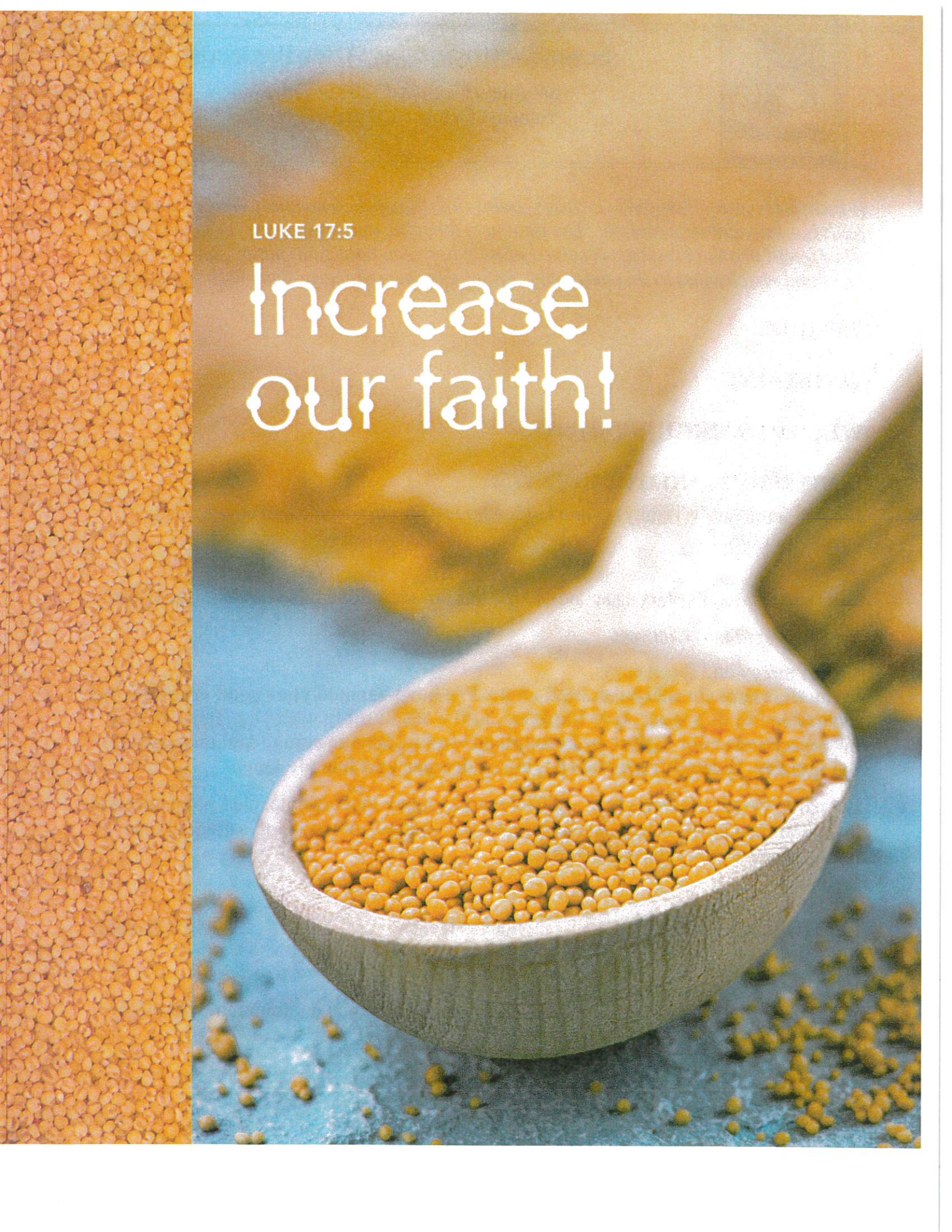


LUKE 17:5

Increase
our faith!





Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, October 1, 2022—5:00 pm

Sunday, October 2, 2022—9:00 am

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"God is Here!"

