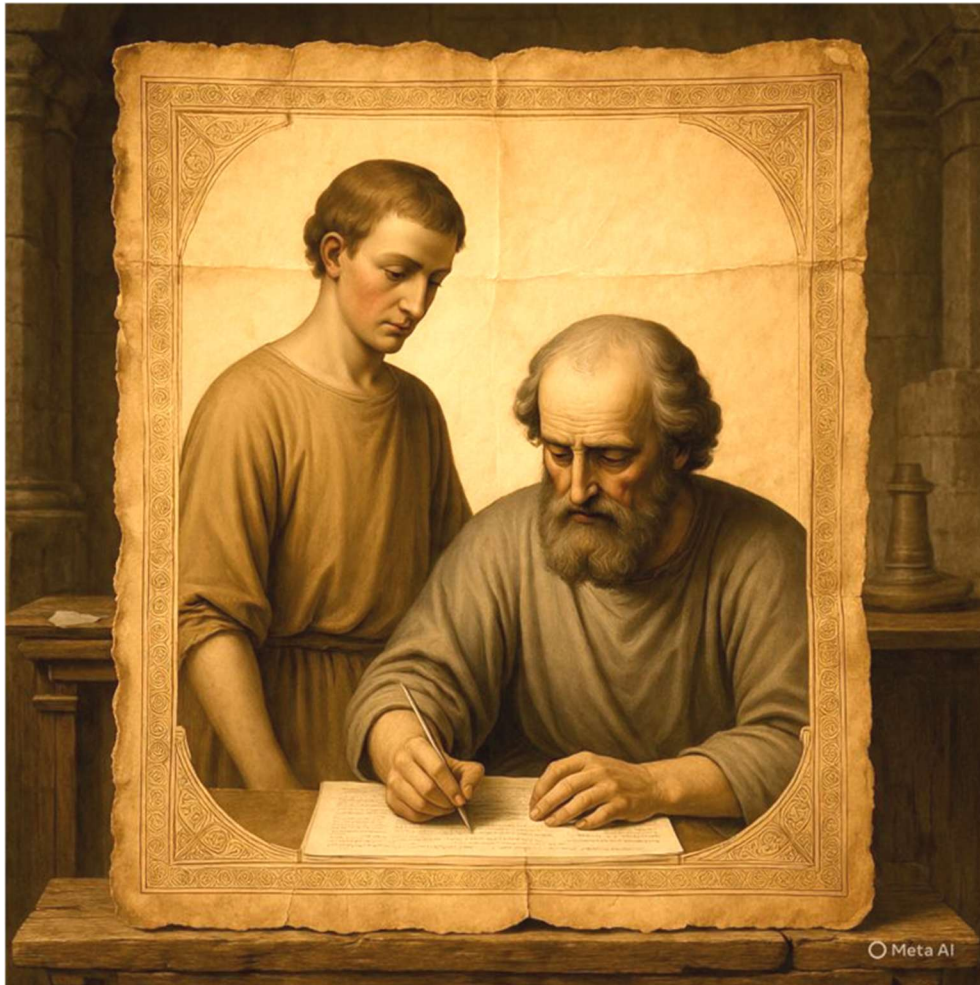


St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025 8:15 and 10:30 AM
(both services in-person)



(Saint Paul, in his mind, picturing Timothy to whom he writes):
*"I am reminded of your sincere faith, Timothy,
that first dwelt in your Grandmother, Lois, and Mother, Eunice,
and now, I am sure, dwells in you. . . ."*- 2 Timothy 1: 5

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Welcome to worship here at St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA. We gather around the story of Jesus! We are glad you have joined us to worship our Lord in this Service of Word and Meal. If you are visiting, longing to be a part of a community, want to join, are searching for faith, need a good-news-shaped word, or seek healing and peace, we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Entry Narthex, complete the goldenrod "Connections" page, give us your contact information and the opportunity to respond and welcome and get to know you. Please return to worship with us again. Read our weekly announcements on the white GPS page. If you are in need of assistance or have questions of any kind, please speak with an usher, a Staff member, a Council member or Pastor Brad Brauer, our Interim Pastor. This is Christ's Church. Here the scriptures are opened and preached. Here is Christ's Welcome Table of grace and mercy. There is a place for you here. Join us in Jesus' mission.

