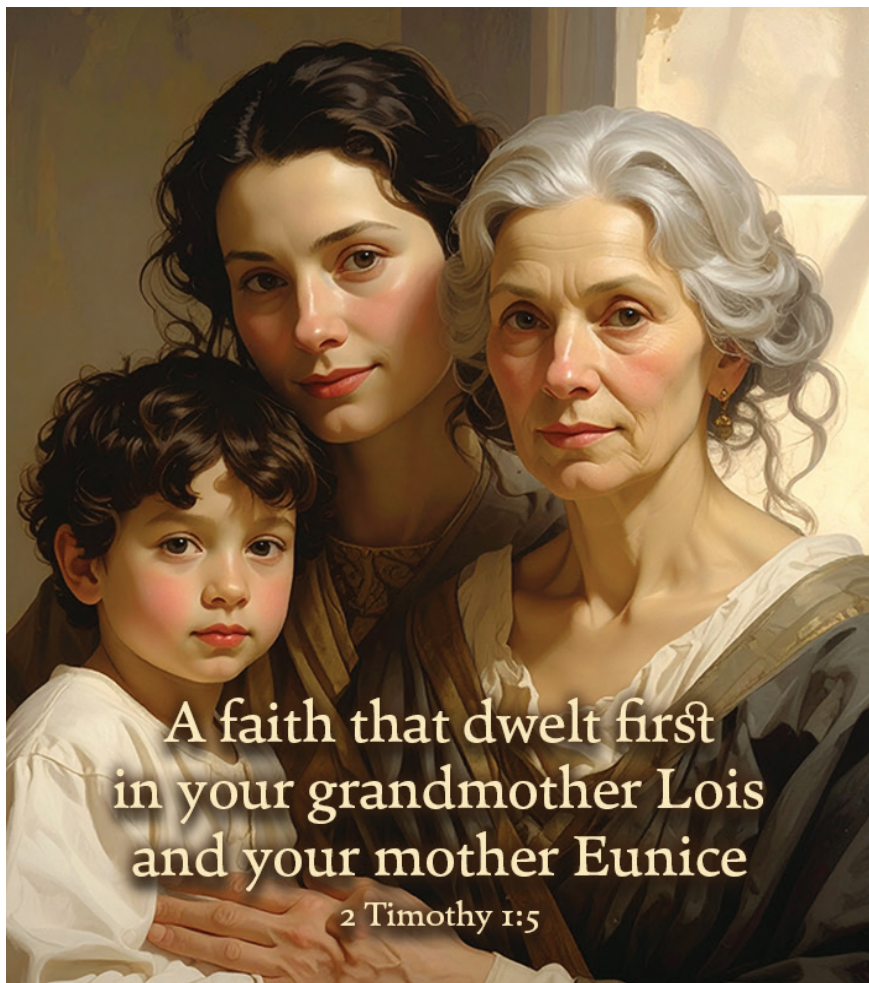




A faith that dwelt first
in your grandmother Lois
and your mother Eunice

2 Timothy 1:5

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lutheran Women's Sunday

October 5, 2025 • 10:30AM

Greeters: Jennifer Aldridge, Caroline Aldridge

Ushers: Nicole Amos, Carolyn Canup,

Teresa Linker, Lisa Monroe, Terri Powlas

Acolyte: Amanda Bernhardt • Crucifer: Susan Bernhardt

Liturgist: Lauren Holland • Children's Chat: Kara Burnett

Preacher: Lisa Lord • Lector: Jeanne Shaver • Cantor: Laura Brock

Communion Assistants: Crystal Bost, Bonnie Hinson,

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This Week's Memory Verse

For God gave us a spirit
not of fear
but of power and love
and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7



Memory Verse Aid

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AS-C
2TI7

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dan Miller

Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Ten Commandments

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.

³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.

⁴Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.

⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.

¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

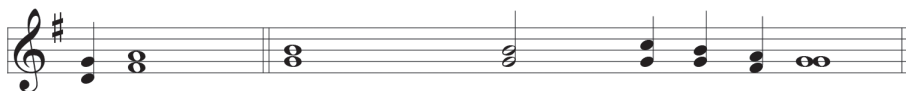


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is

paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 62

¹For God alone my soul in | silence waits;
from him comes | my salvation.

²**He alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be | greatly shaken.**

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of | you together,
as if you were a leaning fence, a | toppling wall?

⁴**They seek only to bring me down from my | place of honor;
lies are their | chief delight.**

⁵They bless | with their lips,
but in their | hearts they curse.

⁶**For God alone my soul in | silence waits;
truly, my hope | is in him.**

⁷He alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

⁸**In God is my safety | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.**

⁹Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

¹⁰**Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.**

¹¹On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,
all of | them together.

¹²**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹³God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹⁴**Steadfast love is | yours, O LORD,**
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



Anthem: “God and God Alone”

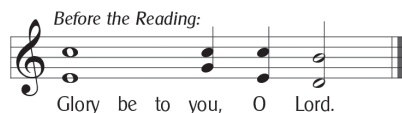
Laura Brock

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to the seventeenth chapter of Luke.

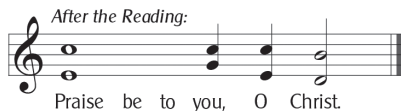


Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table?’ ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?’ ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God with the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son

he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Kara Burnett

Sermon

Lisa Lord

Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

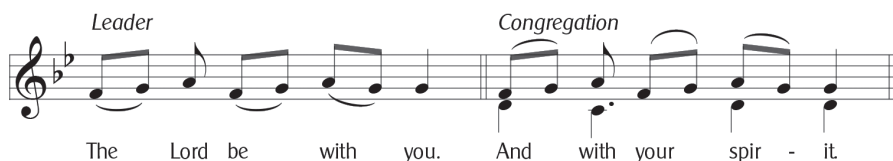
Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and good for us that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
¹**hallowed be thy name,**
²**thy kingdom come,**
³**thy will be done,**
on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;
⁵and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
⁶and lead us not into temptation,
⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
 of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,



Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.

For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:

A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.

Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,

As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Postlude: “It is Well with My Soul”

David Lasky

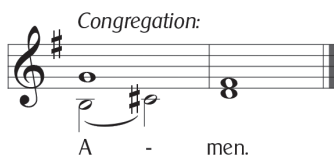
We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



*We extend our love and sympathy to
the family of Barbara Fesperman Upright
who died Monday, September 29, 2025.
Please keep Barbara’s family in your prayers.*

*The flower on the rail is in loving memory of our Mother and
Grandmother, Barbara F. Upright, given by her children, Kimberly
Pepper, Jeremy Upright and Teresa Mintz, grandchildren Madeline
and Jeremy Scott, Samuel Pepper, Harley Amos, and Emma Amos.*



Barbara Fesperman Upright

August 6, 1949–September 29, 2025

Barbara's funeral service
was Friday, October 3, 2025,
in St. Paul's Sanctuary.

*For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.*

*So then, whether we live
or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

Romans 14:8

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, October 5, Women's Sunday

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Called Congregational Meeting, 10:30am
- Guest Preacher, Lisa Lord, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Ritchie Reunion, picnic shelter, 4pm
- Women's Executive Committee, 4pm
- Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- No Vespers tonight

All are welcome to meet with us for Morning Prayer Monday–Friday, at 8:30am in the chapel.

Monday, October 6

- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- Facility Accessibility committee meeting, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, October 7

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 8

- Classical Conversations, 8:30am–3pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- No Confirmation tonight

Thursday, October 9

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Saturday, October 11

- October 11 – Oktoberfest, 5pm

Sunday, October 12

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Vespers, 6pm

First Communion Classes

Pastor Ryman will have classes on First Communion in the chapel November 2, 9, and 23 at Noon. Classes are open to those nine years of age and older. All three classes must be attended with at least one parent per child present as well. Each class lasts about 30 minutes. Please call the church office to let us know if your child will be attending.

