



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025
Portage Lake United Church
Proper 22

Welcome and Announcements

We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and mercy. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- Church clean up on Saturday, October 11th, 10 am-noon
- The Holiday Decorations with a Side of Rummage sale is Saturday, November 8, from 10 am to 2 pm Details are in the October newsletter. Please donate your excess ornaments and gently used household items. Bring them to the church the first week of November. There is a sign up sheet for workbees in the lounge.
- Angel Mission needs: Canned Tomatoes
- ***Are there any other announcements?***



Lectionary Year C
Liturgical Color: Green



Serving This Morning

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland
Musician: Susie Bykkonen
Greeter: Judy Albee
Reader: Dianne Sprague
Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar
Communion: Beth Smock
Coffee: Bobbie Dalquist, Sze Wenn Tiang
Children's Church: Olivia Bykkonen

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

There is always a night shift and sooner or later we are put on it. The praise does not cease with fading of the light, but goes on through the spiritual night as well as the spiritual day. And if you are picked for the night shift—well, praise the Lord.

Evelyn Underhill

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

+ Call to Worship

Do not despair at the acts of the wicked-
Trust in God.

Scatter the seeds of justice in our world.

Do not desire or trust in the power of worldly empires-
**Delight in the power of God
whose light fills our souls.**

Do not embrace wrath or resentment;
find patience in times of shadows-
Commit to the ways of God.


Trust in the Holy One as Divine Love fills our earth.



+ Gathering Hymn “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” #399 BLUE

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LIFE IN CHRIST

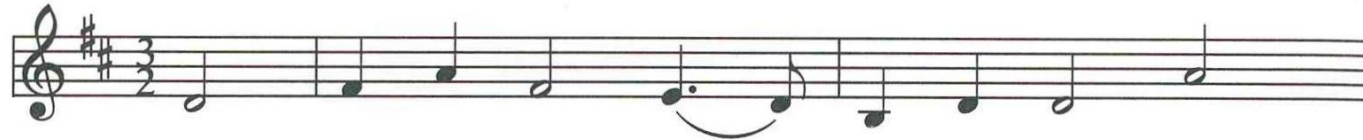
John 20:24-29 

399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986



1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found:
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Spirit of Encouragement,
You thrive in our times of doubt.
Your work takes root even if the drought of fear
destroys our fertile soil.
Yet we allow our mistrust of you
and our neighbors to disturb our growth.
We ask you to increase our faith
when we are refusing to cultivate it.
Motivate us to seek new ways of exploring
our faith.
Embolden us to trust even when fear creeps
into our minds.
Amen.



+ Confession

God of grace,
we confess that the seed
of faith within us is small.
Hope is often absent.
Love is frequently inconvenient.
Our sin keeps us from responding to you.
Tend to us in mercy,
so that we may grow in the ways
of faith, hope, and love,
after the example of Jesus Christ.



*Children's Peace Memorial By Michael at
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+ PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptized into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.



WORD



Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The wicked surround the righteous

1:1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 1:2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 1:3 Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 1:4 So 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. 2:2 Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 2:3 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. 2:4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God

2 Timothy 1:1-14

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1:3 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. 1:4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 1:5 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. 1:6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 1:7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 1:8 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, relying on the power of God, 1:9 who 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, 1:10 but 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. 1:11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 1:12 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 what I have entrusted to him. 1:13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 1:14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

O God of Every Nation

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Welsh folk melody
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972



1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,



Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,








Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign




In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.






✚ GOSPEL READING Luke 17:5-10

17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 17:6 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. 17:7 "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'? 17:8 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'? 17:9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 17:10 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. Thanks be to God



Sermon

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world.
You are hope for people in despair,
and you are home to exiles.
Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day.
Use them according to your own purpose and grace.
In Christ's name we ask it. **Amen.**