Today's Scripture and Sermon focus: Saint Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy, chapter 1: 1-14. Paul invited Timothy, and invites us now, to recover the holy gifts of the Spirit. The Spirit comes alongside to make us "strong, loving, and wise" (liturgist Robert Hovda). The "organizing" pastoral epistles are sources for the initial ministries of the Church and its reform of the cliques and cults of the empire when it came to meals and feasts (think also: a critique of and reform of the Lord's Supper we eat). The Lord's Supper had been going on in Corinth, but Paul vigorously reforms it, demanding key changes. Preaching had taken place in Galatia, but Paul now refocuses its content on the meaning of the "gospel." Paul seeks to shape Christian Offices with the disciplines of love, mercy, compassion, and yielding to the other.

During these Sundays in October, as we prepare for Confirmation and Reformation Sunday, we will take up and pray/use one of the earliest sources for the liturgy of the Meal: The Great Thanksgiving Prayer. These sources, Didache, Justin Martyr, Hippolytus informed the final shape of both green LBW and cranberry ELW worship books and hymnals. Confirmands, present at the worship service each attends, will be called to the font to receive the 10 commandments, the baptismal Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. October 19 will be a celebration of the Feast Day of patron, Saint Luke. Join us!

Please join us to receive HOLY COMMUNION: At St. Luke, all Christians who desire to receive Christ's presence and blessing, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Communion Meal are welcome to do so, regardless of your age or denomination. If you or your children are not yet baptized into the Christian faith, please contact the pastor who would love to help you begin to receive this sacrament of grace and belonging and learn about its meanings. By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken, and by receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice), we believe the Holy Spirit unites us with the Jesus of the past and the Christ of faith and with each other, even those whom physical distance and health concerns separate. Jesus Christ humbles himself to become fully present in his real body and blood, given to each of us, and all of us together. This Meal is for you. All are welcome here! Friend and stranger. All are welcome at the banquet of the Savior! Come up the center aisle to the Pastor or Assisting Minister and receive the bread into your open, flat palm/ hand, go left or right and receive/or take the cup of wine/ juice from the server at Table. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and receive the sign of the Cross and a word of blessing and prayer. Cross your arms to indicate you are not communing but wish a simple blessing. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to share in this Holy Communion Meal. These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness Rite

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our Maker (the Creator), our Helper (Jesus the Savior), and our Keeper (the life-giving Holy Spirit).
Amen.

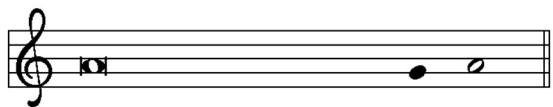
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
**Rejoice over us as those who were lost
but have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
I announce to you that God has forgiven you all your sins
through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.
You who were lost have been found. You who were once enslaved are now free to love and serve.
In the name of ✚ Jesus, let us live into the freedom of our forgiveness and new life!
Amen.

As a gathered community, we join together in lament and praise to God in song.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



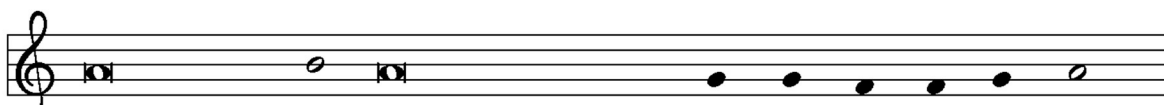
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

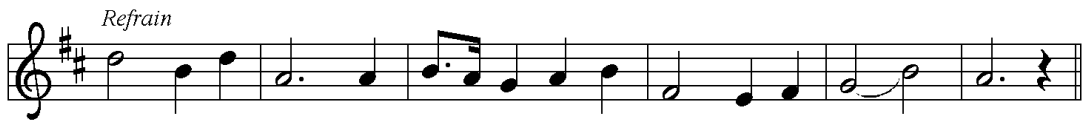


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastoral Greeting

May 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!

