that | search for you.

<sup>26</sup> **It is good that one | should wait quietly  
for the salvation | of the LORD.**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*Today we continue reading through the letters addressed to Timothy. It seems that Timothy, appointed to be the leader of the community, was worried that he was too young and inexperienced for his office. The author urges him to be diligent and courageous in opposing false teachers.*

<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.

*(continued)*

<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.

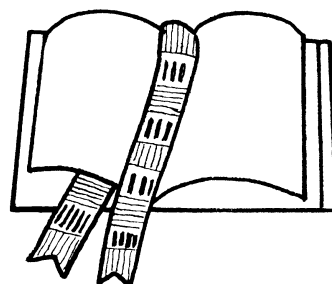
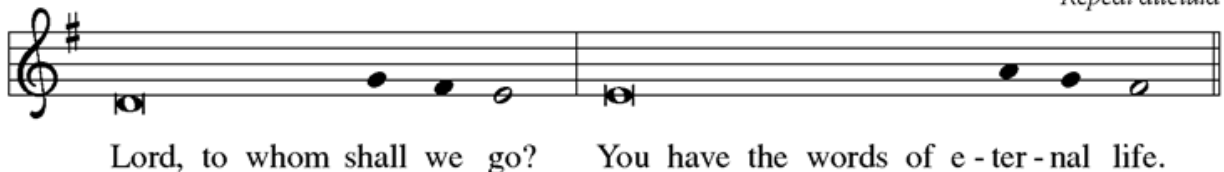
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)*



*Repeat alleluia*





## **Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

*Jesus has just commanded his disciples both to confront believers who sin, but also to forgive them. The disciples apparently make the request which opens today's reading because their faith is insufficient to allow them to confront or forgive.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.**

*(please be seated)*

**Sermon**

Pastor Jason Felici

**Hymn of the Day** *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

"We Walk by Faith"

**ELW #635**

**Apostles' 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

*(continued)*

**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 the People (*please kneel or sit as you are comfortable*)

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

**The Peace** *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)*

# MEAL

**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

## Gathering of Gifts

◆ *As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports ELCA Fund for Leaders. This scholarship program enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online.  
You may then place a giving card from the pew  
in the offering plate as it passes by.*

# Anthem

## “Faith That’s Sure”

Lord

## Choir

## Offertory *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW #691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

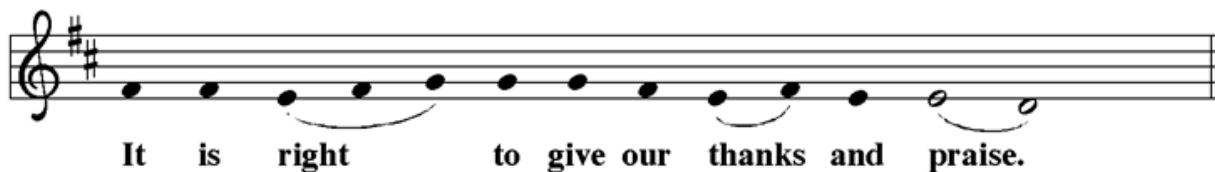
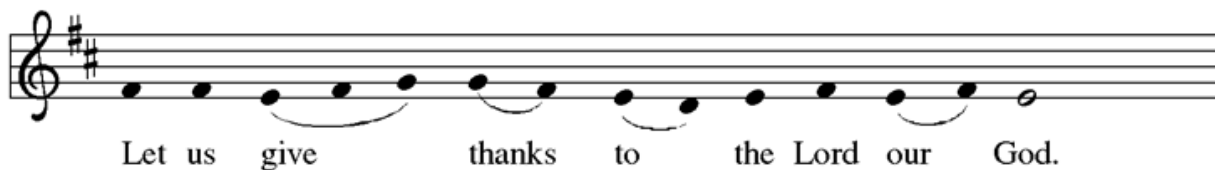


