The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship Service Emmanuel Lutheran Church

> 10:15 AM, Sanctuary October 5, 2025

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, let him know and/or fill out a Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

A Message on this Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

"We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

What a contrast this is with what is commonly held by *faith* in our culture! — the idea that whatever good comes to me, "I *deserve* it." In America, as her collective wealth increases, nearly everything has come to be believed as a "human right." Reflect for a moment on the litany of rights our culture believes are *guaranteed* by our mere existence, far more than the "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" that the Declaration of Independence puts forth.

But our Lord Jesus considered nothing to be his by right. He descended from heaven to the womb of the Virgin Mary, descended to the tomb, descended into Death, and he did this *as an unworthy servant* — laying aside his divinity, becoming incarnate, giving up all power and wealth and all that is rightfully his. Connect this to Philippians 2:8: "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

If our Lord Jesus — the Son of God Himself! — considered himself an unworthy servant, so, too, shall we.

Holy God, bless us with the gift of humility and service, reminding us that we are your unworthy servants, following after the example of our Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

+ Pastor Justin Baker

+ Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two +

Prelude ORGAN

Brother James' Air

Dale Woods (1934-2003)

Invocation & Order of Confession

■ In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen

Processional Hymn | God Is Here!

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Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

- 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.





Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray,
- Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

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

A reading from Habakkuk, beginning with the first chapter.

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.

- ² And the LORD answered me:
- "Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so he may run who reads it.

³ For 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.

- ⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.
- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9 (congregation responds with the bold text)

¹Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

- ²For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
- ³Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- ⁴Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
- ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- ⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from Second Timothy, beginning with the first chapter.

Paul, 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. ³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As 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. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 8 Therefore 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, 9 who 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, 10 and 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, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which 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. ¹³ Follow 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.

- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

P Luke records this about Jesus with the children:

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." – Luke 18

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the Holy Gospel.



The Holy Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

- P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 17th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ⁷ "Will 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'? ⁸ Will 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'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you

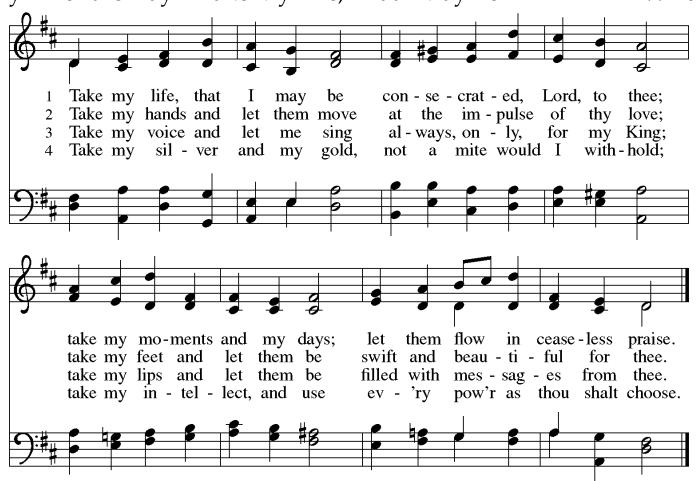
also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

- **P** The Gospel of our Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	Pastor Justin Baker
A large print copy of this sermon is available from the usher	

Hymn of the Day | Take My Life, That I May Be

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5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

The Apostles' Creed

- People of God, in whom do you believe?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

The Prayers

Meart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." Lord God, let us delight in you and commit ourselves to you, as we bow before you in prayer:

A brief silence is kept.

A Thank you for always listening to us. Always give us faith to help us hear you. We thank you for these ways you have heard us and graciously answered us: A pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

A Bless and guide your Church. Make her steadfast in faith, courageous in witness, truthful in teaching & preaching, and obedient & gracious in service. Use her to lead many souls to Jesus. Pour out your favor especially upon this congregation. We pray for the North American Lutheran Church, for area congregations, for Grace Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, and for the Reverend Ann Miller Smith. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Give strength to all mission workers that they may be faithful and obedient to our Lord's calling. Bless those mission workers especially whom we have come to know together with their families: the Rev. Dan Omar, the Rev. Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, and the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu. Strengthen Christians and make new Christians through their ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

May all nations and all leaders acknowledge you as Lord. Help them to strive for justice tempered with mercy, and for peace wedded to righteousness. Let them faithfully and diligently do the work entrusted to them knowing they must give to you an account of their actions. Lord, in your mercy,

• hear our prayer.

