# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 2025 | 9:30 AM





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# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church! For all attending, we invite you to sign in on the friendship pad in your pew.

We gratefully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi Nation of the Coast Salish language group who have stewarded this land since time immemorial, and we commit to the ongoing care of our shared land and relationships with its indigenous peoples.

For our younger friends there are busy bags and worship buddies available in the back of the church. You are welcome to bring your child to the Pray Ground (accessed outside the sanctuary entrance) for any portion of the service, where you can listen to the service through a speaker.

Hearing assist units and large print bulletins are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance with these or any part of the worship service.

We encourage you to participate in worship at your comfort level. **The congregation reads the bold print and** stands as they are able.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries **Greeter**: Shay Andersen

**Ushers:** Betty & Darrel Behee

Communion Assistant: Shay Andersen

Youth Assistant: Veda Andersen

Reader: Carol Soderlund

Prayers of Intercession: Jan Schlack Team: Matt Springer, Erin Beebe, Jenise

Clausen

Cantor: Erin Beebe

Piano: Don Clausen, Nancy Sheng

Organ: Don Clausen Violin: Joanne Donnellan Flute: Nancy Tupper

Altar Guild: Carol Brumet & Linda Luke Livestream Technician: Beth Andres Soundboard Technician: Sam McGrady Liturgical Setting: God's Endless Love,

Bonnie Drewes

#### STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Rev. Leigh DeVries, lead pastor: pastor@clcferndale.org

Rev. Liza Okan, preschool director: preschooldirector@clcferndale.org

Don Clausen, music director: musicdirector@clcferndale.org

Shay Andersen, parish administrator: parishadmin@clcferndale.org

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# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"
"FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED"

CLC TEAM

WELCOME Pr. Leigh DeVries

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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 ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save

sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are

forgiven!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

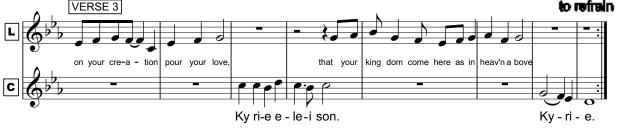
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#### **GREETING**

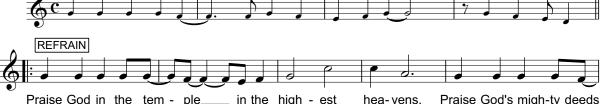
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

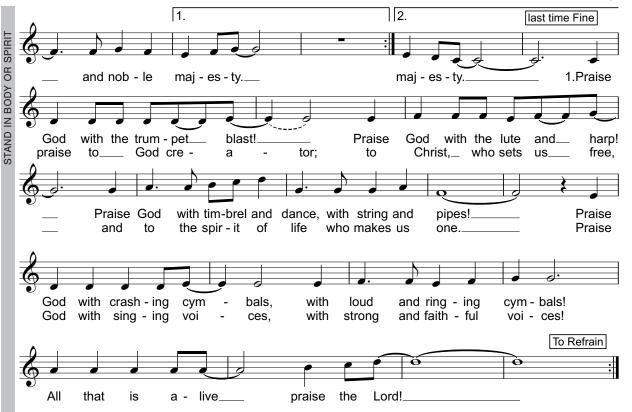




#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



Praise God in the tem - ple\_\_\_\_ in the high - est Praise God's migh-ty deeds hea-vens.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# 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.

You may be seated.

# **WORD**

#### FIRST READING: 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.

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

2:1 will stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the rampart;

The wicked surround the righteous;

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 faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: PSALM 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

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

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

'Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

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

<sup>e</sup>The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

\*Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

#### SECOND READING: 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.

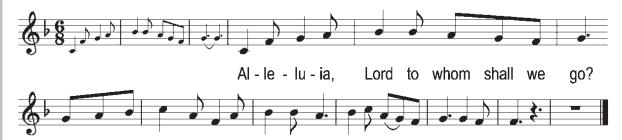
<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that 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, in 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, and 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 Jesus Christ, 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 the deposit 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 deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel\*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



You have the words of ev-er - last-ing life. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to his disciples, "Things that cause people to trip and fall into sin must happen, but how terrible it is for the person through whom they happen. <sup>2</sup> It would be better for them to be thrown into a lake with a large stone hung around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to trip and fall into sin. <sup>3</sup> Watch yourselves! If your brother or sister sins, warn them to stop. If they change their hearts and lives, forgive them. <sup>4</sup> Even if someone sins against you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times and says, 'I am changing my ways,' you must forgive that person."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

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.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? "Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? "You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? "In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**MESSAGE** 



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

- 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 dead2.