This is the day which the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The ancient collect-prayers capture the themes of the Readings . . .

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Word

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4

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.

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 God will say to me
and what God 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.

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

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

Psalm

Psalm 37:1-9

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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.

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,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 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. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 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. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 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, in the power of God, ⁹ 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,

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 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 the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ 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.**

All God's Children Message

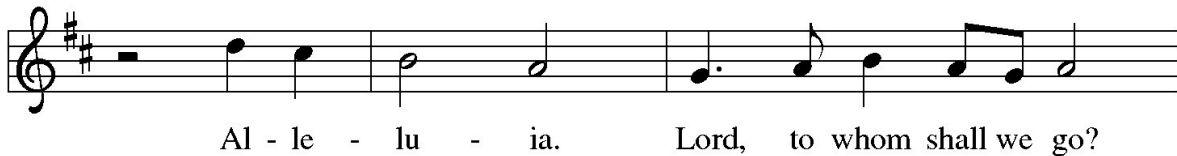
Pastor Brad

"HaBa ...' WHO?"

(Learning the name and mission of the prophet Ha-Bakkuk)

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4



Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 17th 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.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 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. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 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'? ⁹ Do you thank the servant for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'Even if we are only worthless slaves; we have done what we ought to have done!' "

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Brad Brauer

"Who helped you to have faith, Pastor Mike?"
(A multi-generational Faith)



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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Our Confirmands are called to gather at the Font . . . St. Luke will envelope our confirmands, giving support through prayer, blessings and gift-giving (10 Commandments/Beatitudes; Apostles' Creed; Lord's Prayer (3 of 5 Catechism studies) as they prepare to reaffirm boldly and confidently their Baptismal promises. We, as a congregation, are reminded to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the 10 Commandments, place in their hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer."

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed *(The word, Creed, is from the Latin, Credo, "I believe")*

**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 the People

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence. Each prayer bid ends with ...

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

*Response after the final petition: **Amen.***

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.

Offerings are Received

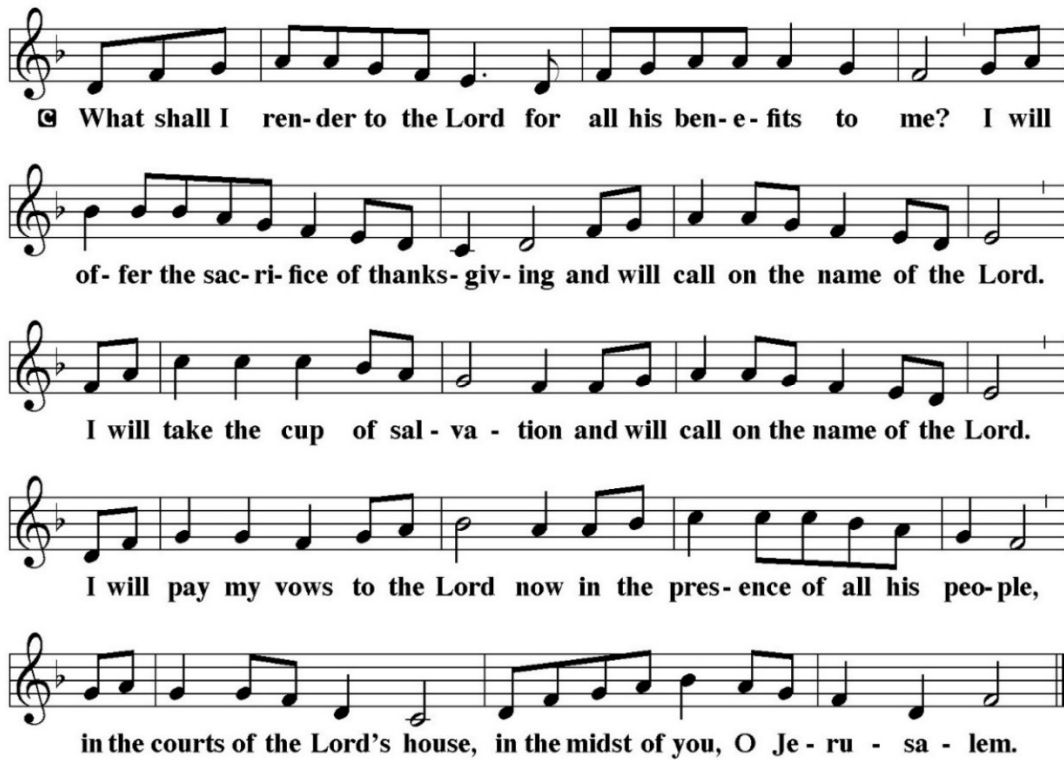
We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through the Church. Place your offerings in the basket in the aisle. You may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website

