

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost ~ October 2, 2022

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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 ~ Viola, Adagio and Allegro from *Sonata No.1 in G Major* -J.S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

A God-Lived Life Stewardship ~ A Life of Being a Disciple

In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the *God-lived life* is that of **being a disciple**, a learner, one who grows in God's Word. The truth of God's Word changes us to live a *God-lived life*, to love one another and to live the life of a disciple of the Word.

Lord Jesus Christ, you lived a holy life and inspire in us the desire to follow. Strengthen us by your Word that we crave that Word, hear it, learn it, and speak it, living our lives as your disciples. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 HYMN ~ ELW 526 *God Is Here!* v.1,4

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

Sung in Unison

Refrain

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

Last time

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

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all; for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,

Refrain

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

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Please be seated

WORD

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

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

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 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. 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! heir spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 37:1-9

Sung Responsively Tone 1



¹Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently. Do not be provoked by
the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.**

⁹**For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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. cont'd

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~

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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 St. Luke, Chapter 17. **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!'" **Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY ~ ELW 759 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. *A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster. Relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick, especially, Ed T, Matt, Sharron, Esther, John, Ernie, Christine, Emily, Dick & Diana, Lew & Jane, Don & June, Roger & Irene, Norma, Nicole, Sam & Dorothy, Judi, Karen, Ruth, Don F, Judy, Carrie, Evelyn, Joyce, Jack & Marjorie. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A PAUSE for PASTOR'S PRAYERS

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING ~ Viola, Andante from Sonata No. 1 in G Major -J.S. Bach

OFFERING HYMN ~

All that we have _____ and all that we of - fer _____ comes from a
heart both fright-ened and free. _____ Take what we bring now and give what we
need; _____ All done in His name. _____ Fine

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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 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 God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord. After receiving the bread, you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or you may choose pre-poured grape juice as an alternative. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

LAMB of GOD

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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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ ELW 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*
WOV 675 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

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.**

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ~ Viola, Allegro Moderato from Sonata No.1 in G Major -J.S. Bach

SENDING HYMN ~ *When We Walk with the Lord* v. 1, 3, 5

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VERSE

D A D A D



1. When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word, what a
 2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but His
 3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our
 4. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of His love un - til
 5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet, we will sit at His feet, or we'll

5 G D A D A D



glo - ry He sheds on our way; While we do His good will, He a -
 smile quick - ly drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, not a
 toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a
 all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows, and the
 walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do, where He

CHORUS

10 A D G D/A A⁷ D A



-bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey. Trust and o -
 sigh nor a tear, can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 frown nor a cross, but is bless'd if we trust and o - bey.
 joy He be - stows, are for those who will trust and o - bey.
 sends we will go; Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

16 D D/C B Em



-bey, for there's no oth - er way to be



hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

GOSPEL MESSAGE ~ 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.

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PARISH NOTES ~ October 2, 2022

Coffee Hour following each service.

Hosted by Worship Music Committee/Choir

Nominations are Now Open for Council and Synod Representatives.

**Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of Gordon and Mark Wunch, from Carol Wunch**

Please pray for: Ed Tropper, Matt Zill, Sharron Sontheimer, Esther Klakamp, John Litzel, Ernie Robinson, Don & June Morey, Diana and Dick Stoker, Christine and Emily Stoker, Lew & Jane Penna, Roger & Irene Owens, Norma Squire, the Gresh family, Nicole Woome, Sam & Dorothy Elder, Judy Nordin, Karen Shick, Ruth Hinkson, Don Fuller, Judi Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, and Joyce Hersperger.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Offering two weekly Holy Communion services @ 8:30a & 10:30a. The 10:30a service will live-stream on Facebook and then post to the **AHLC** web page. Please check parish notes or our web site for any changes to times for worship or bible classes. **BIBLE CLASS** resumes this morning between services @ 9:30a. **All are welcome.**

Confirmation Class this morning @ AHLC ~ 11:30a: The confirmation program is to teach the confirmands about Christ and how to grow relationships with one another. **10/9 class at St. Paul's.**

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:00p: We would love to grow in numbers and think you will find the rehearsal go by quickly, and we laugh a lot, too! **Ability to READ MUSIC not NECESSARY!**

Wednesday, October 5 ~ 12 noon: Senior luncheon gathering with BYOBB. Dessert/beverage provided. This month, a speaker from Bethany Outreach will explain how the ministry operates.

