

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 2, 2022



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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*The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum, Pastor
Jonathan Madden, Minister of Music*

*Today's altar flowers are:
In memory of departed loved ones
Sponsored by Robin Hoagland*

PRELUDE *Trois Pièces (Trois Improvisations)* Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)
 II. Petit Canon

WELCOME

Congregation stands.

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the [†] Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

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.**

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 neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

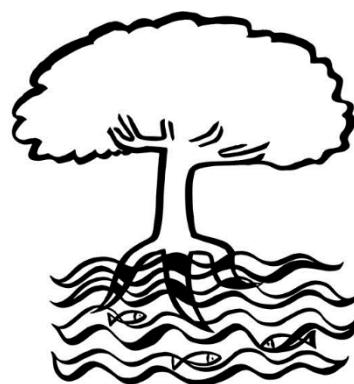
Congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

See bulletin insert for full text

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

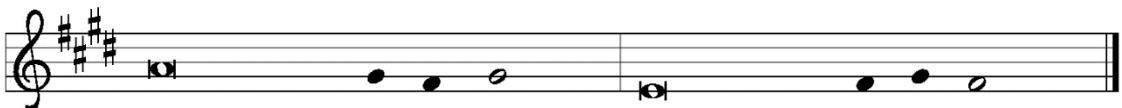


PSALM 37:1-9

Refrain will be sung by the choir, and repeated by the congregation. Congregation sings all the bold verses, and sings the refrain once at each “R.”



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.



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 LORD¹ 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. R**

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.**

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

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

See bulletin insert for full text

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

*The children are invited to come forward.
Please note, they will be seen on the livestream.*

Congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. The word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you. *Alleluia.* (1 Pet. 1:25)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:5-10

See bulletin insert for full text

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

Congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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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 power of 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**

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray together for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Final petition: 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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

The congregation shares signs of peace with one another.

Congregation is seated.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

We hear about the ways we can serve the world through this congregation.

OFFERING

To sustain the ministries of the Church, this time may be used to make a gift either online (www.stpaulspittsford.org), through the neighboring QR code which takes you directly to our Simply Giving page, or you may mail a check directly to St. Paul's or leave your donation in the offering plate during service.



OFFERTORY MUSIC *O Lord, Increase My Faith* Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*O Lord, increase my faith,
strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience;
in all my adversity, Sweet Jesus, say Amen.*

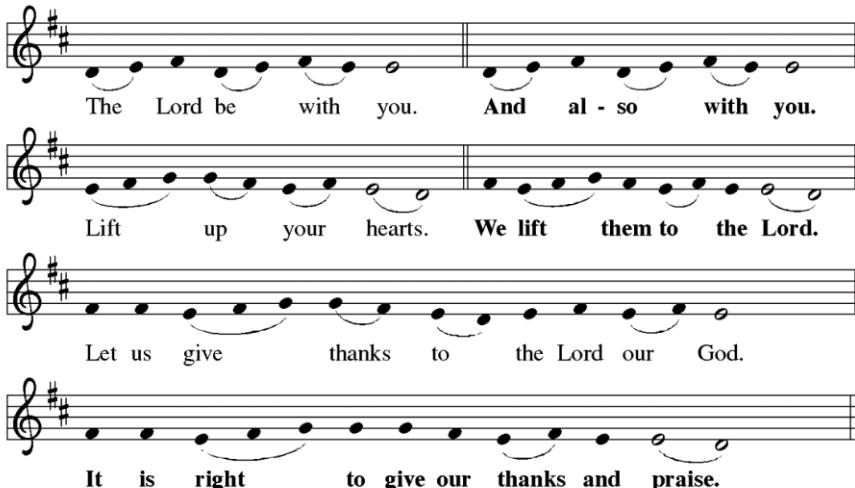
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OFFERTORY HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart* #188