Ann Campbell

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

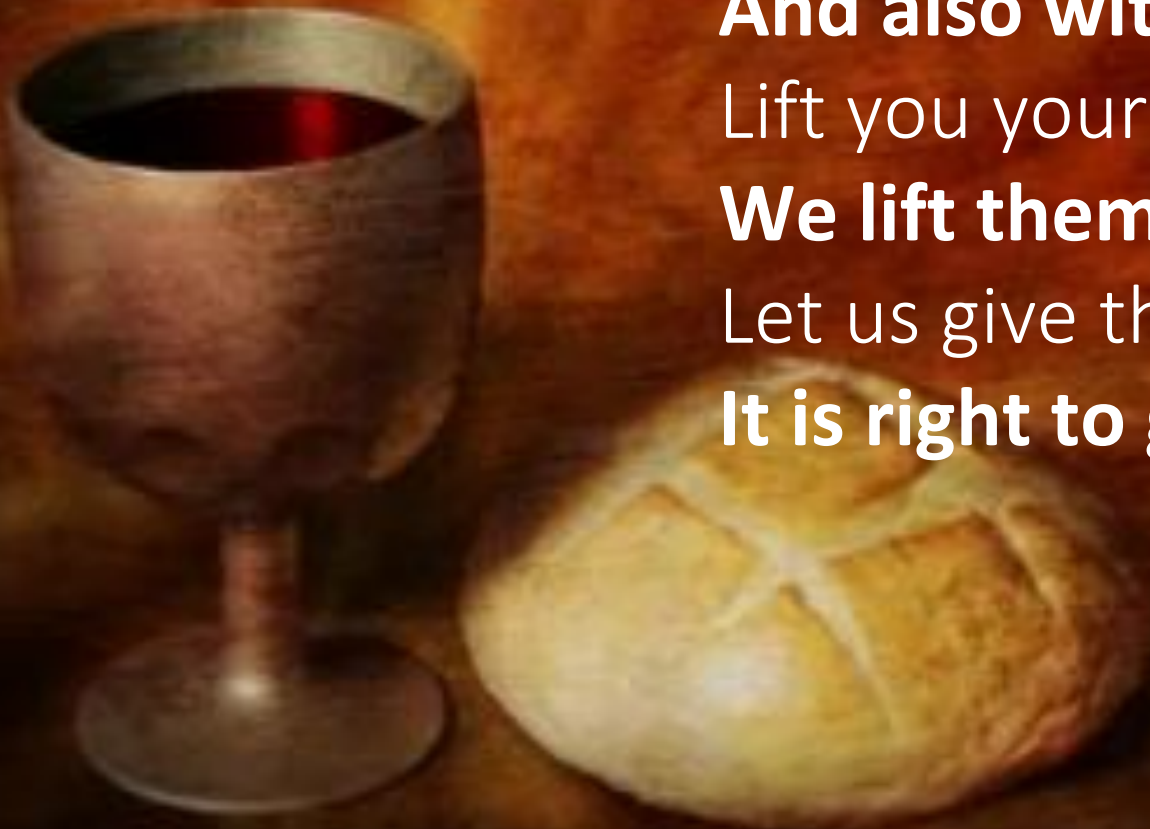
And also with you.

Lift you 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.



PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

ECUMENICAL

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.



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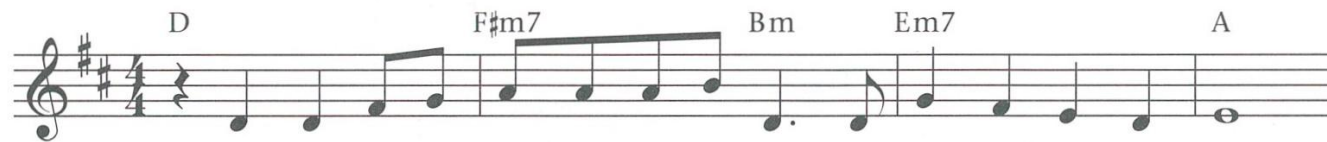
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Communion Distribution



Be Still, for the Presence

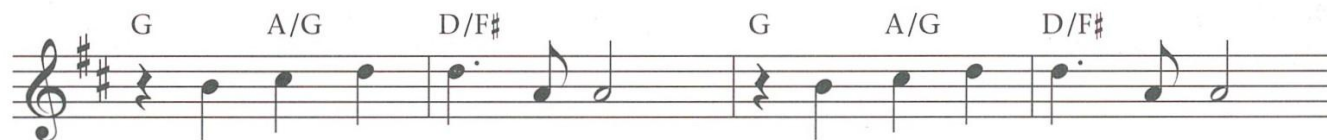
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1 Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.



Come bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
 He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen-dor he is crowned.
 He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.
 How awe-some is the sight, our rad-iant King of light!
 No work too hard for him; in faith re - ceive from him.



Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

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GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Prayer after Communion



✚SENDING HYMN “Lord, Make Us Servants” #204 GREEN

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Lord, Make Us Servants

Descant

5 Dy - ing, we live, re - born through

D G C Gsus G Bm

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of

Em Am . G Dsus D G C

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of Your

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Imagine what a mustard seed of faith
might do this week in your life.
Not a quart, nor a gallon, nor a truckload.
Just a mustard seed.
Imagine.
Now go and live out that grace!

May the steadfast love of God be upon you.
May the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord be within you.
May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you,
now and forever.



Postlude and Reflection

What is faith?



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