



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 5, 2025**

**WELCOME!**

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones during and following the 9:30 service.

## **St. David's Welcomes You**

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

## **St. David's Mission Statement**

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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# **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **We Gather in God's Name**

### **Prelude**

### *The Reign of God*

The reign of God, like farmer's field, bears weeds along with wheat;  
the good and bad are intertwined till harvest is complete.

Like mustard tree, the reign of God from tiny seed will spread,  
till birds of every feather come to nest, and there be fed.

Though hidden now, the reign of God may yet unnoticed grow;  
from deep within it rises up, like yeast in swelling dough.

The reign of God is come in Christ; the reign of God is near.

Ablaze among us, kindling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Children ages 3-6 are invited to process out for Godly Play, returning at the time of communion distribution.

1. From all that dwell be - low the\_ skies, Let the Cre - at - or's  
 2. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
 3. In ev - 'ry land be - gin the\_ song; To ev - 'ry land the

praise a - rise; Let the Re - deem - er's\_ Name be\_ sung,  
 tends Thy Word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to\_ shore,  
 strains be - long; In cheer - ful sounds all\_ voic - es\_ raise,

Through ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue.  
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 And fill the world with loud - est praise.

Text: verses 1-2, Isaac Watts, verse 3 anon. Music: DUKE STREET, John Harron

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## We Hear and Respond to God's Word

### Reading

### Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

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

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

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.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

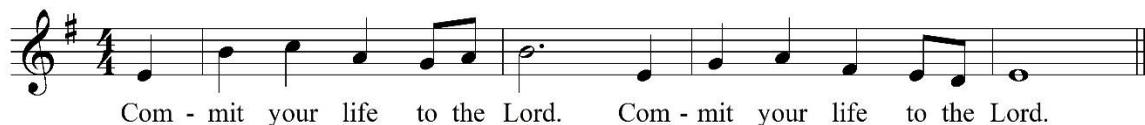
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 37:1-10

*At 8:00, the psalm can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, at p. 633*



Do not fret, should the wicked prosper; do not envy those who do wrong.  
They soon wither like the grass; they fade like the green of the field. ℞

Make the Lord your only joy, and God will give you your heart's desire.  
Commit your life to the Lord; trust in God whose deeds are always sure. ℞

Righteousness shall dawn as the light, justice like the noonday sun.  
In silence, be still before the Lord; in patience, wait for God's own time. ℞

The wicked may prosper along their way, but do not be enraged; leave anger alone.  
The evildoers shall be destroyed, but the righteous shall possess the land. ℞

The wicked shall no longer own the land: look for their homes; they will not be there.  
The poor shall inherit the earth; they shall know the fullness of peace and joy. ℞

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## Second Reading

## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of 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 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. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 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. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

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, relying on the power of God, who 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, but 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. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 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 what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

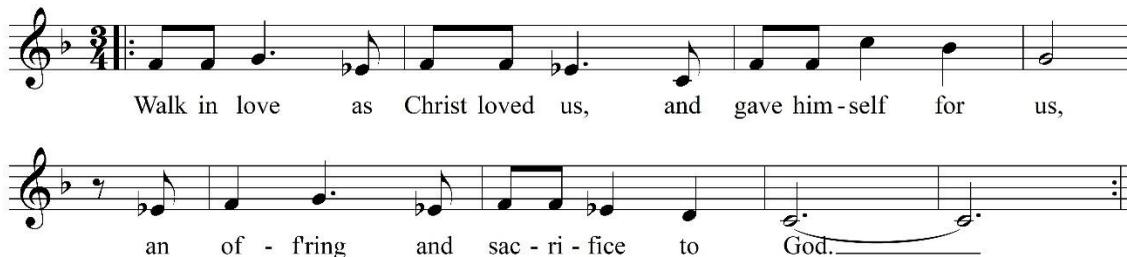
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

### Walk in Love

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.*



Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave him-self for us,  
an of - fring and sac - ri - fice to God.

Text: Ephesians 5:2 Music: ©2025 Roger Stratton

## The Gospel

### Luke 17:5-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 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.

