

# You're Welcome...

**Pentecost 17: October 5, 2025**



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# Pentecost 17

9:00 AM



## Announcements

**Prelude:** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, arr. Phil Lehenbauer

## Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*(Please kneel or sit)*

P. Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P. God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C. Amen**

**The Entrance Hymn: #526 GOD IS HERE**

## Apostolic Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## Glory to God



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.



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.

## The Prayer of the Day

P. Benevolent, merciful God:

**C. 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

### The First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 37:1-9 (sung responsively with cantor)

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by <sup>|</sup> evildoers; do not be jealous of those <sup>|</sup> who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither <sup>|</sup> like the grass, and like the green grass <sup>|</sup> fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD <sup>|</sup> and do good; dwell in the land and <sup>|</sup> find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight <sup>|</sup> in the LORD, who shall give you your <sup>|</sup> heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust <sup>|</sup> in the LORD,  
and see what <sup>|</sup> God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear <sup>|</sup> as the light  
and the justice of your case like the <sup>|</sup> noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait <sup>|</sup> patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in <sup>|</sup> evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave <sup>|</sup> rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on- <sup>|</sup> ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall <sup>|</sup> be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- <sup>|</sup> sess the land.

### The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

<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. <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, relying on 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. 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 Christ Jesus, 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 what 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 treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

### The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<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!'"

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**The Sermon:** Rev. Mark Luscombe

*(please stand)*

**Hymn of the Day:** #769 IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD...

### **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. 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**

### **The Prayers**

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

*(please kneel or sit)*

*(after each petition, please respond)*

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

P. We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.      **C. Amen**

*(please stand)*

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!      **C. And also with you!**

*(please be seated)*

**Offertory:** *Elegy*, Charles Gounod

*(please stand)*

### The Offertory: *"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*



- 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.

### The Offertory Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

**C. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### The Preface Dialogue

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

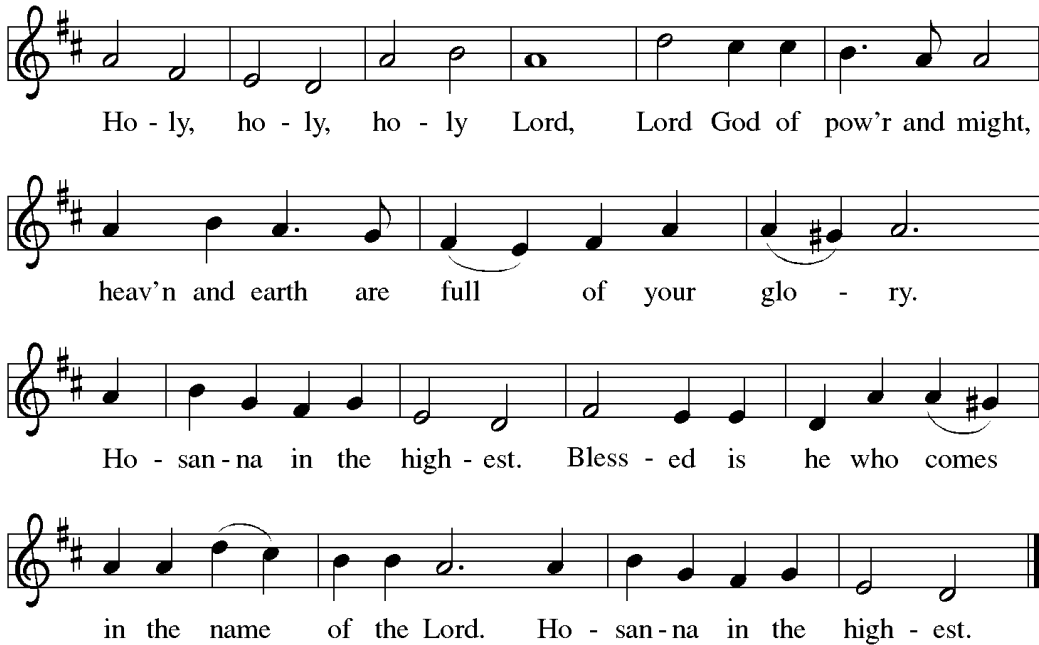
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### The Proper Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

P. 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:

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using eighth and quarter notes with some rests and ties.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P. Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.....Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