ELW #526

GREETING

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

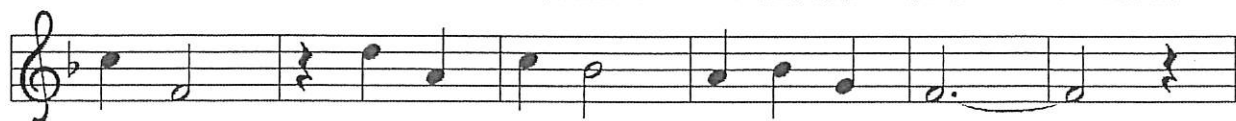
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



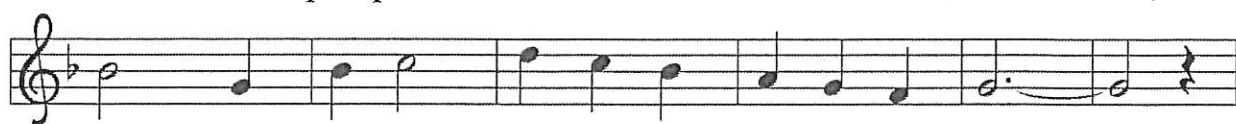
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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

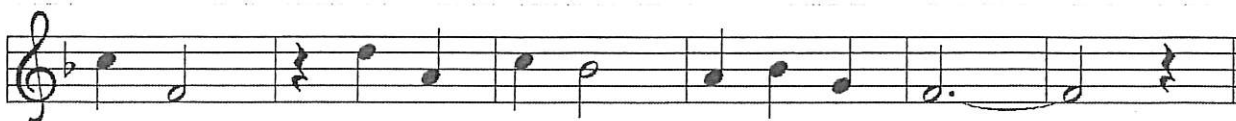


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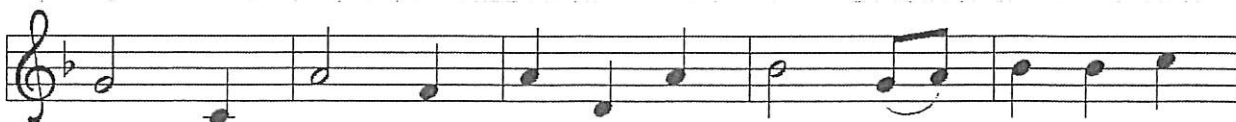
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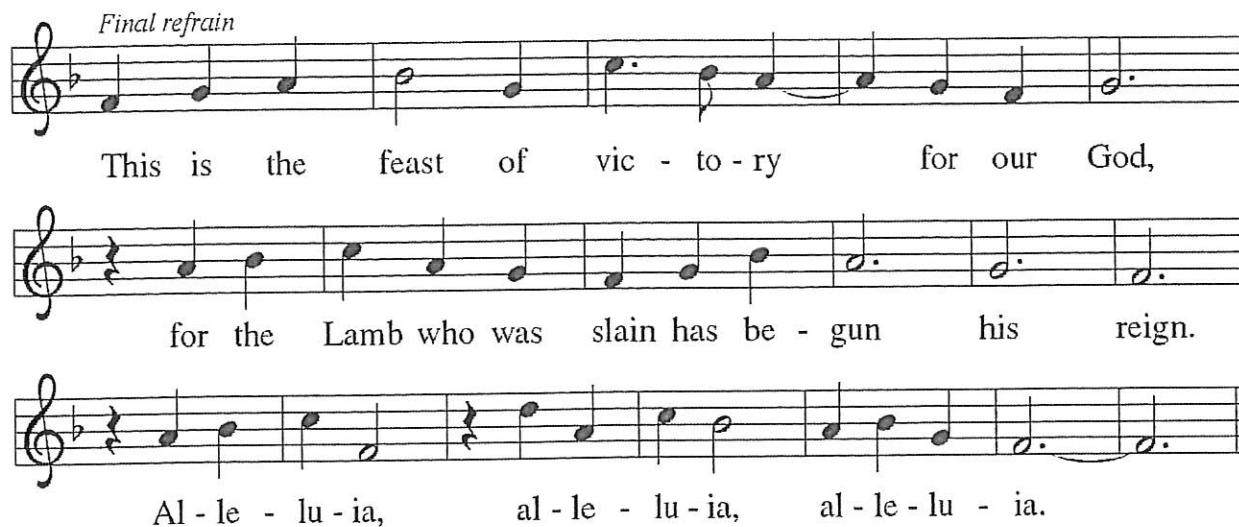
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



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



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00 am)

“Amen/This is My Father’s World”

People of Praise

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

¹Do 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.**

³Put 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.