<http://stlukeabq.org/>.

You are also invited to give, in addition, to our Bucket of Change recipient and its ministry. **The Bucket of Change recipient for October is HopeWorks.** HopeWorks provides access to day shelter, housing, & mental/behavioral health services. It addresses the complex challenges and trauma that many of us face, offering healing, safety, and support through love and community. Website: <https://hopeworksnm.org/>

Offertory Hymn LBW S67 (8:15 AM)

What Shall I Render



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Offering Anthem (10:30 AM)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm,

Music by William M. Runyan, Arranged by Mark Hayes

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy
faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above --
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy
faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy
faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord, unto me!

People's Offertory 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 Prayer of Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

Source: The Didache Teachings, ca. 100-150 AD (the most ancient eucharistic prayer over the bread and wine known to us.)

Dialogue

The Lord be with you:

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up to the Lord.

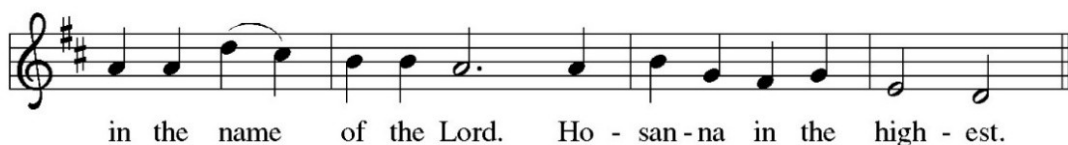
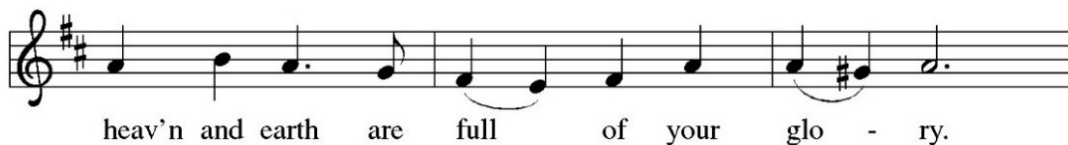
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to thank and praise you, Father, Creator of heaven and earth. You comforted your people with the promise of a Redeemer. In answer to our prayers you sent Jesus your Servant Son to be our Messiah & King and to save us from the powers of sin and death. Joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, with John the Baptizer, with Isaiah the Prophet, with all the company of heaven who testify to your goodness and mercy, and with all creation we give you praise, saying (singing) together:

Sanctus

ELW Setting 4



Thanksgiving at the Table continues . . . as we recall what God has done in history and in/ through Jesus.

Blessed are you, Holy and gracious Father! You are the hope at the beginning of all things. We praise you for our lives and the love that will one day rule all in all. We praise you for your mercy. Though we deny your gift, you keep us from the emptiness we dread. Therefore we praise you as the God of Israel: of her rescue from Egypt, of her memory of the covenants made with Abraham, Moses, and David, of her exile in Babylon and homecoming, and of her prophets' hopes which will not be in vain.