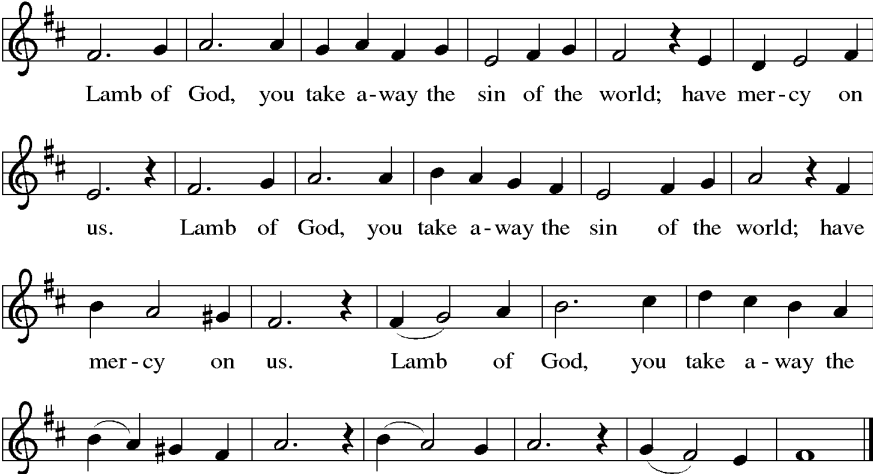
**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

## The Fraction

P. Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



## The Agnus Dei - 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)*

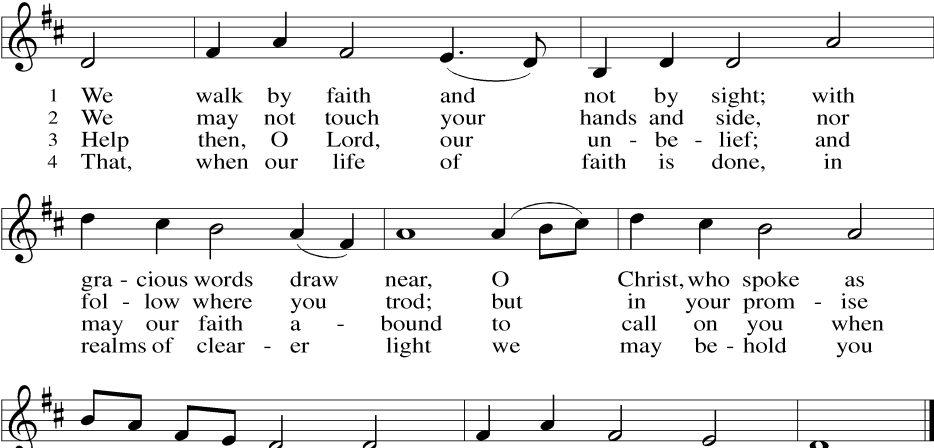
### The Distribution

*(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing.  
If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation  
of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the  
trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)*

#796 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

#759 MY FAITH LOOKS UP

### We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your 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 draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your 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: "My peace be with you here."  
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.

#733 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*(please stand)*

### **The Blessing of Communicants**

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

**C. Amen**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

P. Holy God,

**C. you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **The Benediction**

P. God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C. Amen**

### **The Dismissal**

A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*, arr. Humphrey Turner

**OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY**

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| <p><b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b><br/>9:00 Ed Quirke</p> <p><b>LECTOR</b><br/>9:00 Norm Wangman</p> <p><b>COUNCIL TEAM</b><br/>9:00 Heather Zimmerman, Christy Boos</p> <p><b>USHERS</b><br/>9:00 Dave Bowers, Bob &amp; Ann Snader,<br/>Tom &amp; Kitty Dickersheid</p> <p><b>ACOLYTES</b><br/>9:00 Patrice Mull</p> <p><b>AV</b> Matt Shirker</p> | <p><b>ALTAR GUILD</b><br/>9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann &amp; Bob Snader</p> <p><b>Launder Linens:</b> Patricia Fassnacht</p> <p><b>Deliver Flowers:</b> Winnie Gerlach</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p><b>WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR<br/>FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:</b></p> <hr/> <p>✠ To the glory of God.</p> |
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## Prayers of the People

The family of Shirley Reider

Sue Gilbert – Rob Gilbert’s mom

Devon Collins – Lisa Garrett’s cousin’s son

Adam D’Andre – friend of Lori Spitzer’s parents

Melissa Hughes

Ron Price

Jake Hinkle – 4 No. Line Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

Shirley Reider – Ephrata Hospital

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543

Darryll Kuhns – 58 Brookfield Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

Rick Woerner – 280 Boomerang Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Trump and leaders of this nation, leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need



*If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.*

## CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna

Emmalyn Mulvenna

Janet Brunner

Andrew Campbell

Michael Spennath

Tony Perella

Mike & Claudia Belden

Henry Perella

Peyton Harter

COL. Eric Bowers

Dan Wierbiki

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Karen Woerner

Kim Harnish

Rick Gerhard

Wyatt Geisthweit

Les Doremus

Scott Hambleton

Jim Weik

Heidi White

Johnny White

Jacob Connolly

Sue & Denis Rowe

Crystal Perry

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Terry Gehman

Jill Puleo

Brent Stever

Alan & family

Dori Hoch

Cindy Stahl

Grant Hummer

Martha Becker

Chris and Karen Payonk

Alysha Fassnacht

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Eric Mortorell

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Sheldon Garman

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