Me lift up before you those whom we know are in need of your healing, your comfort, your presence, and our prayers, especially:

Bob Jordan, Steve Cehovin, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Pastor Brian Shirey, Alyssa, Jerry, Ryker, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Aria, Ray, Jeff, David, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les,

Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the family of Rob Greenleaf* and *the family of Don*. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen

Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin. This may be done during Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:8–10)

The Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

The assembly makes peace with one another.

Offertory

ORGAN

Rock of Ages

Setting Van Denman Thompson (1890-1969)

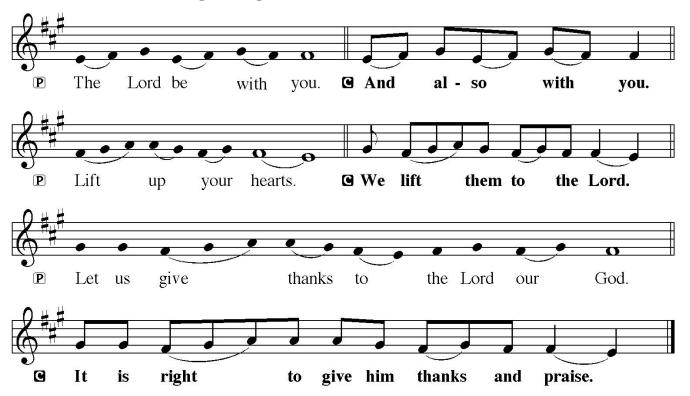


- **A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given usourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dedication of the Chalice

- Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.
 - Accept this chalice which we offer in thanksgiving; may all who receive the heavenly drink be sustained by your grace and power.
- P Bring us all at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- **C** Amen

The Great Thanksgiving



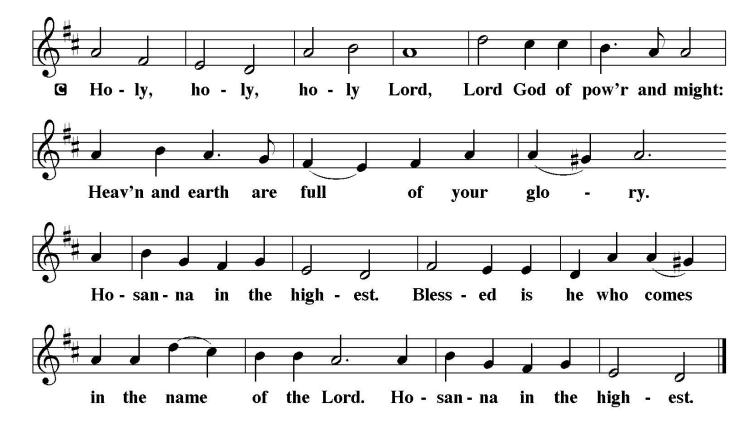
Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Eucharistic Canon

P We praise and thank you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In giving your only begotten Son for the sins of the world you revealed your mercy to us, promising that whoever believes in him will not perish, but will be given life and salvation.

We give thanks for this grace and redemption prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Let your Holy Spirit breathe peace among us that our hearts may be enlightened with a living faith.

By that same Spirit now bless this bread and wine, which earth has given and human hands have made.

We offer these gifts to you, that through them we may receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the night in which He was betrayed Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my Body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this Bread of Life and share this cup of blessing, we proclaim His death until He comes in power and great glory.

© Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

- P Therefore, heavenly Father, we celebrate this holy communion, remembering before you the passion and death, the resurrection and ascension of your dear Son. Remember, O Lord, in your great love the perfect and eternal sacrifice through which, in Christ, you have reconciled us with yourself. Unite us in one body, that we may be a perfect living sacrifice in Christ.
- Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

 Amen
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.