Praise be to you, creator and loving God.

Remembering all your mercies, in all this we praise you for your Son, Jesus, who came down from heaven to be our Savior and King, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, and to reconcile us back to you. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself unto death in obedience to your will. We remember now at his table, in these saving mysteries, the events before his suffering and death . . .

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ, at his last meal,
took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Over the loaf of bread & Cup of wine -the holy vine of King David your Servant which you made known to us through Jesus your Son- we remember our Lord's incarnation and birth, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, and promise to come again; and we give you thanks and praise. Hosanna to the Son of David!

Praise be to you, Jesus, Son of God and our Savior!

Send your Spirit now upon this bread and wine and bless your people gathered here. Sanctify us that we may serve you in faithfulness and constancy. On the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your kingdom. Let grace and your eternal kingdom come, and let this world be made new.

Praise be to you, life-giving and renewing Spirit!

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hills were gathered into one loaf to become our bread, so may all your people from all the ends of the earth be gathered into one Church and into your eternal kingdom. For yours is the kingdom, the glory and the power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, for ever and ever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Lord's Prayer

ELW Setting 5



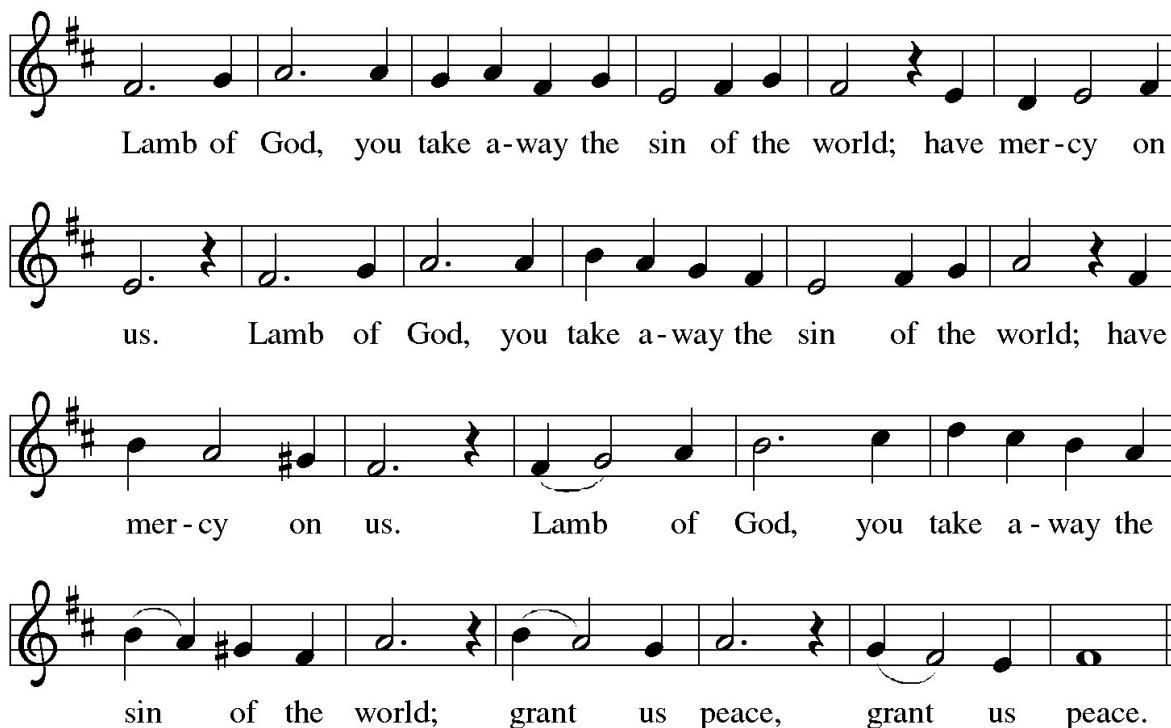
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with us.
Come to His meal of Manna and Mercy.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

The ministers commune both after and before others commune.