Barringer's Mission Trip

God has opened an incredible opportunity for us in January 2026. Sara and I will be traveling with North Hills Christian School on a mission trip to San Pedro de Poas, Costa Rica. We will be putting our faith into action by helping to provide meals and resources, and by sharing Christ's love with those who desperately need to be reminded that they are seen and cared for by their Creator.

The cost is about \$2,000 per person. We are reaching out, asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with us, whether financially, or by covering us in prayer as we prepare for this experience. We will be deeply grateful for your support and prayers as we step out in faith. Checks may be made payable to Amy Barringer before January 1, 2026.

Amy Barringer

Kitchen Supplies

As we look to the beginning of the kitchen remodel, storage space will be at a premium. Kitchen paper supplies will be ordered on an as-needed basis for immediate upcoming events. We will also be ordering only standard size items.

Any opened sleeves will need to be stored in plastic containers. These containers are currently located in the adult Sunday school classroom. All items are labeled for easy access. If you have a small group event (Circles, Lutheran Men, etc.), please ensure ahead of time that there are enough supplies on hand to accommodate your event. Also, if you provide your own supplies, please take the excess home. Thank you for your help. Please contact Dana or Crystal Bost with any questions or requests.

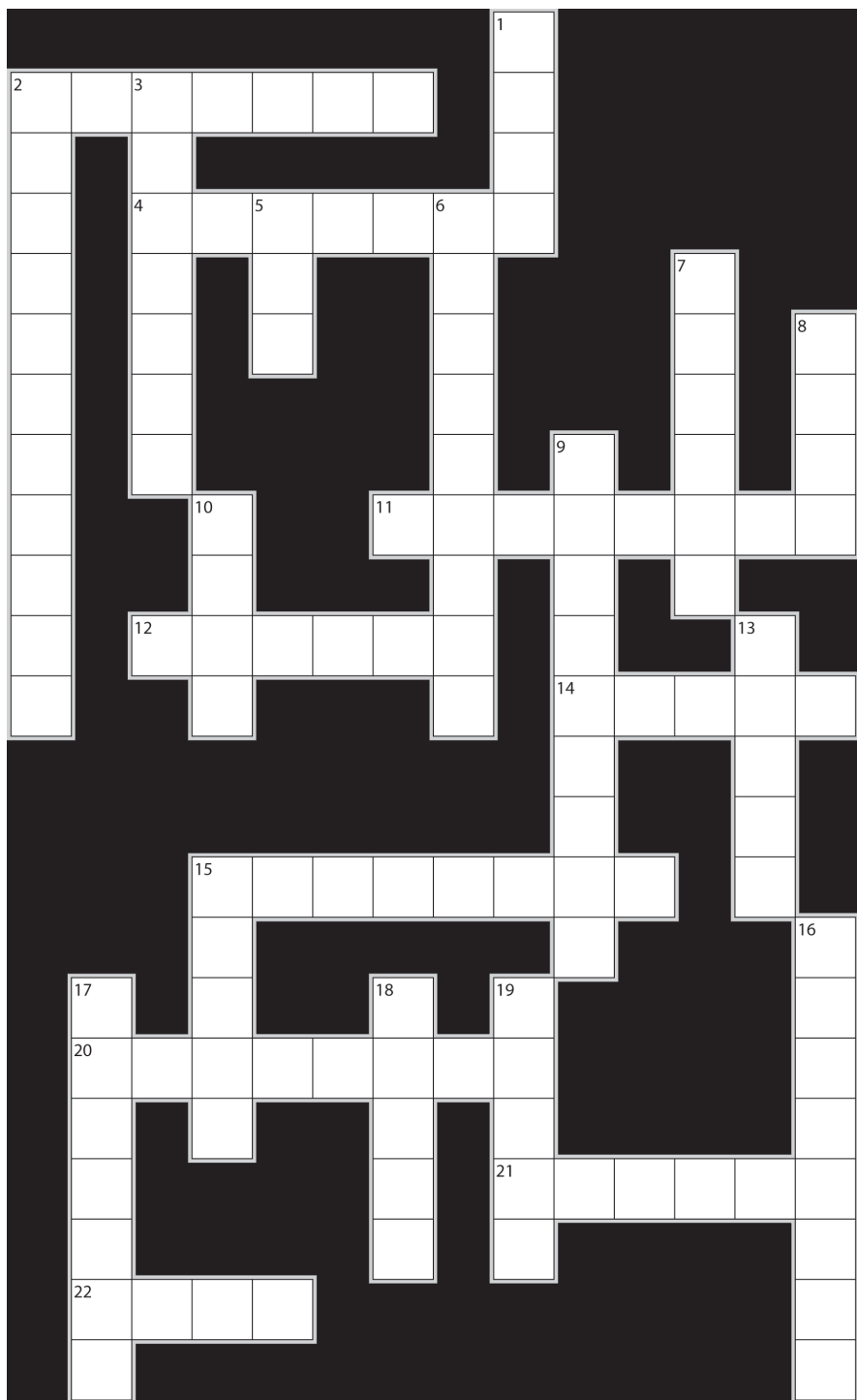
Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty and Don Camerlin – health concerns
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Bonnie Hinson – health concerns
- Peyton Holland – upcoming surgery
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Jan McCanless – health concerns
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – home; health concerns
- Lexi Norris – health concerns
- Eddie Peeler – health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Bobby Shelton, Dani Cottingham's father – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Steve Yost – health concerns