"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'? 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'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 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!'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Deacon     Gathered as believers in Christ, made one body through baptism, let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop, for Craig, our bishop, for Katherine, Guy, Len, Lindsay, our clergy, for Cambria, postulant for the priesthood, Huldah, postulant for the diaconate, and for all lay leaders.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our all those impacted by systemic inequality, for the courage, grace and strength to participate in works of justice. For God's peace made manifest in our unity in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority. For justice and freedom for all the peoples of the earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for strength in the face of the challenges and fears that the news of each day brings. For the hope of our faith, that our small acts might be leaven for transformation through the power of the Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Michigan, for those killed and wounded in the attack that took place last week, and for all who are traumatized by senseless acts of violence.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, for our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison, for the sick and the suffering, especially...

*Please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died due to war, poverty, and gun violence, for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all who grieve. We pray especially for ...

*Please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen .**

## **Confession**

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

*You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.*

All **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

## **Witness talk**

Doug Eichten

## **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## **We Share in Holy Communion**

*Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.*

## Offertory

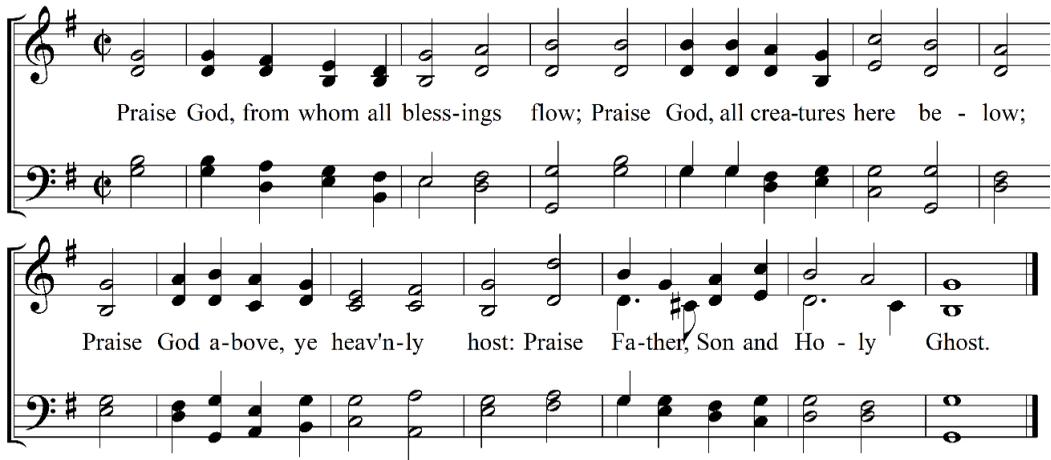
## A Letter to Timothy

I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid upon you. The spirit God has given you is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes you strong, loving and wise. Therefore never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake, but with the strength that comes from God, bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails. Guard the rich deposit of faith, in the strength of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

Text: based on 1 Timothy 1:6-8, 14 Music: Roger Stratton

## Doxology

*On the first Sunday of each month, we bring items forward to be donated to the ICA Food Shelf.*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Remain standing as you are able.*

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_

Hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_ full \_\_\_ of your glo - ry,

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes \_\_\_ in the name of the Lord, \_\_\_

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

from Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body,

which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with David and Non and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the  
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

from Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

## The Communion

*Everyone, without exception and regardless of age or faith tradition, is invited to share in Holy Communion at the Lord's table. If you wish, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

*On the first Sunday of each month, we offer wheat bread, with gluten-free wafers available. On the other Sundays, the communion bread offered to all is gluten-free.*

*The wine is shared from a common cup; feel free to receive only the bread if you prefer. (For health reasons, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, you can indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest.*

### Communion Hymns

*We Walk by Faith*

**Hymnal #209**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**Hymnal #691**

### Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.*

Deacon            In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People            **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread and the one cup.**

### Prayer after Communion

All                **God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# We Go into the World in God's Name

## Announcements

### Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

**O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe, who in your steadfast love made a covenant with your people Israel and consummated it through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ: Let these servants' covenant promises be a sign of your mercy, forgiveness, and ardent desire; that through their common life, you may bind up the broken-hearted, and reconcile all things in heaven and on earth; in the power of your life-giving Spirit. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### Departing

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

**Hymnal #291**

### Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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