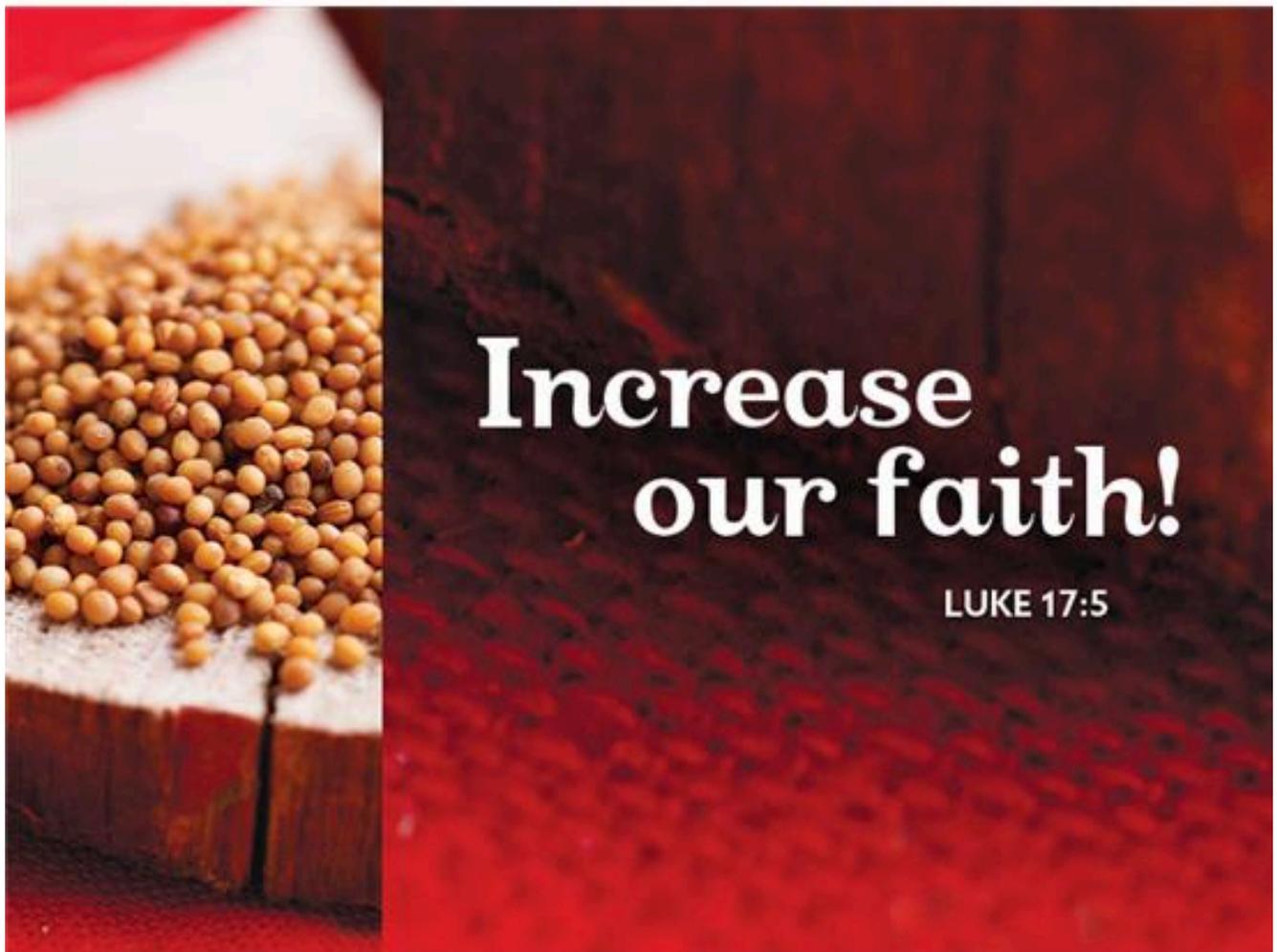


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion
October 5, 2025 at 9:30 AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Most of the liturgy is printed within or in the ELW Hymnal, Setting 8; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin.

Children's Bulletins with activities are found in the narthex (entrance). Please enjoy!

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're most welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Worship on the 17th Sunday after Pentecost: A little faith goes a long way. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving. And may we bless all creatures as we serve!

Serving Today: Greeter: Linda Z. **Acolyte:** Pesis **Reader:** Pam S.

Asst Minister: Cole P. **Cantor:** Dan P. **Usher:** Tommy K.

Altar Guild: Eileen W & Kathy W. **Tech Support:** Alex K. **Counters:** Linda Z. & Mary W.

Musicians: Heinz D. & Olivia K. **Musical Director/Vocalist:** Juliana Carmona

Coffee Host: Eileen-Birthday Cake **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

The World God Imagines by David Kai

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

please rise in body and/or Spirit

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

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.**

GATHERING HYMN *All Creatures Worship God Most High** **ELW #835, vs1-3, 6**

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!
 Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
 sing, sister moon and stars of night:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
 you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Dear sister water, useful, clear,
 make music for your Lord to hear:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
 drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
 praise God in colors bright and rare:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST 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.

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.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
 do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
 dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
 and see what | God will do.
The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
 Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
 the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

For evildoers shall | be cut off,
 but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.