⁵Commit 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.

⁷Be 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.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from Second Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to

see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia"



GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was

commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards"



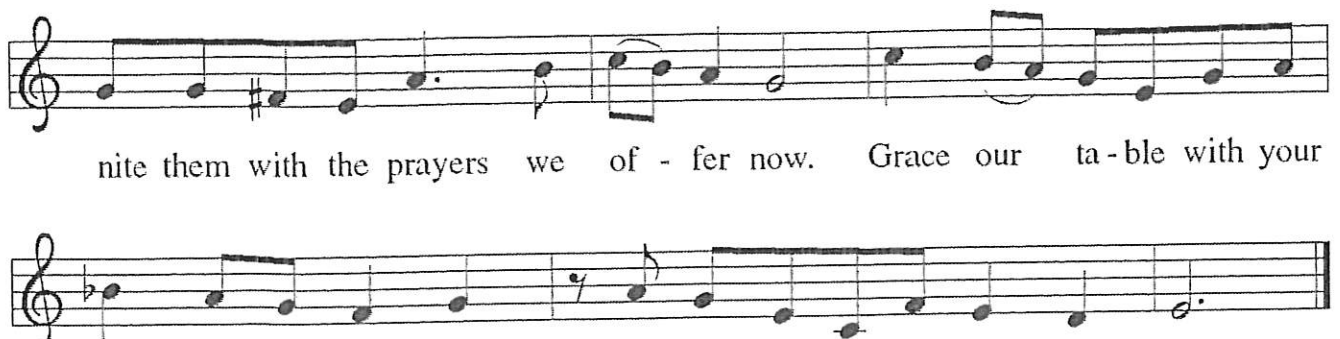
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

