

# St. Paul Lutheran Smithville



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 5, 2025

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome*

### *\*Confession and Forgiveness*

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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!

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn: # 597 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

***\*Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

***\*Prayer of the Day***

A: Let us pray. God, you are all good and all merciful:

**C: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

***First Reading:*** Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

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

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

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

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.

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

<sup>2:1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 37:1-9

R: Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**C: for they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.**

R: Trust in the Lord and do good;  
live in the land and enjoy security.

**C: Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

R: Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.

**C: He will make your vindication shine like the light  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

R: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

**C: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

R: For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

***Second Reading:*** 1 Timothy 1:1-14

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

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

R: The word of the Lord.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* Luke 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> "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'? <sup>8</sup> 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'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> 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!' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Sermon*

**Sermon:** Pastor Kristy Buyok

**\*Hymn of the Day:** # 769 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

- 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.**
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.**
- 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.**

*Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite  
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## *The Apostle's Creed*

A: Together, let us confess the belief that we share in this family of faith.

**C: 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 (*universal*) church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *\*The Prayers*

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Offer your special care to those on our prayer list: The family of Terry and of Robert: Jerry, Denny, Gary, Missy, Loretta, Evan, Ken, Jared, Dave, Lorinda, Bob, Pat, and Jaime. We also pray for our St. Paul families of the week: Mitch, Dana, Jillian, and Sheridan. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*\*Offertory:* "Rock by Rock, Stone by Stone"

Choir

*Michael Hassell*

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*\*Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

**C: 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:*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!**

***\*Words of Institution***

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we pray the prayer you taught us:

***\*The Lord's Prayer***

**C: 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***

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to the meal of mercy.

## ***Holy Communion***

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.  
*(You may eat your wafer)*

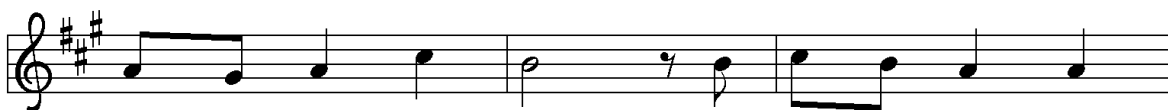
P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.  
*(You may drink the wine from your cup)*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# Communion Hymn: # 635 "We Walk by Faith"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## *Communion Hymn: # 638 "Blessed Assurance"*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## *\*Post Communion Blessing*

## *\*Benediction*

*\*Sending Hymn: # 812 "Faith of Our Fathers"*



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

*\*Dismissal*

**A:** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## ***Postlude***

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### ***Your Prayers Are Requested For:***

***The family of Robert, the family of Terry, Jerry, Denny, Gary, Missy, Loretta, Evan, Ken, Jared, Betsy, Dave, Lorinda, Bob, Annette, Pat, and Jaime***

### ***St. Paul Families of the week:***

***Mitch, Dana, Jillian, and Sheridan Schauer***

### ***Thank you to those serving this morning***

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok

Cantor: Lesley Mast

Assisting Minister: Lynn Moomaw

Lector: Tim Preston

Pianist: Joe Hennell

Communion Assistant: Alvin Rehm

Altar Care: Steve & Nancy Carr

Ushers/Greeters: Larry Allen and Jason Mast

Bread Baker: Lesley Mast



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### **This Week**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship Bible Journaling	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Quilting	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Wednesday Meal Choir Celebration Handbells	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Euchre Day	11:30 a.m.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Empty Nester- Weenie Roast at Mapledale	5:30 p.m.
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Worship	9:30 a.m.

### **Upcoming & Announcements**

**Empty Nesters:** Open to everyone – our annual weenie roast at Mapledale will be on Saturday, October 11 at 5:30. Bring a “finger food” to share. (No silverware provided.) The Millers will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, drinks, plates, and napkins. Sign-up in the Narthex. If rain, there is no rain date. Please join us!

**Youth:** All youth are invited to a Pumpkin Day! Details to follow!

**Trunk or Treat:** Our Fall Fun Fest will take place on October 25, from 4 to 6 pm. There will be music, food, activities and trunk or treat. Please sign-up in the Narthex to pass out candy, or donate candy. Please no nuts and all individually wrapped. Thank you.

**People to People:** Needed at People to People in October: canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, canned tuna, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pasta sides, rice sides, shampoo, conditioner, and dish soap. Thank you!



Scan the QR code to view our website or to donate thru Paypal.

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

October 8 – Hot ham & cheese sandwiches, pasta salad and dessert

October 15 – Kitchen committee casserole, three bean salad and dessert

October 22 – B.B.Q. chicken quarters, rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and dessert

October 29 – Baked potato bar, broccoli cheese soup and dessert

<b>Serving in October In-Person</b>	<b>10/5</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Tim Preston	Zach Mast	Heather Blough	Lyn Miller
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lynn Moomaw	Pam Root	Lynn Moomaw	Adrienne Karlen
<b>Greeters/ Ushers</b>	Jason Mast Larry Allen	Rex Raff Ernie Buyok	Alvin Rehm Hans Kwee	Steve & Nancy Carr
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Alvin Rehm	Aleena Mast	Ernie Buyok	Duane Eggeman
<b>Altar Care</b>	Steve & Nancy Carr	Duane & Robin Eggeman	Lyn Miller	Tim Preston
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast

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