

Alleluia! – The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
at First Lutheran Church in St. Helens, Oregon
Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 10:00 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.

All are welcome in our worship! *Your presence here is a gift from God. We particularly welcome visitors and guests. We'd love it if you came again.*

Follow this worship bulletin as your guide to the service from beginning to end. Leaders speak the words in regular type; **people speak (or sing) the boldface words.** Please rise, whether physically or simply with your heart, during the portions of the liturgy marked by an asterisk*.

To get ready for Zoom worship (at home)

We celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you plan to take part. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup; Christ is fully present as the "Bread of Life."

GATHERING

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – PRELUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

Dr Denise Reed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Robert Neubert



***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen

Trusting in God's mercy, 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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

* 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.

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

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.

~ **WORD** ~

Listen! God is calling.

FIRST READING – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So 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.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ 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.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 137

Read responsively:

¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,
when we remembered you, O Zion.

² **As for our harps, we hung them up
on the trees in the midst of that land.**

³ For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth:
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

⁴ **How shall we sing the LORD’s song
upon an alien soil?**

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill.

⁶ **Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

⁷ Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom,
who said, “Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!”

⁸ **O daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,
happy shall they be who pay you back for what you have done to us!**

⁹ Happy shall they be who take your little ones
and dash them against the rock!

SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

³ 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. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to
see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ 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. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the
laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of
power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ 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, ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald
and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² 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. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL Acclamation**



*** GOSPEL – Luke 17:5-10**

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ 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.

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?’ ⁸ 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?’ ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Robert Neubert

SERMON

Pastor Robert Neubert



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.



*** APOSTLES' (BAPTISMAL) CREED**

With the whole people of God, we make public profession of 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 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 again 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.

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 Somalia, Ukraine, Palestine and USA*. 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 Scott Bauska, Richard and Eileen Bourassa, Carlene Clore, Linda Easterling, Doreen Gordon, Kitty Heide, Marilyn Hensley, Sandy Hora, Clara Jensen, Jean LeMont, Wes Naish, Jayne Schilling, and all those we lift up upon our hearts or our lips*. 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.

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Greet those around you with gestures that signal Christ's peace.

~ Meal ~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Thank you for joining us today! If you would like to support the ministries of First Lutheran, you may place your offering in the wooden bowl when it is passed to you. You may also make your offering by mail, through our website or by using the QR code seen here, with offerings going through VANCO.



*** OFFERING HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

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

*** Dialogue**

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.

*** PREFACE**

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

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray together, as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your 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.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

***About our communion practice:** All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! At the direction of an usher, those who wish to commune may proceed down the center aisle. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail and receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. After eating, you may select a cup of red wine or white grape juice. After drinking, return to your pew via the side aisle, placing your empty cup in the basket as you go. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may signal this preference by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.*

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 812

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in
fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,
Refrain
when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
if they, like them, should die for thee.
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.
ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in
gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

* BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together.

**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 ~

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

*** 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 SONG**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*** SENDING**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Today's Assisting Ministers

Worship Leader: Pastor Robert Neubert
 Worship Musician: Dr. Denise Reed
 Cantor: Frank Kenny
 Lay Reader: Linda Easterling
 Communion Preparer: Enid Schantz-Hagelberg
 Communion Server: Ellory Neubert
 Communion Clean-up: Audrey Webster
 Tech: Teri Sherpe
 Ushers: Norris & Caleb Sundeen
 Altar Flowers: The Sundeen Family
 Coffee Hour: The Sundeen Family
 to congratulate Caleb

(Next Week October 12)

Pastor Robert Neubert
 Dr. Denise Reed
 Kate Freitag
 Sandy Young
 Frank Kenny
 Linda McCoy
 Donna Meyers
 Mike McCoy
 Tim Meyers &
 The Jensen Family
 The Jensen Family in celebration
 of Clara's 100th birthday

Happening This Week

Sunday 10/5	Blessings of the Animals at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship at 11:00 am
Monday 10/6	AlAnon at 7:00 pm
Tuesday 10/7	Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. WELCA at 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee at 5:00 p.m. Community Meals at 5:30 pm Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Properties Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/8	Quilters & Crafters at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday 10/9	Contemplative Group at 10:00 a.m. Peace by Piece at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 10/12	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship birthday celebration at 11:00 am Church Council Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance

In Person: 54 Zoom: 6

Last Sunday's Offering (Envelopes)

\$3,080.00

Celebrating This Week

Birthdays

10/5 Patrice Neubert
10/8 Jared Beaston
10/9 Charles Boelk
10/11 Shelbe Sundeen, Spencer Gordon

Anniversaries

10/1 Warren & Kriss Fincher
10/8 Jared & Karon Beaston

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The scripture readings for next Sunday, October 12th, are;

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

BIBLE STUDY

The bible study that Pastor Rob has been presenting the past few weeks on Christian Nationalism is now over but bible study classes at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. continue on. You are welcome to join in at any time.

WELCA

The monthly WELCA meeting for October is Tuesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting before the bazaar, so if you have any questions or ideas, this would be a good time to let the committee know.

SEND OFF FOR CALEB

Caleb Sundeen is joining the Marines, and the family will be hosting coffee hour today.. Please come offer Caleb your best wishes on this next chapter of his life.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It's time to party! Clara Jensen is turning 100 on **October 12th** and we will be celebrating at coffee hour following worship. Let's all gather together and offer our love and congratulations to Clara on this special day. Please no gifts but cards are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The time is getting closer for the chili cook-off and talent show on October 17th. There is a sign-up sheet for the cook-off in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a favorite chili recipe, please consider entering the contest. And all you talented people, please come share your talents with everyone.

LOOK FOR THE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THE HARVEST BAZAAR.

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