

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 5, 2025

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

Not Unto Us
Setting: Rebecca R. Kramer

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

Not Unto Us

LSB 558

**1 Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;
Not unto us but to Your name be praise;
Not unto us but to Your name all honor be giv'n
For matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.**

**2 Amazing grace—that chose us ere the worlds were made;
Amazing grace—that sent Your Son to save;
Amazing grace—that robed us in Your righteousness
And taught our lips to sing glory and praise.**

**3 O faithful love—that shepherded through faithless years;
Forgiving love—that led us to Your truth;
Unyielding love—that would not let us turn from You
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.**

**4 Not unto us but to Your name be glory, Lord,
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,
And pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.**

(8:00) *CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

LSB 167

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*10:30 SERVICE BEGINS HERE
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INVOCATION and BAPTISMAL DESCRIPTION

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

QUESTION TO PARENTS AND SPONSORS

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Addressed to all)

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ THE BAPTISM ✠

Penelope Lovirn Gethard

(Daughter of Steven Gethard and Emilie Weaver)

PRAYER, SIGN OF THE CROSS, PRESENTATION OF THE CANDLE

WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

8:00 & 10:30 SERVICES

KYRIE

LSB 168

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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 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.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (Be seated)

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.

(8:00) PSALM 62 (Sung responsively)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in falsehood.

They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man
according to his work.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

(10:30) ANTHEM Jubilation Choir Take My Life, That I May Be (Toma mi voluntad)
Setting: Mark Sedio

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated Lord to thee;
 Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. (Refrain)

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. (Refrain)

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. (Refrain)

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. (Refrain)

SECOND LESSON

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.

10:30 CHILDREN'S SERMON

ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

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

SERMON (Be seated)

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ:

In the Gospel lesson just read, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. And this is a request we easily understand, since we all know how important faith is in this life, and how often it seems to be in short supply.

Today's sermon will offer a few lessons of faith that are suggested by today's Gospel reading. And these will be supplemented by thoughts from today's other readings too. Together, the lessons will help us see (1) the need for faith, (2) the power of faith, and finally, (3) some warnings about faith.

At first glance, today's Gospel reading might seem to be just a collection of unrelated sayings. But when we look closer, we see a definite logic. For example, the disciples' request for increased faith clearly comes because of what Jesus has said right before this. There he addressed two topics which speak to the need for faith – the topics of temptation and forgiveness.

Jesus begins his teaching by saying to his disciples: *"Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!"* And to emphasize the woe, he added: *"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."*

As Jesus notes, temptations do come to each of us. They come in the form of those voices from within our own minds or from the lips of others suggesting that we don't need to follow God's commands. These voices catch our attention particularly well when we're in the presence of something desirable or beautiful. And they tend to have a greater effect when we are hurting or feeling down.

Jesus then adds that one of our temptations is to tempt others. And that's because Jesus knows that we've learned to manipulate others into doing the things we want, and that through this manipulation we can gain partners for our crimes.

To counter these temptations, we need faith. Faith teaches and reminds us that God is actively providing for our good and that we don't need to break his commands to find happiness and joy. God has promised to provide us what we truly need; therefore, we don't need to disobey him.

In today's first reading, the prophet Habakkuk was tempted to give up hope because God didn't seem to be helping him. He felt threatened by all the violence, sin and destruction he saw around him, and he wondered why God didn't seem to be doing anything about it.

When Habakkuk called out to God in prayer, God answered him. His answer was his solemn promise that *“the righteous shall live by his faith.”* This is a promise of great comfort and one which we’ll explore further a little later in the sermon.

But back to the Gospel reading. After mentioning temptation, Jesus then speaks to the need for faith as he tells of God’s command to both rebuke sin and forgive sin.

Jesus says it this way: *“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.”*

We don’t like to forgive those who sin against us. Not even once. Forgiveness challenges our pride and causes us stress. This week I was sinned against by someone at a local business who did poor work and wouldn’t make it right. I decided to walk away and not make a fuss because I didn’t want to deal with it. And I also decided to forgive and move on, despite there being no repentance, because I know that forgiveness is always a good thing to do. But the whole thing has eaten at me as well, and I can’t say I’m ever going back there.

Jesus tells us that when people repent, we must forgive them. And certainly, the repentance makes the forgiveness a little easier. But forgiveness is always still hard, nonetheless.

Jesus’ words about temptation and forgiveness highlight the great need we all have for faith. Without faith, neither the resisting of temptation nor the extending of forgiveness is possible. And knowing this, we see now why Jesus’ disciples cried out to him: *“Increase our faith.”*

To this request, which, we should note, is really a prayer – a good prayer, Jesus then speaks to the power of faith. And he does this by saying: *“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.”*

Here Jesus gives a strong and vivid image meant to capture faith’s power. For Mulberry trees are known to be especially deep-rooted. And planting a tree in the sea by one’s command is normally impossible.

But of course, that’s Jesus’ point. Faith can lead to the accomplishment of things which normally aren’t possible.

Faith has great power. And Jesus illustrates this further by mentioning the mustard seed, one of the smallest of all seeds, saying that even faith of this size can do great things.

Christians throughout the centuries have been comforted by this teaching of Jesus. For believing in God's power is not always easy, as the prophet Habakkuk expressed in our earlier reading, and here we see that even a little faith can be sufficient.

This sufficiency comes because of faith's object. When we trust in God, we draw on God's power – a power far greater than ours.

