

October 2, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Prelude *Prelude in Classic Style*

Young

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life.

Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

God, you love us so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have forgiveness.

We are forgiven! Amen!

*Hymn 526 God Is Here!

*Apostolic 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.

*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.

Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Janet Lasten

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 wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}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.

²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For 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.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Janet Lasten

This message written from Paul 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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia

Sung response “Alleluia, alleluia,”

The word of the Lord endures forever.*

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

*Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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.

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!’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Scott Nellis

*Hymn What Is the World Like

*The Apostles’ Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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, 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**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster. Give relief to those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick, especially those listed in our bulletin and all others we name before you now. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share God's peace with one another.

Offering *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* – Chancel Choir

Berger

We continue to give thanks for your faithful giving. If you are worshiping in person, the offering plate is in the Narthex. You may continue to give online or by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Sung response "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,"

*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 MEAL

*The Great Thanksgiving

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

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,
for the glorious resurrection of 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 choir of angels, with the church on earth and the
hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sung response "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,"

Words of Institution

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.

*The Lord's Prayer

We remember as we pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Sung response "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;"

Communion Hymns 818, 759

*Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Canticle

Sung response “Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:”

*Prayer

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Ignite Faith Together

VISITORS – If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! And, we ask that you complete the visitor information form found inside your bulletin. You can drop it in the offering plate at the doors as you leave today.

TABLE TALK – Young Adults are invited from 6 – 8 p.m. this coming Thursday night, October 6, for a meal (church is providing Jimmy Johns), study and fellowship.
Young Adults: 1 year out of high school through age 30.

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK – Mona Deringer

*Blessing and Dismissal

As you enter a new week, may you experience God’s presence. May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you. During this week, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

Go in peace, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn 812 Faith of Our Fathers

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The flowers on the altar are given by Derek and Anne Smith in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The second altar arrangement is given by Jim and Jennifer Tatz in honor of Keegan's 12th and Sean's 9th birthdays.

Sympathies are expressed to:

friends and family of Diane Dammeyer on her death on September 26;

Orrin, Clara and Sherry Buckley on the death of Orrin and Clara's daughter and Sherry's sister, Debbie Vanover on September 26.

Prayers:

Emily Davis, Jeff and Robbie Cosby, Betty Schuette, Kathy Jones, Dean Miller, Bob and Brigitte McKay, David Quist family, Kinzley Schmehl, Donna Crossman, Lucille Buller, Russ Wheeler, Gloria Mortinger, John Moneysmith, Ralph Podas, Bob Duff, Ron and Peg Margello, Charlene Friedley, Marcia Bollinger, Donna Peltomaa, Rick Meister, Neal Scharrer, Richard Crawford, Lorraine Jurgensen, Marilyn Swisher, Louann Irwin (Julie Rosales' and Susan White's aunt), Brian and Bonnie Peltomaa (Donna Peltomaa's son and daughter-in-law), Larry Baumiller (George Schmidt's brother-in-law), Jonathan Cavaness (Lynn Nadler's brother), Olivia Maynard (Sandy Weides' granddaughter), Marion Dengg and Gloria Paolillo (Mona Deringer's sisters), Duane Pride (Doug Pride's brother), Eileen Hurless and Myra Hurless (Marcie Edgell's sister and niece), Dean Wheeler (Russ Wheeler's nephew), Carol Hauzie (Craig Hauzie's mother), Amanda Glassburn (Betty Schuette's granddaughter), Sam Walters (Sue Wolford's brother), Gary Jones and Jim Jones (Kay Labosky's brothers), Alex Burrell (Marj Ellis' and Marchelle O'Grady's nephew), Patti Bramson (Rick Kolloff's sister), Carol Keplinger (Charlene Friedley's daughter)

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