

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025



PRELUDE

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

Marty Haugen

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Chorus

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
(Chorus)

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!
(Chorus)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
(Chorus)

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WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Paul Baloche

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see you

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GREETING

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, 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.

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!

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine"

Harry Dixon Loes

TLC Youth & Musicians

Congregation please join in on verses 3 & 4

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine....

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 2

Deep down in my soul, I'm gonna let it shine....

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 3

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 4

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (3xs)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

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.

A reading from Habakkuk.

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 wrongdoing
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 faithfulness.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

(Alternating voices)

Don't get upset when bad people seem to win.

Don't be jealous when they do wrong.

Like grass, they will soon dry up.

Like flowers, they will fade away.

Trust in the Lord and do what is right.

Live in peace and be happy with what you have.

Love God with all your heart,

And God will give you what you need and hope for.

Give your life to God.

Trust Him, and He will help you.

God will make good things shine in your life,

Like the morning sun or the bright noonday.

Be still and wait patiently for the Lord.

Don't worry when others get ahead by doing wrong.

Don't be angry or full of hate.

Those things lead only to trouble.

Evil people will disappear,

But those who trust in God will have peace and joy forever.

A little bit, with God's blessing,

Is better than a lot without Him.

The Lord takes care of good people.

God gives them what they need.

Even if they stumble, they won't fall hard -

Because God holds their hand.

God loves justice and won't forget His children.

They will be safe forever.

Turn away from evil and do good,

And you will live in peace with God.

The Lord helps those who follow God.

God is their safe place in hard times.

God saves His children and keeps them safe,

Because they trust in Him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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.

A reading from Second Timothy.

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, in 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, and 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 Jesus Christ, 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 the deposit 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 deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel.)



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."

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

(The assembly stands)

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the 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 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.

LITANY OF BLESSING FOR OUR ANIMAL COMPANIONS

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of all living things.
You formed every creature with wisdom and love.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

You entrusted animals to our care as companions on life's journey.

Help us to care for them with gentleness and respect.

For the gift of animals who share our homes and lives,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For birds that sing, for dogs that run, for cats that rest,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For all creatures great and small who reveal your beauty,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For animals who are lost, abandoned, or in pain,

May they be found, healed, and loved.

For all who rescue, shelter, and care for vulnerable creatures,

Bless their hands and hearts, O Lord.

For animals who have died and whom we remember with love,

We entrust them to your eternal care.

Bless these animals before us now, and those we hold in our hearts,

May they live in peace and be surrounded by your love.

May we reflect your compassion in how we treat all creatures,

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your works!

We ask this through Jesus Christ, through whom all creation was made.

Amen.

(Pastor will go around the church yard to lightly sprinkle some water over each pet as a sign of the goodness of God's creation and as a reminder of the waters of Baptism, through which God renews and sustains all life.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Make me a servant humble and meek
 Lord let me lift up those who are weak
 And may the prayer of my heart always be
 Make me a servant make me a servant
 Make me a servant today

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 473



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

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 HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

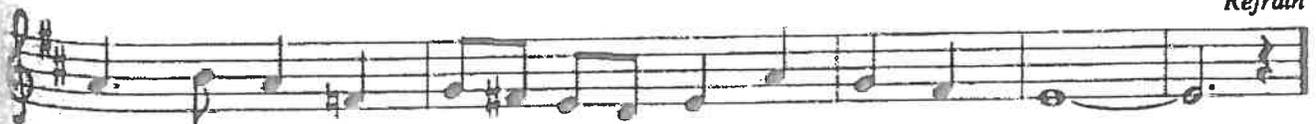


give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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.**

RECESSIONAL

“Let's Go Out”

Larry Olson

Let's go out into the world and make it a loving place to live.
Let's go out into the world and tell ev'ry one the Savior lives.
Let's go out (Let's go out) Let's go out (Let's go out)
and make it a loving place to live.
Let's go out (Let's go out) Let's go out (Let's go out)
and tell ev'ry one the Savior lives! Let's go out!

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Gloria! Oh...
Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Gloria!

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SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.

Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Chorus

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
(Chorus)

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!
(Chorus)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
(Chorus)

Trinity at a Glance

- The next **blood drive** is **Wednesday, October 8th, Noon - 5 pm.**
 - 🍎 **Trunk-or-Treat at Trinity!** 🍬
Join us for Trunk-or-Treat in the **north parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 18th from 1-3pm!** Dress up, decorate your trunk, and bring some candy to share with our neighborhood kids. Don't worry - extra candy will be provided if you run out! It's a fun and safe way to celebrate the season with our community. All are welcome - invite your friends and neighbors! Sign Up Sheet is in Java Junction.
 - Sunrise Rotary will be hosting a **German Dinner**. Save the date! **October 24th 5-8 pm.** Tickets will be available soon.
 - **Welcome to our Thanksgiving Churches Challenge!**
Trinity is aiming to raise **** 700 **** cans (30 oz. ones) of **Pumpkin Pie Mix/Filling**, any brand. These cans will go to the Community Food Basket to provide **700** Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Please place cans by the Giving Tree. All cans are **due by Sunday, November 2nd.**
 - **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** \$20 each. Marj Nelson and Kate Reed have copies available in Java Junction. You can call Marj at 815-973-1286 or Kate at 815-830-2061. You can also pick up a copy at the church office during regular office hours. **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
 - **The Giving Tree recipient for October will be cans of Pumpkin Pie Filling for the Community Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others.
 - Learn more on **October 26th as Partners in Pride** will be doing a Temple Talk. We look forward to seeing you there! www.mypartnersinpride.com.
 - **Trinity Stitchers always welcome new helpers** as they sew and tie quilts, lap quilts and walker bags. They meet downstairs in the sewing room and fellowship hall on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month from **1 to 3 pm**, except for November and December when they meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Come join them for fun and fellowship!
 - **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger
- Please contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.
- Just a reminder that the **Church collects empty Laser Jet Printer Ink Cartridges for recycling.** There is a box in the hallway (on the left) as you enter the Education Building.
 - **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - Sept Income = \$17,804.96 (Income YTD = \$178,006.79)
 - August Expense = \$20,714.58 (Expense YTD = \$181,760.11)
 - Income Less Expense = -\$2,909.62 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$3,753.32)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Principal Payment = \$1,000.00
 - Left On Loan = \$9,187.37

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (10/6):** 10a Staff meeting
 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 4:30p Mission Outreach (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (10/7):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (10/8)** 12p Blood Drive
 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (10/9):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (10/10):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (10/11):** *National Chess Day* ♟️
- **Sunday (10/12)** 9a Sunday Session
 9a Affirmation Class
 10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, October 5, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Ellen Gross</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Debbie Guenther, Ellen Gross</i> Altar Guild: <i>Jan Beckman, Debbie Guenther</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, October 12, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Jane Goetz, Sue Williamson</i> Altar Guild: <i>Ann Enke, Sue Williamson</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>
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