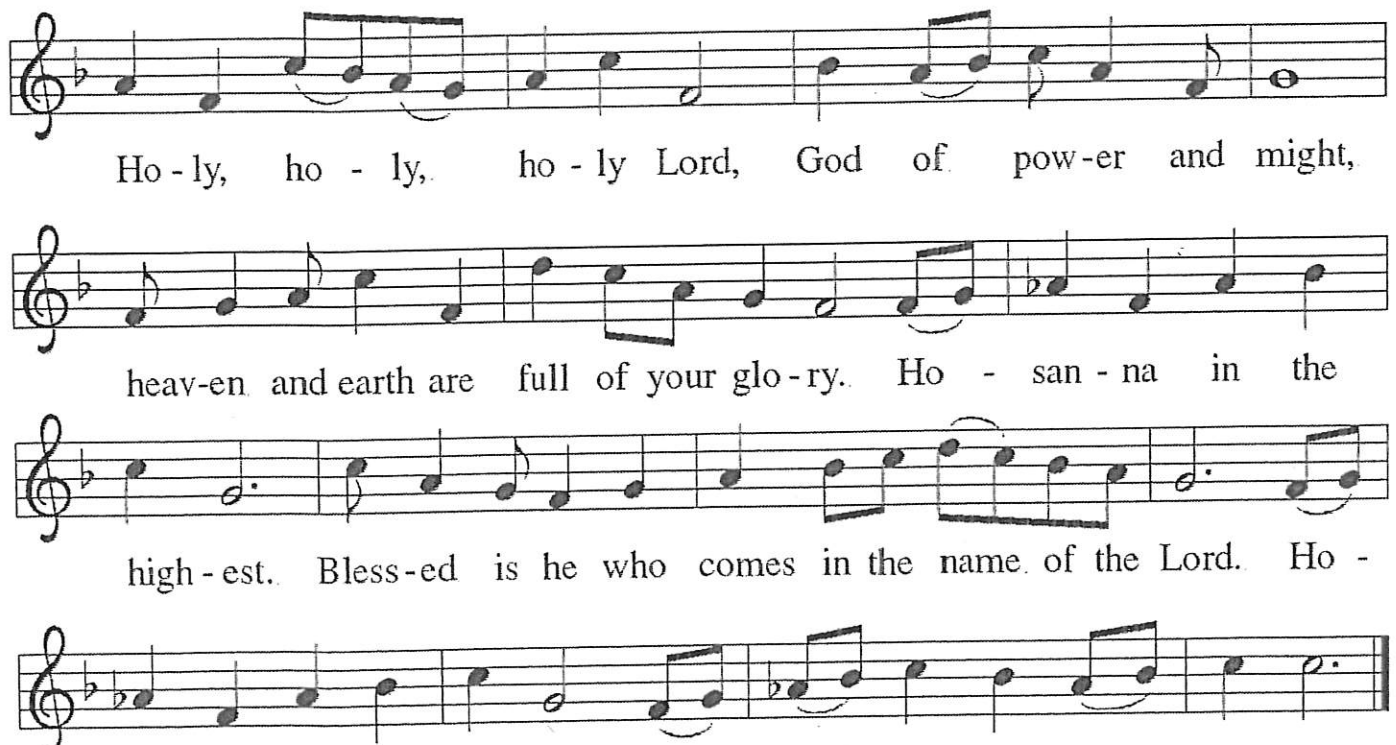
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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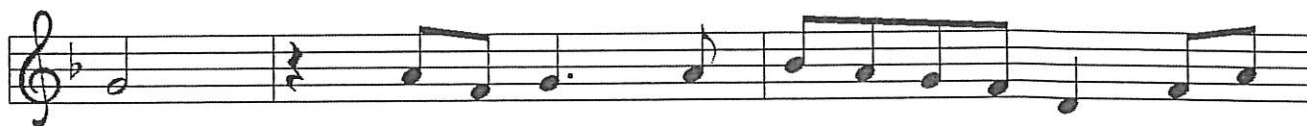
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

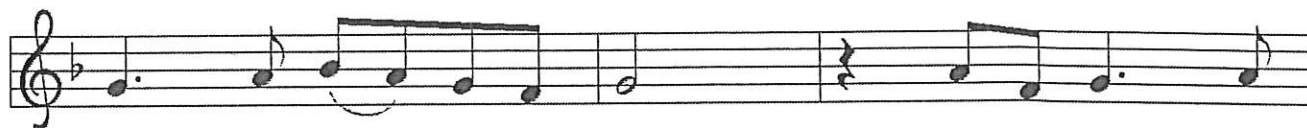
COMMUNION SONG



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN "Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW #515

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW #535

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Jim & Donna Gruenhagen, Mackenzie Gabrielson
Reader	Nina Looney
Communion Assistant	Addyson Yanke
Counters	Mike & Rita Smith

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Nancy Meier
Reader	Ida Weibel
Communion Assistant	Madelyn La Plante
Counters	Ken & Sue Oetzmann

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowski and Susan Becker

Less Is More

Increase our faith!” cry the disciples in today’s gospel (Luke 17:5). Maybe you have come to worship with the same hope. Our world and lives are full of challenges that constantly test our limits—the limits of our patience, our love, our hope, our capacity for justice and mercy. Wouldn’t it be nice to have as much of those things as possible? Wouldn’t that allow us to fix this broken world?

But Jesus’ response is exactly the opposite—when it comes to faith, he tells his disciples to think small—like the size of a minuscule mustard seed. While that may not sound like enough, it will be if we can let go of thinking we are in control. The power of faith, Jesus tells us, does not come from the quantity we possess; it comes from placing our trust in the one who possesses everything.