Saturday, October 15 ~ Pumpkin Fest: Abiding Hope, along with New Hope Presbyterian and St. Paul's is hosting this family event from 1:00p - 3:00p. Volunteers to assist with crafts, games, greeting and parking are needed to make this a successful gathering & festive afternoon. Monetary donations are needed for craft items, prizes & decorations. Place your donation in a pew envelope marked "Pumpkin Fest" and put in the offering plate.

A Chinese Auction will take place at the fest. Each church is sponsoring three baskets. AH Council is sponsoring a PA Lottery basket. We are asking the congregation to donate items for the other two. **Basket Themes:** Kitchen Helpers and Child/Grandchild Playtime. Baskets are in the Heritage Room for your donations or place on the floor by the table.

Thursday, October 19 ~ 1:00p: The Prayer Warrior group, led by new member Jerry Vogt and Pastor Karen, will meet for the 1st time in the sanctuary. The group will continue to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 1:00p to pray for our nation and the world in crisis, those affected by illness or grieving the loss of someone, plus other concerns. Additional information, contact Jerry @ 814.504.3566 or Pr. Karen.

Thursday, October 19: Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" discount shopping pass is available again this year. The pass, for up to 25% off, for in-store purchases are \$5.00 and can be used all day. The cost for each pass sold is returned to AHLC. See Analee Cree or stop in during office hours to purchase yours and have a fun day shopping for yourself, family and friends.

A Special Collection, of Canned_Food/Dry Goods & Personal Products for KAFP begins this week through October. Drop off your donations in the Heritage Room before October 30th.

Bethany Outreach: Doing some wardrobe cleaning out and updating? Remember your gently used clothing, shoes, household items, toys, children's items can be donated. All items are given out without charge. Thank you for your continued support. Analee Cree -814-397-6168.

KAFP Project Dignity: Item for October ~ hair care products. Basket in "cry room" for donations.

Altar Flowers: Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sunday worship, the weekly sign-up sheet and request form are on the table in the narthex. Arrangements - 20.00 each. Place the completed request form and payment in the offering plate or to the office at least two weeks, but no less than one week prior to your chosen Sunday.

Office Hours: Mon & -Tue 9:30a-3:30p, Wed 9:30a-12:30p. If office is not staffed, leave a message, your call will be returned. For immediate pastoral assistance, call Pastor Karen at 814-881-3266. Pastor is in the office on Tuesdays @ 10:00a or by appointment.

CURRENT FUND REPORT

August Income:	\$31,897.91	Year to Date Income:	\$83,627.84
August Expenses:	\$10,273.36	Year to Date Expenses:	\$82,532.02
August Difference:	\$21,624.55	Year to date Difference:	\$ 1,138.82
		Year to Date Budget:	\$ 83,904.96

WORSHIP LEADERS
October 2, 2022

	8:30AM	10:30AM
Videographer	X	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall	June Morey
Lector/Prayers	Lon Jenkins	Penny Gresh
Comm Assist/cups	Lois Kuhns	Jeanne Tropper
Comm. Assist/wine	Mary Randall	Nancy Cunning
Communion tray	Analee Cree	Michele Rion
Presenter	Volunteer	Sally Zill
Presenter	Barb Paris	Kaylee Miller
Usher	Mike Paris	Andy Saska
Usher	Lon Jenkins	volunteer
Counters	Lon Jenkins / Analee Cree	