



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 5, 2025  
10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

**Welcome Friends and Guests:** 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.

**Serving this Sunday:**

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Erin Ogletree

Musicians – Connie Pallone & Becky McNeil

Ushers – Julie Morris & Jody Alford

Communion – Mark & Jo Moss

**Worship:** In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to learn more about us. *Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.*

**Communion:** We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of communion tray) are available.

**Fellowship:** Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our First Sunday Potluck. All are welcome.

**Other Information:** Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary; our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, call Pastor Lisa at 719-846-7785 or send an email: [zionsluth@gmail.com](mailto:zionsluth@gmail.com). Additional information about Zion's can be found on our website at: [zionsluth.org](http://zionsluth.org).



***Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.***

~Gathering~  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship**

We gather today to remember our call:

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

**Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.**

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure,

who set the example for humility.

**With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,**

Let us worship God.

### **Greeting**

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

**And also, with you.**

**Gathering Hymn:** #526 God Is Here

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **Prayer of the Day**

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

~Word~

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**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.  
The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
- <sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watch post  
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 faithfulness.

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

**Responsive Reading:** 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.
- <sup>4</sup> **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>6</sup> **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as  
the light and the justice of your case like the  
noontday 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.

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

<sup>9</sup> 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.

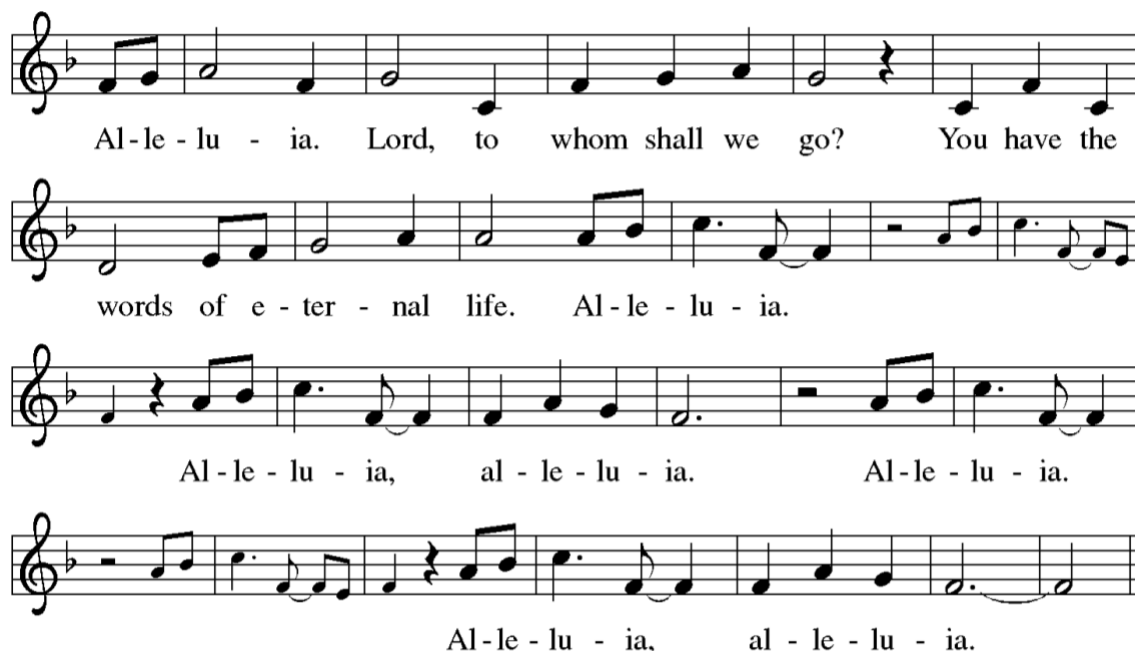
<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this 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.**

## **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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 17. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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!'"

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

**Children's Message:** Mary McKenna

**Sermon:** Pastor Lisa Rygiel

**Hymn of the Day:** #1004 Faith Begins by Letting Go

## **The 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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 decisions and laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence especially in Gaza.

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 we pray for...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. 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.**

## **Peace**

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always!

**And, also with you.**

*~Meal~*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:*

*[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741)*

**Offertory:** #583 Take My Life, That I May Be, vs. 4

### **Offering Prayer**

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Great Prayer of 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:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**



In the night in which he was betrayed...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

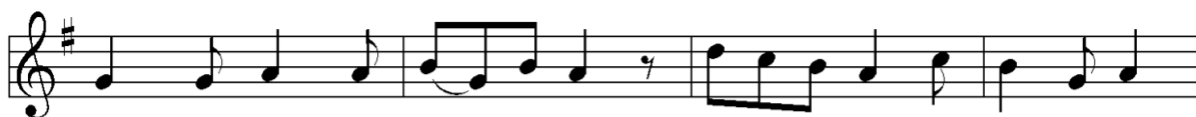
*God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.  
Taste and see that the Lord is Good.*

*Our bread is gluten free & both wine and white grape juice are available.  
God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness.*

*Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation.*

**Communion Hymn: #769 If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

### **Song of Thanksgiving**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **Communion Prayer**

**Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

*~Sending~*

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Announcements & Special Blessings**

#### **Benediction**

Imagine what a mustard seed of faith might do this week in your life. Not a quart, nor a gallon, nor a truckload. Just a mustard seed. Imagine.

Now go and live out that grace, and may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** #545 Lord, Dismiss Us

#### **Dismissal**

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

## ~Announcements~

- **Fellowship:** Join us after worship today for our First Sunday Potluck. All are welcome!
- **The Way Ministry:** While Pastor Clay works with the city to identify location options for feeding and ministering to the unhoused, Zion's is welcoming them to use our fenced lower yard. For the foreseeable future they will gather there each Sunday at 1 p.m.
- **Children's Choir:** Children's Choir resumes at 2 p.m. each Sunday, through Nov. 30, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Weekly Bible Studies:** Our next study sessions are at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, (repeated at 12:30 on Saturday, Oct. 4), Pastor Lisa is leading a Study entitled *By What Authority: Rethinking Early Christian History*. Presented in a video and study guide format (no books required), the sessions give participants a chance to see how the drama of the early church affects our lives of faith today.
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, in the fenced lawn adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. Brittany Cook will be drawing caricatures of your pets and would like to get a head start on that project. So, if you would like a picture, please let Brittany know.
- **Thanksgiving:** Zion's will serve its traditional community dinner on Thanksgiving Day. This meal replaces the 5-Loaves lunch delivery for November. Everyone who receives 5-Loaves meals will get a Thanksgiving meal automatically. People who do not want a Thanksgiving meal, or who need extra meals that day, may let us know by calling Zion's Lutheran at (719) 846-7785 or send an email to [5loaveszions@gmail.com](mailto:5loaveszions@gmail.com). If you know someone who should be added to the Thanksgiving and/or 5-Loaves lists, please let Jo Moss or Norine Hazen know.

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