If our trust shifts from God to ourselves, no amount of faith will ever be enough. God did not make us to be masters, so when we place ourselves in that position, anxiety and overwhelm are sure to follow. Instead, Christ calls us to be servants of an abundance that we will never possess or control. This is the abundance of God’s kingdom—where faith, hope, and love exist without limit. Even the smallest amount of trust in this abundance is enough because it pins our hearts and hopes on the one who is truly in control.

The things this assembly of faith-seekers will offer one another today are small, but with just a mustard seed of faith they can be so much more. Here, simple human words can become the vessels of the divine Word, bringing healing and transformation to our lives. Here, drops of water can wash away sins and create heirs to God’s kingdom. Here, bread and wine can become the food that offers us life everlasting through Christ’s victory over death.

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

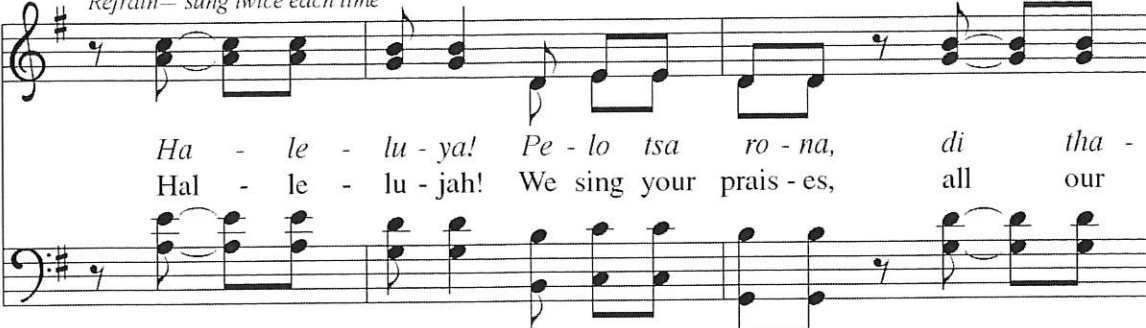
I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

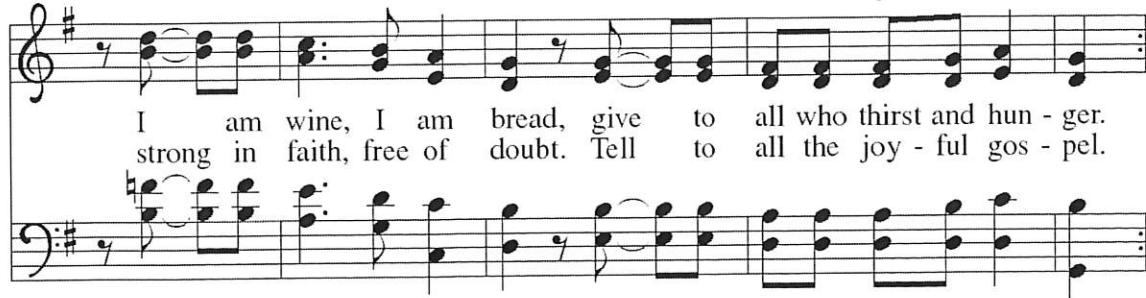


ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Senior Pastor Carrie La Plante Pastor Heather Geest
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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 1 & 2, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dennis & Mindy Arp in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



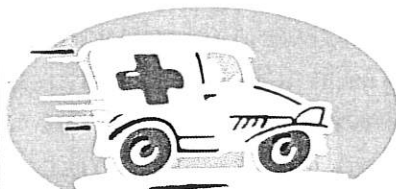
Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Madison Russo	Patty Mixdorf
H.O. Nelson	Mary Ann Anderson	Melissa Alden
Sheila Baustian	Janet Bowman	Sue Vogel
Sally Puls	Florence Whisler	Andrew Arp
Duane Miller	Callan Murray	Norman Harms
Kory Winter	Roger Lewis	Kim Pierce
Tim Winter	Ed Stoltz	Jeanette Myers
Jensen Spencer	Judy Knoer	Glen
Ann Kuehl	Jan Kluever	Mary
Carol Judge	Michael Schafer	Kelly
Carolyn Scheibe	Bob Morehead	Vaughn

New Members Class



Join us **October 2 at 11:15 am** for a simple meal and conversations to help us get to know each other. If you plan on attending, please call or email the office. New Member Welcome will be during the worship services on the weekend of **October 8th & 9th**.