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

*(continued)*

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



## Lord's Prayer

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.**

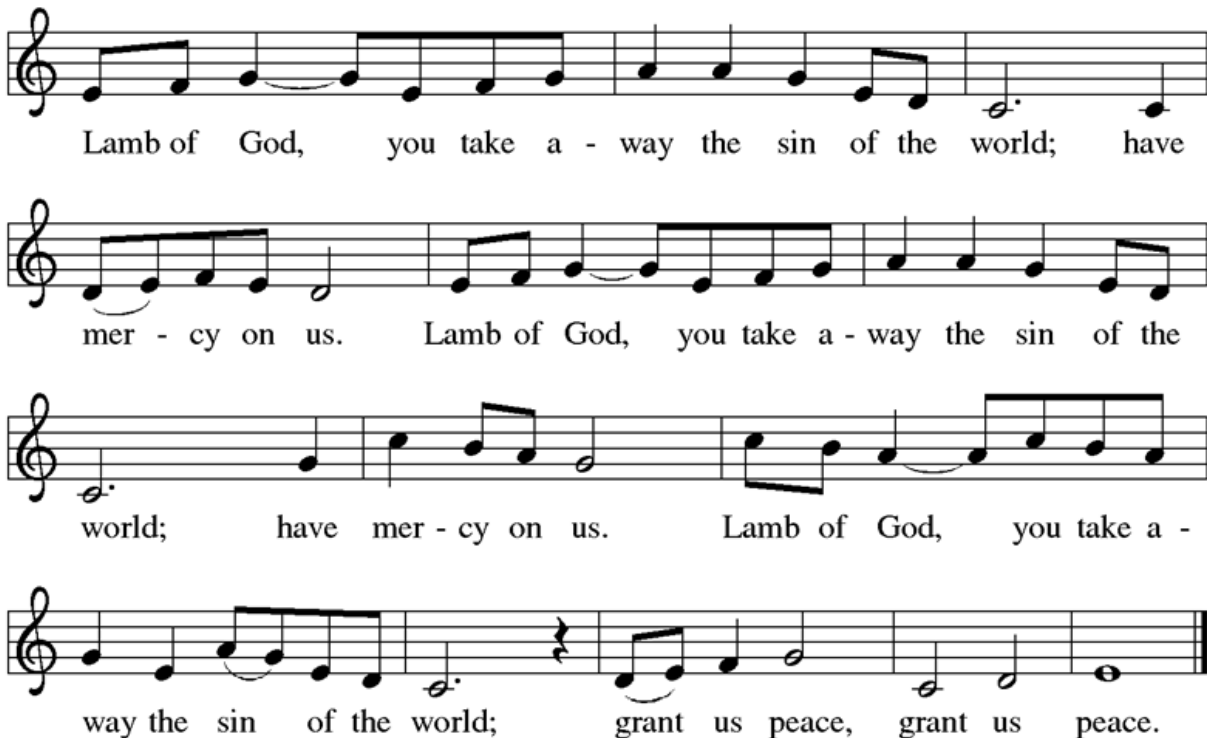
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(please be seated)*

## **Distribution of Communion**

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## **Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Anthem**

“Father, Lead Me Day by Day”

Hopson

Men’s Choir

## **Prayer after Communion (*please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable*)**

Let us pray. O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.**  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

## **Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**ELW #759**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK** is dedicated to the Glory of God, given by Rick Baldonieri.

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Joseph P. Hollick, Shannon P. Hollick, and David Waldron, given by wife/mother/sister-in-law Dixie Hollick Vargovich and daughter/sister/niece Casie Hollick.

**Serving this Weekend**

**Preaching:** Pastor Jason Felici      **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

**Lectors:** Saturday 5:30pm: Kathe Houck

Sunday 8:15am: Herb Harris

Sunday 10:45am: Dixie Vargovich

**Liturgical Deacons:** Saturday 5:30pm: Curt Colaianne

Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Dean Reed

Sunday 10:45am: Jane Lawson, Sandy Redinger

**Ushers:** Saturday 5:30pm: Kasha & Don Loveridge, Jay Elder, John Elder

Sunday 8:15am: Rick Baldonieri, Herb Harris, Kathy & Mark Jones

Sunday 10:45am: Matt & Kelly Clever, Eli Clever, Tim Potter

**Acolytes:** Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning

Sunday 10:45am:

**Tellers:** Sunday 8:15am: Mary Ann Coulston, Donna Krall, Phyllis O'Hara

Sunday 10:45am: Tiffany Shrum, Tim Potter

**Acolytes Serving Next Weekend October 4 & 5**

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Emma Felici, Brooke Rhoads

Sunday 10:45am: Peyton Ingelido

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