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 INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer**.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence (especially). God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need (especially). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (especially). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

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

Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.



GIFT OF MUSIC

"YOU HOLD IT ALL"
- THE PORTER'S GATE

SHAY ANDERSEN

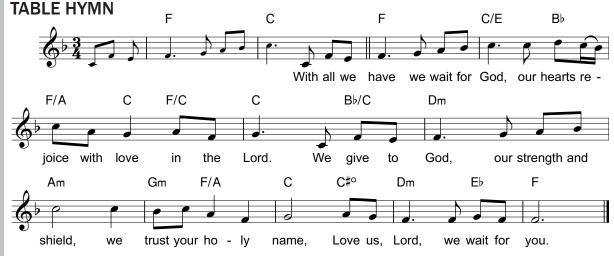
#### **CALL FOR OFFERING**

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the CLC P.O. Box 845 or send a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope;
- Give through the Church Center App (use QR code to access);
- Or through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com



STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT



#### THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

#### OFFERING PRAYER

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.

## INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

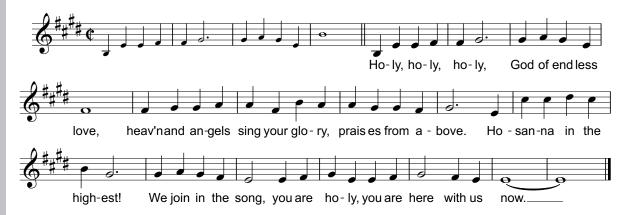
Lift up your hearts.

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, 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:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was arrested,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

that by this Holy Communion we may know

the unity we share with all your people

in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the language of our hearts. 1983 Version

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, vour 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.

1892 Version

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO TABLE

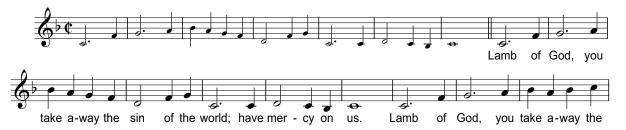
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

You may be seated.

#### COMMUNION

All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Children of any age, with the consent of a parent or quardian, are welcome to commune, or may come forward to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you have any allergies or sensitivities to gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, soy, nut, or corn, please ask for the wafer alternative, as they are made in a facility that is free of these allergens. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please notify an usher to have it brought to you. As a part of your communion experience, you are additionally invited to light a candle, use the prayer wheel, or seek additional prayer with a Stephen Minister seated in the front pew near the candle station as you need.

### COMMUNION HYMN: LAMB OF GOD





#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

"As THE DEER"

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#### 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.

SENDING

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REP

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birth/bathday to you, happy anniversary to you, may the Lord bless and keep you another year through.

# **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** 

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

#### **Fall Office Hours**

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9ish-3ish

#### WHAT'S COMING UP AT CLC?

**Calendar & Events** 



9:00am: Quilting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 10/8

9:30am: Walk & Talk\*

5:30pm: Team Rehearsals 6:00pm: Choir Rehearsals

**Sunday 10/12** 

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Leigh: Commitment Sunday! Commitment Cards due & New

Member Installation

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, New Member Welcome

Kid's Corner, Godly Play Room

**Sunday 10/19** 

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Pastor Page 10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall Kid's Corner, Godly Play Room

#### PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:

- Gary, Bob, Lynne, Elizabeth, Becky, Marisa & Karl, Linda, Kelly, Jim, Victoria, Dolly, Darlene, Marilyn, Paul, Christine, Rachel, Mary K., Scott, Paula, Marina, Ruthanne, Nancy, Sean, Mike, Teri, Jeremiah, Ken, Pat, Carol, Mary Ann, Janet, Sarah, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Darryl, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, Eric, Kim, Lucia, Michele, Ken, Tony, Amanda, Rick, Jim, Kevin, Lindsey, Kent;
- · all who are homebound, or in assisted living facilities;
- those who travel:
- Brandon, Ron, Melissa, Robert, Scott, Thomas, Rick, and all serving in the military;
- · those struggling with addictions and illnesses affecting the mind and spirit;
- those struggling with deteriorating health.

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