Blood Drive

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE - Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a mobile blood drive with ImpactLife Blood Center **Monday, October 24th, 3:00 - 6:00 pm**. Please mark the calendar and consider donating. Contact Tom Carlson to schedule an appointment: (319)231-0845 or carlson.thomas@mchsi.com Thank You!

JH & HS Fellowship Event—Pride of the Wapsi

On Sunday, October 23, the Junior high & high School youth are invited for an afternoon at Pride of the Wapsi. We will meet at church at 11:30. Please bring \$25 for admission and a Wapsi Card that you can use for food, pumpkins and more. (You can bring additional money if you want additional items.) Please let Pastor Carrie know if you plan to attend by Wednesday, October 19th. If you are a parent who is willing to chaperone, please let know.
Pastor Carrie



TRUNK OR TREAT

On Halloween, Monday, October 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, we will host a Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. We invite anyone in the congregation to decorate the back of their car and hand out treats (self supplied) to the

kids who are trick-or-treating. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or online here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BAFAA28A3FE3-faith>.

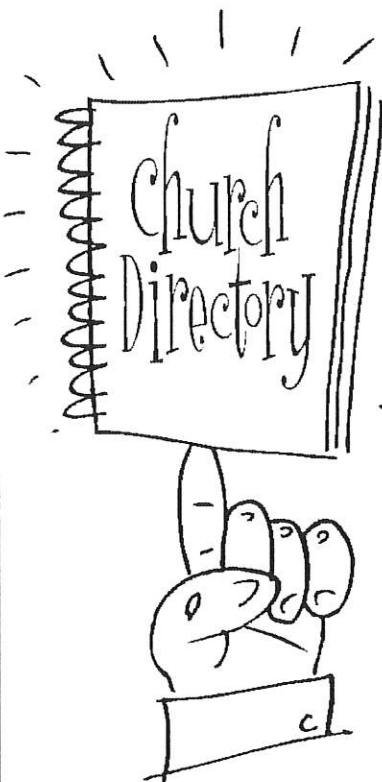
Thank you in advance for making this night special for the children in our neighborhood.





We are working on a updating our records and directory. Please check one of the drafts on the welcome center to make sure your address, phone numbers and email addresses are correct, and make corrections and changes on the draft as necessary. *We encourage you to sign up for an ICON portal (see announcement below). Having your correct email address will make the process quicker.* In October we will print a limited number of paper directories for those that prefer paper.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

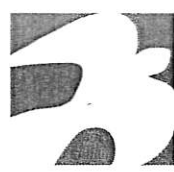


The church database (called ICON) has a phone app that allows church members to

- Browse the online church directory.
- See and edit/update your personal information.
- Review your contributions history and print a statement.

Have access to the most current information at your fingertips.

You need to be 'invited' to create an account to access this information. The church office will send an email invite on October 4 with a link to set up your account. Simply follow the instructions to get started.



Be sure to download the IconCMO app in the Google Play Store or the iOS Play Store. Once the app is downloaded, you can log in using the credentials you received from the church email.

Didn't get the invite? Do we have your email address? Please email the church office at faitheldridge@netins.net to be sure we have your most current information.



5 pm: 49, 9 am: 68, Online: 54, Total: 171



THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Saturday, October 1	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, October 2	9 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	New Member Meal & Conversations (Multi Purpose Room)
	1:00 pm	Private Event (Shower) (FH)
Monday, October 3	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6 pm	Lion's Club (FH)
Tuesday, October 4	ICON INVITE BY EMAIL	
	1 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Jubilation
	6:30 pm	VFW (FH)
Wednesday, October 5	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7 pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, October 6	1 pm	Food Pantry Board Meeting
	6:30 pm	Team Night
Friday, October 7	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, October 8	5 pm	Worship with receiving of New Members
Sunday, October 9	9 am	Worship with receiving of New Members
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School