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.

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

The Distribution of Communion



You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing prayer and sign of the Cross.

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and his blessing, strengthen you, keep us all in that One True Faith, and bring us all to everlasting life. Depart from the Lord's Table in peace and joy.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

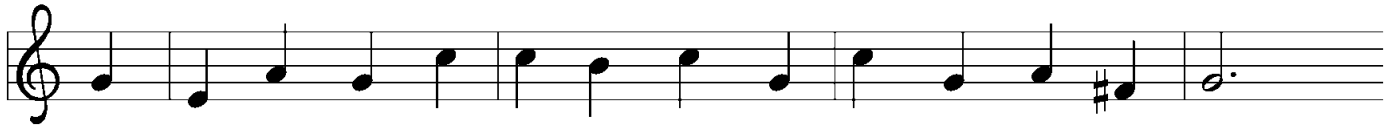
O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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 ELW 632, vs 1, 3, 6

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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Dismissal

The Joy of the Lord is our strength!
Go in peace; love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Sonatina in A minor, Op. 168, No. 7 Rondo Allegretto

Anton Diabelli

Scripture readings for Eighteenth Weekend After Pentecost: October 11 & 12, 2025
2 Kings 5; Psalm 111; **Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:8-15**; Luke 17:11-19

Participating in Today's Worship

Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer

Sacristy Care: Shirley Smith

Pianist: Danielle Cordova

Nursery Care: Taylor Hollowwa

8:15 AM

Reader: Laura Jorgensen

Vocalist: Austyn Knecht

Sound: Andreas Hochstein

Ushers: Cindy Callisto, Deanna Vendel

10:30 AM

Reader: Barb Shirrod

Vocalists: St Luke Sanctuary Choir

Sound: Maribel Alvarez

Communion Assistants: Mary Voelz, Marina Mauney

Ushers: Shirley Smith, Diane Follstaedt

Greeters: Barb & Terry Shirrod

Sacristy Candle for October, given by Cindy Calliston, in memory of her mother Jean Chaplis

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Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” – Jeremiah 33:3

Let us offer our prayers for the wideness of God’s mercy for the whole world —

For the church universal, its bishops, for the newly baptized and confirmands, and for all the faithful, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider in Guyana

† Blessing upon Presiding Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelabouni and the work of the Rockies Synod and its ministries, for the ministries of the ELCA in Jordan and the Holy Land and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

For the well-being of your creation; that we may be good stewards of all your gifts and share generously with all who are in need, for an increase of peace and justice in the world,

† Healing for our country and unity for God’s people
† Especially in Gaza and the larger Middle East and in the Ukraine and for Oksana’s family in Ukraine, for safety and an end to war and terror

† Avery, Rebecca Horton’s granddaughter and daughter, Liam & Richard, Marissa & Gene, Brandon & Chris & Peter (from Nancy Espy), Janie (from Daleen Olson), Thomas Young’s medical work (from Cindy Callisto), Don, safety as he travels, Mark Mooty, Elisa, Felisa, Joshua Kiniaard (16 yrs), Andy, Nancy, Dave, Sam, Andrew, Scott & Beels, Emily, Seth, Nora & Logan, Kathy, Lisa Gail & Mary, Chele, Debra, Roseann Schneider, Sofia, Michael R, Joan & Dave, Kaela, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner, Magdalena Barba & family, Jean Klinke

For the nations and those in authority, rulers, legislators, and judges,

† *People in Southeast Asia in the midst of monsoon season and earthquakes; believers in India, that may continue to share the good news of Jesus as they face new laws on religion*

† *The youth, especially those living in unsafe environment, that they would hear and accept the good news of Jesus*

† This community; for peace and security for all peoples, for this assembly here at St. Luke Church, for our growth in faith and service for the poor, oppressed

† Starving children and families in Gaza and in Sudan; *families struggling in India where there’s widespread flooding, persecution in Pakistan*

