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**Seventeenth Sunday after pentecost**

ELW Service of the Word

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

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

**Confession and Forgiveness** pg. 211

***All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.***

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

***Gathering Song God is Here!  ELW 526***

**Greeting** pg. 213

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** pg. 213

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

***Canticle of Praise Now Thank We All Our God ELW 839***

**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 neighbours and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.***

**WORD**

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

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm Psalm 37:1-9

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

**Gospel Acclamation** pg. 216

***Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

Children’s Chat

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day My Faith Looks Up to Thee  ELW 759***

**The Apostles’ Creed**  pg. 217

Living together in trust and hope, we confess 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 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. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear******our prayer***

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during this harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labour in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear******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. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear******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. We especially pray for those whom you have entrusted to our care. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear******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. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear******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 shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear******our prayer.***

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give it, as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled and neither let them be afraid.’ The peace of the Lord take hold of you, and those you love always. ***And also with you.***

**THANKSGIVING**

God hears the prayers of all to call out from the heart.

**Offering**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labour in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**Canticle of Thanksgiving** pg. 219

**Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;**

**just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.**

**Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?**

**Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of**

**God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God!**

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**Thanksgiving for the word** pg.220

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** *(The Lord’s Prayer is sung)*pg. 221

***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.***

**SENDING**

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

**Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all human understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises  ELW 535***

**Dismissal**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, go in peace, tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The First Reading is from the book of Habakkuk beginning at the 1st chapter and the 1st verse.**  *(**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.

 2:1I 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. 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.

**Listen for the leading of the Spirit. Thanks be to God**

**Our Psalm is Psalm 37. We will say the Psalm responsively by whole verse, beginning at verse 1 and concluding with verse 9.** *(Reader, please read all of the verses so that the people on line can hear the responses as well.)*

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

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

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

 4**Take delight in the Lord,**
  **who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

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

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

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

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

 9For evildoers shall be cut off,
  but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

**The Second Reading is from 2 Timothy beginning at the 1st chapter and the 1st verse.**

*(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. 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.

**Listen for the leading of the Spirit. Thanks be to God**

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter** *(Luke 17:5-10)*

**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!’ ”

**Praise to You O Christ!**