SECOND 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.

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.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please rise in body and/or spirit



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for sin are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to sin. Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive."

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!'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Serving for the Kingdom

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

These Hills Where the Hawk Flies

by Colin Gibson

These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountain where the snows meet heaven, these are our care.

Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster, these are our prayer.

Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander, these are our care,

Race meeting race equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for ev'ry man and woman, these are our prayer.

Cities where young roam restless,
 lives brought to deep despair,
 homeless and powerless people, these are our care,

Places where the Word is spoken,
 hands held in serving love,
 faiths of our many cultures, these are our prayer.

All that the old world gave us,
 all that the new world brings,
 language, ideas and customs, these are our care,

Life finding joy and value,
 faith seeking truth and light,
 God heard and seen in all things, this be our prayer.

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RESPONSE OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING

The World God Imagines by David Kai

PRESENTATION HYMN***We Are an Offering*****ELW #692***We lift our voices, we lift our hands,**We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.**Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands**Lord use our lives they are Yours, we are an offering, we are an offering.***OFFERING PRAYER****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.****PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

ELW #759

1 My faith looks up to thee,
 thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine!
 Now hear me while I pray,
 take all my guilt away,
 oh, let me from this day
 be wholly thine!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
 and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day,
 wipe sorrow's tears away,
 nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.

2 May thy rich grace impart
 strength to my fainting heart,
 my zeal inspire;
 as thou hast died for me,
 oh, may my love to thee
 pure, warm, and changeless be,
 a living fire!

4 When ends life's transient dream,
 when death's cold, sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll;
 blest Savior, then, in love
 fear and distrust remove;
 oh, bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul!

We Walk by Faith**ELW #635**

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

The Lord is My Light*from the taizé community*

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The". The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final cadence marked by a double bar line and repeat dots.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

You who created them
and called them good:
bless again these creatures
who come to us
as a blessing
fashioned of fur
or feather
or fin,
formed of flesh
that breathes with
your own breath,
that you have made
from sheer delight,
that you have given
in dazzling variety.

Bless them
who curl themselves
around our hearts,
who twine themselves
through our days,

who companion us
in our labor,
who call us
to come and play.

Bless them
who will never be entirely tamed
and so remind us
that you love
what is wild,
that you rejoice
in what lives
close
to the earth,
that your heart
beats
in the heart of
these creatures
you have
entrusted
to our care.



By Jan Richardson

Blessing to pets: May the power of this blessing from Christ fill you with life, bring you to your human partners, and lead you to praise your Creator. Amen.

Blessing to humans:

God bless this pet of yours. May your love of this animal be a constant reminder of God's love for you and all of creation. Amen.

Pr: Maker of all, we ask your blessing on every creature gathered here today, the large and the small. May they live peacefully in praise of you.

People: **Bless us all to love your creation, and revere its sacredness. We ask this blessing in the name of the one who was, is, and always will be, our Creator, to whom every creature belongs. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let all Things Now Living*

ELW #881

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

How Firm a foundation J. Ellis, arr. Terri Hutchings

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space

Flowers are given today by Sharon Scagliotti in memory of Dale Scagliotti's Birthday!



** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

October Worship Schedule 2025				
Task	5	12	19	26
				Reformation Sunday
Greeter	Linda Z	Diana W	Judy C	Jean C
*Acolyte	Pesis	Pesis	O'Reillys	Welmerinks
Reader	Pam S	Davyann S	Matthew R	Sigrun C
*Asst. Minister	Cole P	Todd M	Erica W	Adam W
*Cantor	Dan P	Todd M	Wes G	Louis L
Usher	Tommy K	Zack W	Eileen W	Tom L
*Altar Guild	Eileen W Kathy W	Betty T Annette W	Sharon S Sophia G	Betty T Annette W
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K			
*Counters	Linda Z Mary W	Sigrun C Davyann S	Tommy K Linda Z	Theresa W Sigrun C
Coffee after Worship	Eileen W Birthday Cake	Zimmermans	Open	Fellowship Team

Activities At Faith

~ **Contemplative Worship Night, Wednesday October 22nd at 7pm** at Faith. We gather in quietness, for readings and songs and prayers. This is a communal enactment of being still before God. Friends and visitors are welcome.

~**Fellowship Dinner, Thursday October 23rd at 4:30pm** at Gold Dust West. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. For questions please contact Jean Carter.

~**Trunk or Treat at Elmcrest Elementary, Thursday October 23rd.** Contact Judi Hein for questions or to sign up.

~ **Family Fun Night Friday, October 24th at 6pm.** Families join us for Dinner, Fun, and Pumpkin Carving! We'll start with a prayerful rhythm and then play some games and get artsy together. And, pumpkins! Join us at the church!

~**Tuesday Bible Readers meets Tuesdays at 1:30pm.** There is a schedule of the readings in the narthex and it has the zoom meeting information. Contact Eileen Way for questions.

~**Get ready for the 2025 Christmas Concert.** A call out to all you musicians, singers, inspirational speakers, kids, and family groups who would like to participate. Please contact Sharon Scagliotti for questions or details, phone: 916-230-4530 or email: sharonscag@gmail.com

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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