

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Pianist: Kristin Johnson

Choir: Messengers of Praise,
directed by Dr. Rolf

October 5, 2025 8:00am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

LSB 902

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

From Luke 17:1, 5; 2 Timothy 1:8–9

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.

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.

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.

Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Congregation is invited to join on the final verse:

arr. Jack Schrader

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee;

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 for 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.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you
“Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do
you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and
contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

I 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.

And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may
run who reads it. For 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.

“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall
live by his faith.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Jesus, Only Light”

Heinrich Albert

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I 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. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore 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, 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 before the ages began, and 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, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which 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. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It 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. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And 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. "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'? Will 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'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

LSB 587

Choir sings verse 1. Congregation joins on verses 2 and 3.

I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.

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SERMON

"Millstones and Mustard Seeds"

Pastor Snow

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

For all people who suffer feeling unseen and unheard, that they come to trust that they are loved and held by grace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all people who suffer under the weight of their desires, that they take courage to let go of fear, fanning into flame the gift of faith and growing in power and love and self-control, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all people who have heard the good news of forgiveness by grace, through faith, for Jesus' sake, but struggle to forgive themselves or other people who have hurt them, that they free themselves by letting go of resentments of every kind, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League here at St. John's and around the country, we thank you, Lord. Bless their tireless work that connects people of all ages to You and Your love. That they may be empowered to continue serving You with gladness in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For all people who are sick or suffer with any affliction of body, mind, or spirit... that they experience healing when cures remain elusive, peace when overwhelmed by trials, and joy in the midst of sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For all people to whom death draws near, that they face the end of their time on this earth in the faith that in Christ, all things are being made new, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For all those gathered today to commune at Your table, that they do so with repentant hearts and faith that trusts Your promises, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

PREFACE

LSB 208

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

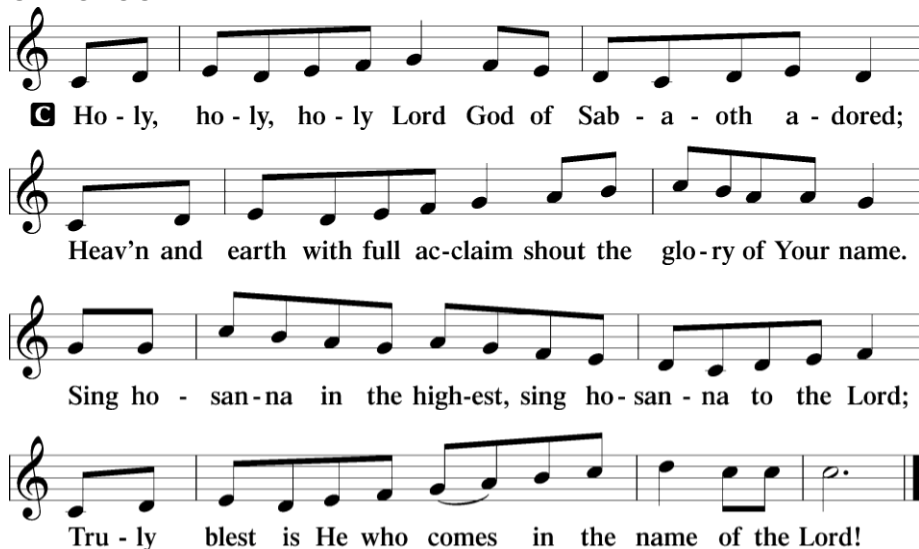
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

- Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion.
- If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.
- Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.
- For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

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Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!

How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575, vv. 1 and 3

My hope is built on nothing less	His oath, His covenant and blood
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;	Support me in the raging flood;
No merit of my own I claim	When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain	He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN’S TODAY! If this is your first time at St. John’s, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte: Emma Johnson

Elder: Paul DeRocher

Communion Assistants: Chris Mundahl, Gayle Degler, Pete Siedelman

Usher Team: Mark Asmus

Welcome Team: Gayle Degler, Gary Herber

Tech Crew: Jason Eickhoff

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UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, October 6	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday, October 7	Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, October 8	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Confirmation (Public School) 6:00pm
	Messengers of Praise Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm
Thursday, October 9	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Friday, October 10	AA 6:30pm
Saturday, October 11	Colson Fellows Cohort Meeting 8:30am
Sunday, October 12	Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am
	Education Hour 9:30am
	New Member Sunday 9:30am

Celebrating Birthdays

10/6
Cameron Paulson
Patti Hedges
10/7
Ruth Lenzen
Spencer Roxas
Keagan Degler
Justin Bergo

10/8
Caroline Beise
Logan Dartt
Joe Oliver
10/9
Stephanie Griep

10/10
Anna Jeurissen
10/11
Lois Degler
Allison Raether
Robert Roepke
David Mundahl

Celebrating Anniversaries

10/5 Daniel and Sweetlin Richard
10/5 Jack and Abby Hendrickson
10/6 Randy and Beth Sefkar
10/7 Jason and Tracy Eickhoff
10/8 Bob and Tammy Panning

10/8 Marcus and Brenda Simpson
10/8 Jason and Sheri Scheidt
10/9 Ron and Tamara Dial
10/11 Linee and David Moldenhauer

Expectant Moms

Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond
Jessica Lewis

Nicole Thuente
Anna Jeurissen

Katelyn Olson
Amy Peterson

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Bernie Gnan
Marilyn Lenzen
Tim Hansberger
Chris Ries

John Gates
Jolene Berg
Angeline Rannow
Doris Rossow

Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Angel Benes
Merlin Bentz
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis
Bob DeMaris

Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Bernie Gnan
Hilde Grev
Ruth Harms
Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen

Gretchen Laubach
Lisa Neitzel
Melinda Meuwissen
Gina Niesche
Steve Pond
Austin Rannow
Val Schlefsky
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the birth of a son, Hudson, to Adam and Hailey Busker.

In Sympathy

The family of Pearl Gray, upon her passing.

Celebrating LWML Sunday at St. John's

Today we are celebrating Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday. LWML is an auxiliary Ministry of the LCMS. LWML provides women with opportunities to grow in their relationship with the Lord through studying His Word, serving together and supporting missions. MITES are collected to support Mission Grants at the District and National level. At St. John's we have the Mary Martha Guild and Ladies Aid. If you are interested in learning more about LWML, contact Helen Anderson, Mary Martha Guild at 612-308-1209, or Karen Stephen, Ladies Aid at 630-728-2685.