

17th Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025; 9 a.m.



St John's
Lutheran Church

(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Nancy Putnam, Fall Arts Celebration

Prelude

(Acolytes light the candles)

Linda Ranney

Gathering Hymn *(please stand)*

ELW #526; *God is Here*, vs. 1, 3

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Apostolic 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.

Kyrie



Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Canticle of Praise

(Assembly sings refrains, Choir sings vs. 1-3)



- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. *Refrain*
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen! *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.**

Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *(please sit)*

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.

^{2:1} 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.

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

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

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

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand)*

Choir:

Assembly:



Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ 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.

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'? ⁸ 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'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ 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!' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *(please sit)*

"Supersize Me!" Pastor Christine Emerson

Hymn of the Day *(please stand)*

ACS #1047; *What is the World Like?*

- 1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

- 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 Witness the wandering child coming home;
 watch as the parent breaks into a run.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
- 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
 peace thrives in places where once there was none.
 This is how God works when rivalries end.
- 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
 tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
 This is how God readies us for the light.

Sacrament of Baptism

Delia Joan Snyder, daughter of Brianna and Franklin Snyder
Sponsors: Zane and Annie Snyder

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

(parents, child, and sponsors gather around the font)

Sponsors: We present **Delia Joan Snyder** for the sacrament of holy baptism.

Pastor: Parents, as you bring **Delia Joan** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to fulfill these promises?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Delia Joan** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support **Delia Joan** and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with

the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that they who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor: Delia Joan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Parents lay hands on the head of the newly baptized.)

Sustain **Delia Joan** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Parents use oil to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized)

Pastor: Delia Joan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

(Sponsors take the candle and light it using the Christ candle. The candle is to remind us that we carry the light of Christ throughout our baptized life.)

Worship Assistant: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us welcome **Delia Joan** into the community of faith.

All: We welcome her into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(The child, parents and sponsors may return to their seats.)

Prayers of the People

Petition: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you.

Offering

(Ushers take up the collection)

Be Strong in the Lord - Johnson/Fettke
St. John's Choir

Offertory *(please stand)*

(Ushers bring collection forward for acolytes to receive)

ELW #726; *Light Dawns on a Weary World*, vs. 1, 3

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world
 when eyes begin to see
 all people's dignity.
 Light dawns on a weary world:
 the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

- The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.
- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world
 when creatures, once forlorn,
 find wilderness reborn.
 Hope blooms in a weary world:
 the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own; that also we, estranged and dying, might be

adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

(acolytes prepare for communion distribution; ushers come forward to invite assembly by pew)

Lamb of God

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in G major (one flat) and consists of four staves. The first staff is a Cantor's introduction in 3/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff is an 'All' section in 2/4 time, with lyrics 'God, Life, Peace, you take a-way the sins of the world: have'. The third staff is a 'Last time' section in 3/4 time, with lyrics 'mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you'. The fourth staff is an 'All' section in 2/4 time, with lyrics 'take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.'.

Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of

All:

God,
Life,
Peace,

you take a-way the sins of the world: have

Last time

Cantor:

mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

All:

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn

ELW #863; *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

- 1 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!
- 2 How wonderful, how beautiful
the sight of thee must be--
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and awesome purity!
- 3 No earthly father loves like thee;
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.
- 5 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart
till faith in vision end.

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer *(please stand)*

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

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

Benediction

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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Acolytes extinguish the candles)

ELW #769; *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*, vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
 in peace and quietness content.
 We rest in God's good will unfolding,
 what wisdom from on high has sent.
 God, who has chosen us by grace,
 knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
 offer your service faithfully.
 Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
 you'll find this promise true to be.
 This is our confidence indeed:
 God never fails in time of need.

Sending

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Linda Ranney

Altar Flowers

Looking forward to a fantastic Fall Arts Celebration. Hope to see many of you there on October 19th! -From Nance & Jeff Putnam

Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pastor Christine Emerson
Assistant	Ruth Lundblad
Lector	Randy Lundblad
Acolytes	Claire Ernster, Ned Ernster
Ushers	Norb Kirk, Bryan Sedlander
Greeters	Julie Kersten, Gary Kersten
Communion Servers	Patti Sontag, Mark Sontag, Rachel Torud, Mike Torud
Media & Streaming	Lydia Elko
Screen Operator	Maxx Christopherson
Musicians	Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Mark Lundin, Director of Music; St. John's Choir

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