

The Lord's Day

11:00 AM

October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SUNDAY

THE PRESERVICE MUSIC

THE WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

R: I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I do your commandments.

C: I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.

R: Seven times a day I praise you for your just and righteous decrees.

C: Great peace have those who love your law, nothing can make them stumble.

R: My soul keeps your testimonies, I love them exceedingly.

THE OPENING SONG *"As We Gather"*

As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us,

As we gather, may we glorify Your name.

Knowing well that as our hearts

Begin to worship

We'll be blessed because we came,

We'll be blessed because we came. Repeat

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THE 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!" 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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SONG AGPS 163 "Light One Candle"

**Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,
Every nation will find salvation in Beth'lem's baby boy.**

**Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

(Stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

P: The holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And 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

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

THE 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.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SONG OF THE DAY, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR, *LSB 537*

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

THE SUNG RESPONSE

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Tune: LSB 662

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings of His love and grace,
Will at last in glo--ry meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.

Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom, Angels, too, rejoice

**Over every sinner brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

THE LWML PLEDGE

P: In response to God’s gift of the Gospel, let us all join with the members of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and commit ourselves to serve and follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and for His blood bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have, and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voices to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: For the faithful proclamation of Christ’s saving name, that God’s people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in our congregation and throughout the world, that its members may continue to find their rest in Christ the King and be attended by the Spirit of Christ as they invite others to share in that rest, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are sick (especially...) that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: (*Other special intercessions...*) Let us pray to the Lord.

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P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: 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 BENEDICTION

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

C: Amen

THE CLOSING SONG *“Rock of My Salvation”*

**You are the Rock of my salvation
You are the strength of my life.
You are my hope and my inspiration,
Lord, unto You will I cry.
I believe in You, believe in You
For Your faithful love to me.
You have been my help in time of need;
Lord, unto You will I cleave. Repeat.**

Ending:

**You are the Rock of my salvation
You are the strength of my life.**

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+ Depart In Peace and Serve The Lord +

THE SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

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Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:1–10

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by *“destruction and violence”* (Hab. 1:3) because the Law *“is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth”* (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, *“the righteous shall live by his faith”* (Hab. 2:4). *“Temptations to sin are sure to come”* (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus *“increase our faith”* (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His *“unworthy servants”* (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, *“by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings *“life and immortality to light”* (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, *“follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,”* by which He guards you *“in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 1:13).