And this power is especially shown and given through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Paul emphasizes this point as he writes to young Timothy in the opening verses of his second letter. While mentioning how we Christians can endure our sufferings for the Gospel by the power of God, Paul elaborates on this power by telling how God *"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"* (v.9,10).

Here we add that this "abolishing of death" and "bringing of life and immortality" was accomplished by Jesus on the cross, where he died to pay for our sins. And this is the message of the Gospel – those "sound words" making up the "good deposit" that Paul mentions in the last verse of today's reading. This is the message, too, which is born and nurtured in our hearts *"by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us"* – the Spirit which is given in Holy Baptism and in God's Holy Word.

Yes, faith is powerful because of its object. It is powerful because of our all-powerful God and his Son, Jesus Christ. Faith clings to God's promises and derives its strength from them.

This is the place where we should then consider some words of warning about faith. For sources of power are often misunderstood, and power itself can lead to misunderstanding.

Immediately after teaching his disciples about faith's power, Jesus then says: *"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.'"

Here we are reminded that even though God has entrusted us with a powerful faith, we are by no means equals of God. Rather, we are his servants, who need him.

Yes, we are also a part of God's family. And Jesus even once said that he would call us his "friends." But neither of these designations negate the fact that we are to understand our proper place before him.

We may have the great power of faith, but that doesn't mean we get to flaunt God's commands. We are to set our hearts on obeying him and bow down in repentance when we don't.

In the same way, we dare not confuse faith in God with faith in ourselves. Yes, having faith in God should lead us to having a little more faith in ourselves, for God accomplishes great things in and through us. But at the end of the day, it is our faith in God which is much more important. Faith in God acts as a check against our hubris. And only faith in God can save us from our sins.

To keep us from a misplaced faith, God gives us his Holy Word. And the portion of that Word which I'd like us to conclude with today is that line from Habakkuk mentioned earlier: *"But the righteous shall live by his faith."*

With these words, God encouraged Habakkuk to trust him. And he also assured Habakkuk that despite all the threats around him, there was a way to guarantee life.

God explained that the one who lives by faith is righteous. Through this promise, Habakkuk could rest assured that he would live. He didn't need to understand all of God's ways, nor did he always need to succeed in his attempts to live righteously. He just needed to keep faith.

Years later, St. Paul remembered these words and quoted them in his epistle to the Romans. In the book's first chapter, Paul wrote: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith'"* (1:16,17).

In the chapters which follow, Paul further clarifies that we do not achieve a status of righteousness through our works. No one is ever good enough to be declared such by God. Rather, the one who places their faith in the Gospel is declared righteous because

of what God's Son, Jesus, has done for us. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross has earned our salvation.

Just so you know, Paul's words in Romans are often translated with the word "just" substituted for "righteous." The two words are the same in Greek. Using the word "just" makes it a little clearer that we are saved through our justification in God's sight and not because of our own righteousness.

And this message of our salvation gives the greatest of all comfort. For as in the days of Habakkuk we are surrounded by "*destruction and violence*" and the Law "*is paralyzed, and justice [seemingly] never goes forth.*" Furthermore, as Jesus said, "*Temptations to sin are sure to come.*"

Thankfully, as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance, and forgives us. Although we may struggle with forgiveness, God doesn't.

We therefore pray that he would "increase our faith." And indeed, he does! Though we are his "unworthy servants," he prepares his Supper for us, dresses us properly, and gives us his own flesh and blood for our salvation.

With strengthened faith we can face the days ahead with a sure and certain hope – pulling up mulberry trees if that is what we're called to do or completing any of the other difficult tasks that might be on our plate. This life, as beautiful as it can be, is filled with threats and troubles. But God will give us faith as we ask him, and that faith will see us through until the blessed new life to come.

May God then keep us in this faith and strengthen it as we have need. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strengthened faith through God's Word, that all would learn to trust our loving Father to provide for them according to the mercy He has shown us in Christ Jesus His Son, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strength against temptation and the guarding of our steps, that in our weakness and in our liberty we neither disobey God's commands nor cause others to sin, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who bear witness to Christ, including the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, that God — who has given us a spirit not of fear, but of power and self-control — would bless us with winsomeness and wisdom to speak His Word in faith and love to all who will hear, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes, that husbands and wives may love and forgive each other, that parents may be faithful examples to their children, and that orphans may know the joy of a home, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who exercise authority over us and order us according to our laws, that they would faithfully execute justice and defend us against our enemies; and for our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer and judge our laws, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are suffering in body or mind, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts at this time... that the Lord would grant them faith, perseverance and, if it is for their good, healing in their time of trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune at the Lord's altar this day, that they may have hearts prepared to faithfully receive the divine gift which brings the immortal body and blood of Jesus to our very lips, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You. Comfort us with this promise, so that we may join the company of the saints on Your appointed day and enter the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

LSB 176

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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...evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

LSB 180

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION (Be seated)

Those wishing to commune at the foot of the steps should come forward first. Those wishing to commune at the altar rail should come forward after these, front rows first, from both sides of the aisle. After receiving, all should return to their seats. A common dismissal will be given at the end.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720

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| <p>1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.</p> | <p>3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.</p> |
| <p>2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod; But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"</p> | <p>4 For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine: Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.</p> |
| <p>5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.</p> | |

- 1 **Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.**
- 2 **Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much.**
- 3 **With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.**
- 4 **Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.**
- 5 **While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.**
- 6 **Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.**

PRAYER (Stand)

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

- 1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 **"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 **"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!**
- 4 **"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**
- 5 **"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Setting: David W. Music

FLOWERS: Blessings to Penelope from her grandparents. By Bob and Karen Gethard

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