+ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost +

October 5, Year of our Lord 2025 I DS1

+ Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.



Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- 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.

Confession of Sins

- P 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.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- P 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.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166



- I hope for your salvation, I O LORD,*
 and I do your com- I mandments.
- I rejoice I at your word*

 like one who I finds great spoil.

Seven times a day I | praise you* for your just and righ- I teous decrees.

Great peace have those who I love your law;* nothing can make them I stumble.

My soul keeps your testi-I monies;*
I love them ex-I ceedingly.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son* and to the Holy I Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

I hope for your salvation, I O LORD,* and I do your com-I mandments.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, p. 152

Mark 10:47

(sung) In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, and ...unity... let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all let us pray to the Lord.



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



Gloria in Excelsis, p. 154

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

- (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
 We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
 For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P (sung) The Lord be 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.



Old Testament Reading

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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle 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.

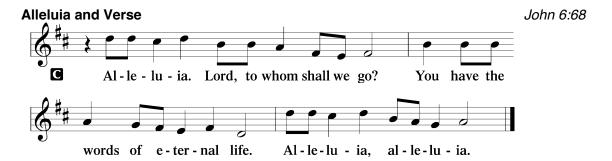
Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the 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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Luke 17:3b

P Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel Luke 17:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



[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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day: 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



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+ Sermon +

Offertory, p. 159-160

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

(sung) 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.

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayer of the Church - see colored insert

Reminder for those watching at home to pray **The Lord's Prayer**. Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P (sung) The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



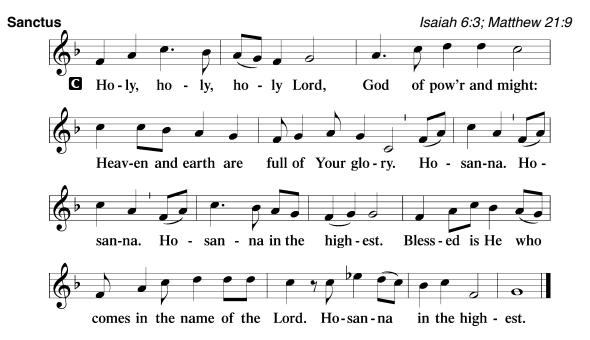
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

P (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei, p. 163 John 1:29

(sung) 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.

Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Distribution Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Distribution Hymn: 895 Now Thank We All Our God

Thank the Lord, p. 164

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

(sung) Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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A Let us pray.

... one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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For prayer requests to be added in the service, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. If your contact info has recently changed, please let the church office know. Large print hymnals are available (please check with an usher for availability).



+ Prayers +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire**, **flood**, **and hurricane** recovery. For **Flood Victims** and their families in Texas and other states with storm and flood.

Concern for the Lost: For family and friends who do not know or have fallen away from the truth, grace, and love of the Savior, Christ Jesus.

Vocation: For the birth of Jonathan to Elijah & Faith Miessler (born Sept. 20) and for those expecting including Samual and Sarah Kropp (girl in Sept.). For the recently engaged: Jack Nunnink and Rachel Holst. Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Judah Samuel Bohnet on 9/2 to Sam & Kate Bohnet (Judah is Pastor and Gretchen's grandson, Jim & Maureen's great grandson). For the recent Baptism of Jack Kilbarger (parents: Jake and Lillie Kilbarger) on 8/25. For veterans and our military for Mason Burkett (Mary Schopmann's grandson-in-law) being deployed to Poland leaving behind his wife and new baby; military servants: Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith and William Smolter. For our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For our families expecting a baby: Joshua and Adelaide Arguien, Alex & Shelby Hicks, and Luke and Blair Johnson. For those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters. For teachers in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: Aaron Wade, Sam Bohnet (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY). Michael Saxton was placed as a convertible vicar at Grace Lutheran, Knoxville. For children and families dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Recent Loss and Mourning: For the family of **Jean Heine** (extended family of the Roberts) who passed away. For the family and friends of **Stephanie** (Larry Wacker's daughter) who passed away. For a friend of John Pettyjohn whose mother (**Deb Lovins**) recently passed. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who passed away 8/11. For the family of **Emma Lu Kerekes** (founding member of Praise) who passed on 7/25 (Memorial Service was 9/6). For the family of **Shelby Williams** (granddaughter of Jeanne Lindenfelser) who died tragically in July.