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



Pentecost 17C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; & Luke 17:1-10.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

2. A young disciple of the Apostle Paul
4. In this the psalmist's soul waited.
11. He had a complaint with the Lord.
12. Make it plain to read.
14. Pour it out to the Lord.
15. The psalmist and Luther used this metaphor for God.
20. What the disciples wanted for their little faith.
21. Timothy's mother
22. God alone is the psalmist's salvation and...

DOWN

1. There is a promise of this in Christ Jesus.
2. Jesus said these are sure to come.
3. With faith the size of this seed, great things may be expected.
5. The prophet said it was paralyzed.
6. The prophet waited to see if the Lord would answer it.
7. If your brother sins, do this for him.
8. The Lord will render to a man according to his...
9. The prophet made his stand there.
10. Timothy's grandmother
13. Besides mercy and peace, the Apostolic Greeting included this blessing.
15. The psalmist called people a tottering...
16. Jesus said this tree could be prayed into the sea.
17. The kind of faith Timothy had
18. The righteous shall live by it.
19. Meaning "completely," we are to forgive a repentant sinner this many times each day.

Stats

General Fund offering 9/28	\$9,096
Other offering 9/28	\$6,485
Worship attendance 9/28.....	177
Sunday School attendance 9/28.....	68

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$163.00

The total collected for Friends of Madagascar Mission during the third quarter of 2025 was \$2,248.50.

In the last two+ years, they have collected \$21,483.62 for missions.

During the fourth quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Lutheran Military Veterans and Families.

The total collected for The Table Ministry during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life during the first quarter of 2025 was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901

Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. Please email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure you and your family have your names the friendship register.** This helps us know who communes, and how many are worshipping.

Be Not Ashamed

Find the 17 bold words from 2 Timothy 1:8-14 KJV.

B G J Z O L R R D R D A Y K M
T F S Z C E E E F U R Z M B A
J W H Q U S V W K T U A X W N
S E F D O L A O W A V F S A I
Q P S P W S E P R J T K K N F
W H R U H R E N O S I R P S E
U U E A S J K N A N K Z A N S
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Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his **prisoner**: but be thou **partaker** of the afflictions of the gospel according to the **power** of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own **purpose** and grace, which was given us in **Christ** Jesus before the world began, But is now made **manifest** by the appearing of our **Saviour** Jesus Christ, who hath **abolished death**, and hath brought life and **immortality** to light through the gospel: Whereunto I am appointed a **preacher**, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not **ashamed**: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have **committed** unto him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ **Jesus**. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the **Holy Ghost** which **delleth** in us.



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Next weeks lessons: Ruth 1:1-19a; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

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