† *October Bucket of Change recipient HopeWorks New Mexico*

For the sick and infirm of body, mind, and spirit, those who live with incurable diseases, AIDS, malaria, last stage cancer, and polio

† Fern Knudsen on hospice, Ellen Seylar (& husband Roland) on her health and settling in their home in an assisted living near family in Maryland, Lola, for mental health and care; Karin Duda, for health procedures

† For the hospitalized and recovering, especially those who will have surgery: *Donna who was in hospital, Pastor Zach Cook, Steve, Rebecca Horton’s husband, Tina, Felisa, Pastor Brad’s daughter Erinn Brauer Brown and his niece, Renae Brauer, Don, Daleen Olson, Myra Lynch*

† For the bereaved and sad: *Eric, son-in-law of Daleen Olson, and family, on death of Eric’s father Bill Jones on Sept. 24, Pam and family on death of her husband Rob, on Sept. 16*

For the hungry and homeless on our streets and neighborhoods, for the mentally ill especially, for the lonely

† Amy, Juvanna, and Frankie, and others we pass by unable to help them sufficiently

For the congregation and its needs, and for its special concerns,

† *Our confirmands Serenity, Beau, and Hazel, and teacher & adult leader Tom Berardinelli at Confirmation Camp on Oct. 10-12 and at their Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26*

† The Call Committee and the Church Council

† St. Luke Preschool and the children and families

† Interim Pastor Brad, church committees/ministries, & staff

† Nancy Granert, Forrest Blech, Sandy Bowers, Bob & Sherri Domres, Ray Prudhomme, Chrystal Vaughan, Karin Duda, Dorela Cole, Lorna Hill, Brenda Sanchez, Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills (ride to church)

† For aging parents, whose caregivers we become.

For blessings of our faithful and loving Lord, we give thanks

† *Karen Carlson, recovering very well from surgery and regaining back her strength and mobility*

We remember the faithful departed who now are at rest and all the saints in our lives most dear to us who have lived out the faith and taught us by their great examples; we give thanks for our time with them, and, as we believe Jesus died and rose again, we look forward to uniting with them in eternal life with Jesus

† *Bill Jones, Rob*

Into your mercy we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please submit your prayer requests to PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

STEWARDSHIP THEME AND MISSION MINUTE: ENOUGH FOR OUR WORK

Scripture: Luke 17:5-10 (October 4 and 5, 2025)



We often feel like we need more to do the work to which we've been called: money, time, bandwidth, trust, etc. When the disciples ask Jesus for more faith, he responds sharply, "If you have faith the size of the mustard seed [and you do]," you could do things that far exceed the work you're given. Beyond our self-aggrandizing visions of bigness, increase, and success, what seemingly small things do we already have that point us to the work that God gives us to do?

The disciples want their faith to increase. And it's understandable that they might want that to happen. They've seen Jesus heal the sick and injured. They've seen him stand up to the religious and political powers of the day. They've seen him raise Jairus's daughter! If faith allows you to do such amazing things, who wouldn't want more of it? But perhaps Jesus is less about increase, and more about sufficiency. The mustard seed parable is a parable about sufficiency. This tiny seed has huge abilities. So, too, does the tiniest bit of faith. So, too, does the tiniest congregation. So, too, does the smallest initiative done in great faith. So, too, does the smallest gift given with love and grace. - The Rev. Timothy Brown

What can we do? Jesus interprets the servants talking to themselves, noting that they're "worthless." But this Greek word, 'achreios,' does not mean "without worth," but rather being given it by a God who has a soft spot for things that miss the mark sometimes. In other words, these servants who are "just doing what they are supposed to do" are just living into their name: children of God. Children given everything that they need to fulfill their calling. We have enough for what we are called to do, by God. And, yes, more.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION What small but meaningful thing is God calling our congregation to "invest in" this next year through the gifts we have? How will this small act have a huge, mustard seed impact on the lives of others?

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