Health: For Renee Hickmon hospitalized for treatment of several blood clots [and for sister Sherrie who broke her foot in two place]. For Robert (Sydney Peirce's uncle) appendix removal and upcoming prostate cancer [stg 4] treatment. For Bob McDermott in hospice care at Life Care. For Carol Ehrens health and good days (hospice care at home). For Fran Wehmeier (Deb Wale's mother; surgery recovery from broken leg). For **George Gorghis** (friend of Donna Wall) treatment for Lymphoma cancer, stage 4. For Barbara Morsch recovery after surgery for breast cancer. For Chuck Pettyjohn for lung and heart health (now home). For **Joel Morsch** treatment for a brain bleed. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). For Lois Schering (eye-lid infection). For Fred Hansen recovery of strength and health. For Bob Goodrich diabetes management and heart health. For **Linda Davis** a fib treatment. For **Rhonda Heckman** recovering from back surgery and for Bob Heckman's health. For Don Hammond heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For Cole Hammond (Joan Large's grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For Marvin Arcari (Paul Ruble's cousin, Will Wade's brother-in-law) hospitalized and awaiting biopsy results. For **Sandy Bagley** health. For Margaret (Justin Gift's great grandma) in ICU. For Pat Sweet (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For June McDonnell recovering from falls and lung health. For Tim Smith heart and blood pressure health. For Ted Frazier headaches and blood pressure drops. For Lee Schuck and Gus taking care of her. For **Pam** (Jim Roberts's sister) heart and respiratory issues. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Gary Kubin** hip surgery rehab (now home). For **Ed & Barbara McGillick** health, pain and dizziness management. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp's mother) cancer treatment and health. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) frontal lobe dementia. For **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo treatments. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Susan J (10/5), Sarah Cate P (10/8), Taylor S (10/8), Olivia McC (10/11), Seth P (10/11), Karen T (10/11), Justin F (10/12), Susan F M (10/15), Ben De (10/16), Betty N (10/18), Rick T (10/18)

Anniversaries: Hugh & Joan Large (10/12), Jerald & Debbie Johnston (10/14), Cole & Tamia Smith (10/14)

Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$51,438	\$1,229,434
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	\$8,694 [over]	\$164,164 [over]

Build Project total cost: \$2,973,613 (approximately 38% funded).

Visit **praiselutheran.com/build** to see our build completion video! Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (the extended Capital Campaign ends on December 31, 2025). Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,104 (older building)].

Online Giving is available on our website, praiselutheran.com (see the Give button). You can set up recurring gifts to select funds. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

Coins for Kenya [submit donations in the clear water jug in the Social Hall] collected approximately \$48.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support in helping those in need – Tina Pierce, *Always Mercy* Treasurer.

Children and Youth Ministry

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday and is for all children and students, age 2 on up. Confirmed youth are encouraged to join the Congregational Bible Study with Pastor Roberts in the Social Hall.

Midweek Youth Group: ON BREAK THIS WEEK; will resume Wed, Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. starting in the Narthex with Compline, then move to the Social Hall. Open to all middle and high school students.

Youth Catechesis will meet **TODAY** at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your *Guided by Truth* journal, Bible, Catechism and lunch.

Worship and Music Ministry

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and note we're especially looking for sopranos. *For updates and announcements, join PLC Choir on GroupMe (see Caleb for details)*. Instrumentalists are also invited to reach out to Caleb about opportunities, which will be tailored to your availability.

Piano lessons are also available at Praise. Anyone age 6 and up (with a parent/guardian for children) is welcome to join instructor Caleb Hesse. For any questions or additional information, please reach out to our Director of Worship Arts, Caleb Hesse, at **caleb@praiselutheran.com**.

Congregational Life & Fellowship

Free greeting cards for special occasions are available in the library of the Social Hall. **Thrivent shirts** of various sizes are also available free of charge.

The **Church Directory** is currently being updated and is set for release in November. We plan to make this an annual update, available at the beginning of each church year. Updated photos can be emailed to Elissa Upward at officeadmin@praiselutheran.com or taken between church services.

Advent by Candlelight, hosted by our Women's Bible Study, will take place on Saturday, December 6, in the Social Hall. This event is a special opportunity for women to kick off the Advent season with hearts centered on Christ, all while enjoying fellowship. If you'd like to host a table (decorating it and providing light refreshments), please sign up in the narthex.

Veterans Pantry Donations are being accepted in the Narthex. All items will be delivered to the Office of Veterans Affairs of Blount County.

Call for Knitted Hats for Blount County Children The fire department is once again accepting knitted hats for distribution this winter. Donations can be dropped off in the church narthex throughout the fall season.

Today

Issues Class with Pr. Roberts meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday in the Social Hall. **Topic Today:** *Contemporary Worship.* **Next Sun, Oct 12**: *Traditional Worship through the Centuries*

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This Week

October 8 (Wed) Choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

October 8 (Wed) NO Youth Group this week: ON FALL BREAK October 8 (Wed) NO Men's Bible Study this week: ON FALL BREAK

October 9 (Thu) Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Lisa Gift.

Upcoming

October 19 (Sun) Youth Group Fun & Games Day – Lunch and Hike

October 24–26 (Fri-Sun) Ladies Fall Retreat, A Heart After the Lord's Own Heart, will take place at the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend, Tennessee. Guest speaker, Stella Beabout of Crossville, brings deep biblical insight and teaching experience, having studied Old Testament Exegesis in the Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. She has led many Bible studies and retreats across the region. Scholarships are available for those in need. To learn more, pick up a brochure in the Narthex or reach out to Kris Smith or Barbara Morsch.

November 1 (Sat) Oktoberfest at Praise; save the date for a fun-filled event featuring lots of activities for kids and Oktoberfest-themed fun for adults. Friends and guests are welcome, so be sure to spread the word!

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