



# A seedy kind of faith

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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

## October 5, 2025 - Pentecost 17 Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell  
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Ushers: Thompson & Toby

Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Kathryn Elford  
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell  
Worship Host: Christopher Schneider

### WELCOME

**GATHERING SONG** “*Come and Gather*” (TOL) ref, vs 2, ref, vs3, ref

**KYRIE:** (TOL)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**FIRST READING:** **Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4** (Inclusive Bible Version)

<sup>1</sup>The Oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received in a vision. <sup>2</sup>“How long, Yhwh, am I to cry for help while you do not listen? How long will I cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me look upon injustice? Why do you countenance tyranny? Outrage and violence—this is all I see! All is contention, and discord flourishes. <sup>4</sup>The law loses its hold, and justice never shows itself. The corrupt triumph over those who are righteous, and justice is perverted once again.” <sup>2:1</sup>I will stand on my watchtower, and take up my post on my battlements, watching to see what God will say to me, what answers God will make to my complaints.” <sup>2</sup>Then Yhwh replied, “Write down this vision, inscribe it legibly on tablets so that a herald can easily read it, <sup>3</sup>since this vision will stand as a witness to the appointed time of judgment; it gives faithful testimony about a time that will come. If it is slow in coming, wait for it—for come it will, without fail: <sup>4</sup>“Look—those whose hearts are corrupt will faint with exhaustion, while those who steadfastly uphold justice will live.”

**Psalm 37:1-9** (Inclusive Bible Version)

<sup>1</sup>Don't be vexed by evildoers,

and don't be envious of the corrupt!

**<sup>2</sup>They'll soon fade like the grass,**

**and wither away like unwatered plants.**

<sup>3</sup>Trust in Yhwh, and do good,

and you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security.

**<sup>4</sup>Delight in Yhwh,**

**and you'll be given the desires of your heart.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to Yhwh, and trust in Yhwh;

God will take action,

**<sup>6</sup>making your vindication as sure as the dawn**

**and your integrity as bright as noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before Yhwh and wait patiently;

don't fret about those who amass great fortunes and carry out their schemes unchallenged.

**<sup>8</sup>Let go of your anger, and leave resentment behind.**

**And stop worrying! It produces nothing but evil,**

<sup>9</sup>and evildoers will be cut off.

But those who put their hope in Yhwh— they will inherit the land.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14** (Inclusive Bible Version)

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, by the will of God an Apostle of Christ Jesus, sent to proclaim the promise of life

in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my dear child: May grace, mercy and peace from God the

Creator and from Christ Jesus our Savior be with you. <sup>3</sup>I thank God, the God of my ancestors—

whom I worship with a clear conscience—whenever I remember you in my prayers, as indeed

I do constantly, night and day. <sup>4</sup>When I recall your tears, I long to see you again, which would

fill me with joy. <sup>5</sup>I'm reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother

Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and now, I'm certain, in you as well. <sup>6</sup>That's why I want to

remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of hands.

<sup>7</sup>For God didn't give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>So don't be ashamed to give your testimony about Christ, and don't be ashamed of me,

Christ's prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the Gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who has

saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done, but because of

God's own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning

of time, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who

has destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. <sup>11</sup>And it

was for this Gospel that I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. <sup>12</sup>That's why

I'm suffering as I am. Yet I'm not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and I'm

convinced that Jesus Christ is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that final Day.

<sup>13</sup>Take what you have heard me say as a model of sound teaching, in faith and love in Christ

Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the rich deposit of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TOL)**

**GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10** (Inclusive Bible Version)

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Uproot yourself and plant yourself in the sea,’ and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>“If one of you had hired help plowing a field or herding sheep, and they came in from the fields, would you say to them, ‘Come and sit at my table?’ <sup>8</sup>Wouldn’t you say instead, ‘Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink afterward’? <sup>9</sup>Would you be grateful to the workers who were just doing their job? <sup>10</sup>It’s the same with you who hear me. When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, ‘We are simple workers. We have done no more than our duty.’”

## **SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY** ‘*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*’ (ELW 773)

**WE BELIEVE** by Dorothy McRae-McMahan, Uniting Church in Australia

We believe in God the Creator,

who reminds us, in the drawing of every new day, that new life is possible.

We believe in the wonder and grandeur of a universe

where the whole of life is called to live in harmony of care.

This we believe.

### **This we believe.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, who prayed in mountains of peace,

and brought us the Word in mustard seeds of faith and fig trees of blessing,

whose footsteps touched the earth in love and who invites us to follow.

This we believe.

### **This we believe.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom often lies embedded in ancient peoples.

They trod lightly across deserts and lived gently among plants and creatures.

They reached respectfully for the mystery, which is God-with-us,

the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

This we believe.

### **This we believe.**

We believe in the everlasting hope,

the great calling of the people of God, the church,

for the transforming of all things, which is possible in God.

This we believe.

### **This we believe. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, Carl C, David J, Brenda T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **PEACE**

**OFFERTORY** “*Come Let Us Bring*” (TOL) vs 3

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** (TOL)

**PREFACE OPENING** (TOL)

**SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST II** (TOL)

**HOLY, HOLY** (TOL)

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** - Spoken

**LORD’S PRAYER** – by Francis Macnab in “The Historical Jesus Goes to Church”

**Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us;**

**Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder.**

**Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us;**

**Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity.**

**May we find we have all we need to meet each day without undue anxiety.**

**Overlook our many stupidities,**

**and help us to release everyone from their stupidities.**

**May we all know that we are accepted.**

**Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best,**

**always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence.**

**And we celebrate the gifts you have given us –the rich kingdom of life’s possibilities,  
the power to do good and the triumphs of good**

**and the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything.**

**You are life’s richness.**

**You are life’s power.**

**You are life’s ultimate meaning –Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMUNION SONGS**

*‘Lamb of God’* (TOL)

*‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee’* ELW 759

*‘Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us’* ELW 789

*‘God Extends an Invitation’* ELW 486

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**SENDING SONG** ‘*You Are the Seed*’ (WOV 753) vs 1

**DISMISSAL**