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

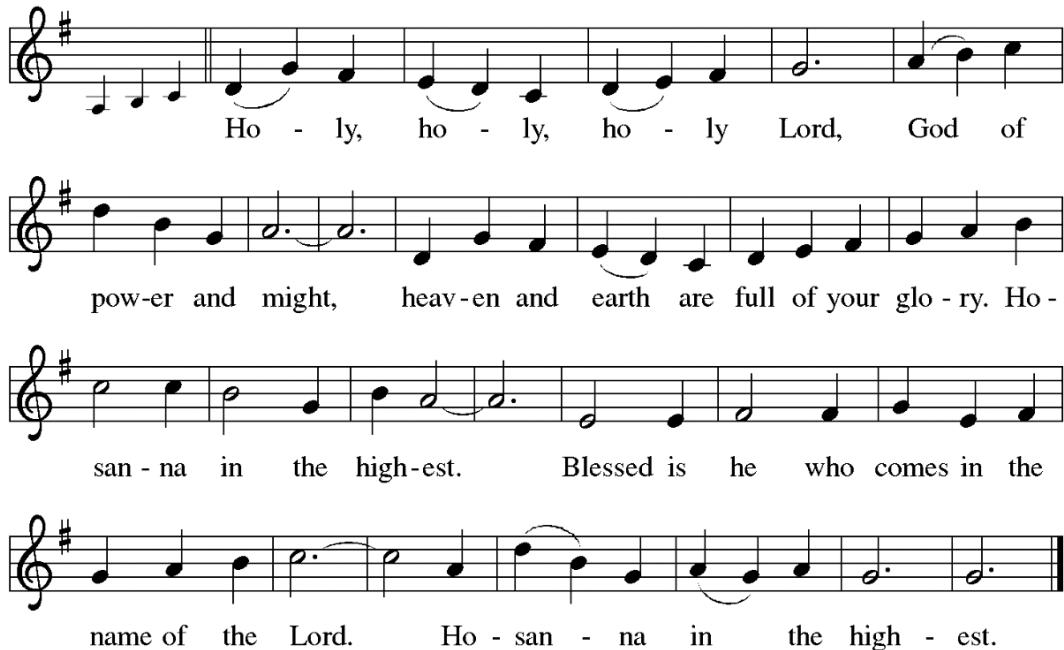
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... [Presider continues with the Proper Preface]
...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**



LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

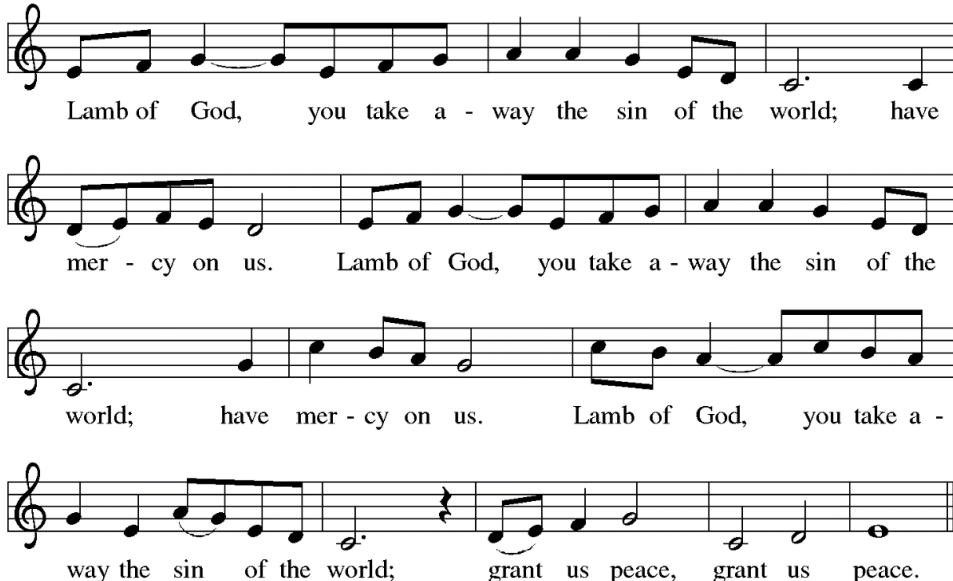
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, and open to all baptized believers who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal. Come forward by the center aisle. Those not communing, whether children or adults, may come forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. Receive the bread from pastor. Glasses are prefilled – red is wine, white is grape juice. Please be cautious not to touch other glasses as you take yours out. Return your empty glass to the tray on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisle. We will commune first the pulpit side, then the piano side.

If you are unable to approach for communion, inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* Jean Berger (1909-2002)

*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:15-16)*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, \pm one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

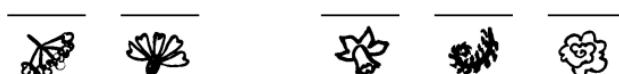
Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE***Jubilate*

Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

JUST FOR KIDS (OR KIDS AT HEART!)

Send **What should we do?**
 Decode this message from Psalm 37:3.



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