

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 5, 2025      8:30, 11:00 a.m. & Livestream



**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.



# ✦ GATHERING ✦

## Prelude

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Merciful and loving God,*

**C** **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.**

**P** *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!*

**C** **Amen.**



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.

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

*Forever*

Chris Tomlin

### **Verse 1**

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures for-ever  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Verse 2**

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures for-ever  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Pre-Chorus**

Sing praise, sing praise

### **Chorus**

For- ever God is faithful, for-ever God is strong  
For-ever God is with us, for-ever, for-ever

### **Verse 3**

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures for-ever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God:*

**C** **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.*

✦ **THE WORD** ✦

**First Reading**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

**A** *A reading from Habakkuk. <sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.*

*<sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?*

*Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?*

*<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?*

*Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.*

*<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.*

*The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.*

*<sup>2:1</sup> 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.*

*<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said:*

*Write the vision;*

*make it plain on tablets,*

*so that a runner may read it.*

*<sup>3</sup> 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.*

*<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!*

*Their spirit is not right in them,*

*but the righteous live by their faithfulness.*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

Psalm 37:1-9

**A** *<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.*

**C** **<sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

**A** *<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.*

**C** **<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

**A** *<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,  
and see what God will do.*

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

**A** <sup>7</sup> *Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
in evil schemes.*

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

**A** <sup>9</sup> *For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.*

## **Second Reading**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

**A** *A reading from second Timothy. <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus  
by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ  
Jesus,*

<sup>2</sup> *To Timothy, my beloved child:*

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

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

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

- A** *The word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to Luke the seventeenth chapter.*

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> *The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”* <sup>6</sup> *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.*

<sup>7</sup> *“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’?”* <sup>8</sup> *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’?”* <sup>9</sup> *Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?* <sup>10</sup> *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!’ ”*

**P** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

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*Please stand as you are able.*



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."

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*

**C** **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 into hell. 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.**

**A** *Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *God of grace,*  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated.*

**Offering & Anthem**

*Soul of My Savior*

L. Dobiei

*As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**A** *Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,*  
**C** **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.**

✦ **THE EUCHARIST** ✦

**P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** *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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests. The final note of the piece is a whole note.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
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san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** *Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.*

*You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.*

*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.*

*Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.*

*By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*  
**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.**

**P** *Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.*

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)*

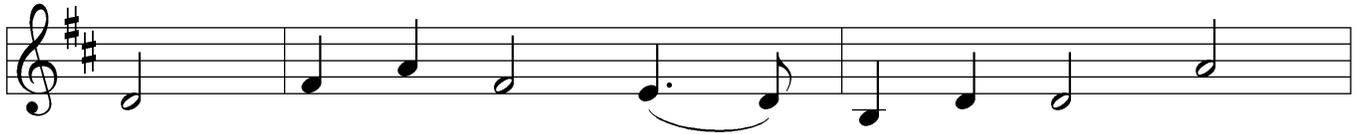
*During the distribution, the following is sung:*

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.

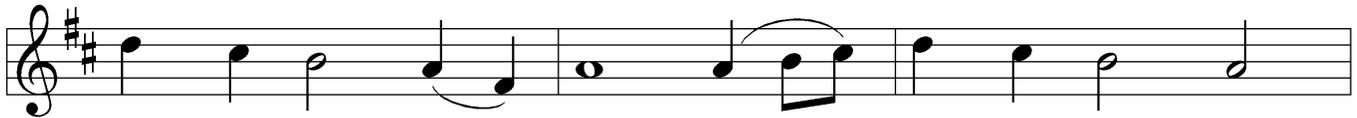
**Communion Hymn**

*We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight*

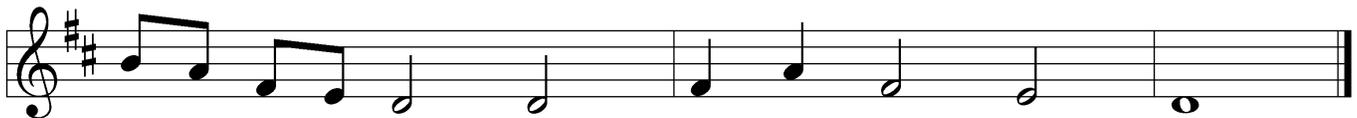
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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



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  
realms of clear - er light we may 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:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.*

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. O God,*

**C** **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.**

We are blessed to have Lay Eucharistic Ministers serving here at LCGS. On the first Sunday of each month, the bread and the wine they carry in their home communion kits are consecrated during our service. Home communion is then offered throughout the month to those who are unable to join us here. If you would like to join this ministry, know of someone who would like to receive home communion, or want more information, please contact the church office.

**P** *Let us pray. Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C** **Amen.**

✦ **SENDING** ✦

**P** *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.*

**C** **Amen.**



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.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

**A** *Go in peace. Do not lose heart.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Paul, Jessie, Kathy, Donna, Andrea, Al, Joan, Teri,  
Betty, Carol, Jean, Lois, Barbara & Bruce*

**The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God**

*by Sallie Gartside in honor of Carol Mellor and  
in memory of Keith Mellor on their birthdays.*

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