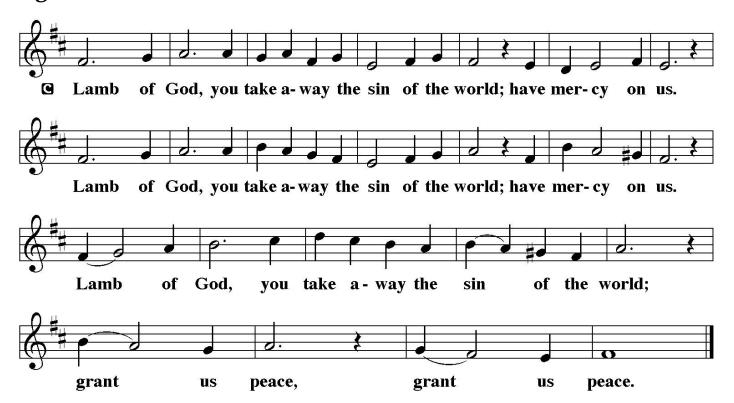
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

- P As the many grains of wheat were once scattered upon the hills, then became one in this Bread of Life,
- gather your church from every time and place into your eternal reign of love.

Agnus Dei



Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.



Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2; alt. Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517

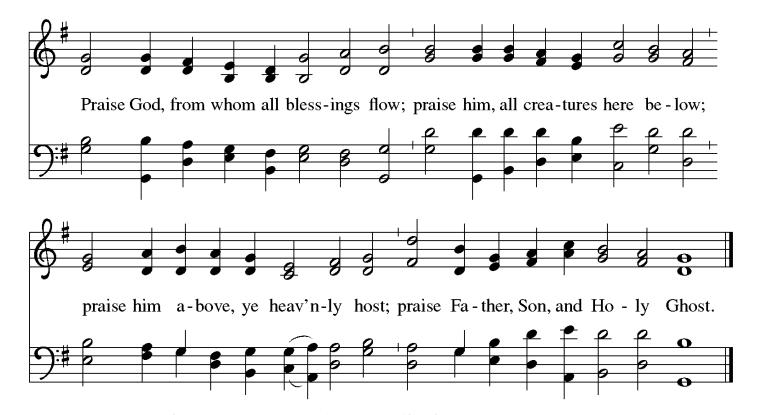


Text: German folk hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524

Post-Communion Blessing & Hymn

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

G Amen



Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

Let us pray. O God of steadfast love, in this meal you have nourished us with your Word and Sacrament. Strengthen us to live in faithful love and joyful service in all our relationships. Renew all homes and households in your grace, that they may reflect the communion we share in Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Recessional Hymn | Lord, Dismiss Us

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Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Dismissal

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **A**men. Let us go forth in this way

Postlude *Magnificat Fugue*

ORGAN Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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The Altar Flowers are Given
In Celebration of Scott's Birthday and
To the Glory of God
~ Ross and Lisa Nese

LITURGICAL DAY	The Seventeenth Sunday after	The Eighteenth Sunday after	The Nineteenth Sunday after	
	Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost	
DATE	10/5/2025 10/12/2025		10/19/2025	
	10:15AM	10:15AM	10:15AM Homer Adams	
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams Homer Adams		
PASTOR	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	or Justin Pastor Justin	
PASIUK	Baker	Baker Baker		
ASSISTING	Kaleb Wee &	Danette Hunter	Holly Pelusi	
MINISTERS	Sally Seidling	& Julie Schamber		
	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn		
COUNTER TEAM	& Kathy	Sinwell & Scott	Cherie Wolovich	
	Gustafson	Gustafson	& Lisa Yothers	
0000000	Dave & Mary	James & Janet		
GREETERS	Whipkey	Troxell	Julie Schamber	
	Dave and Mary	Dave and Mary	Tim Ford and	
USHERS	Whipkey &	Whipkey & Dana Visnic &		
	Serenity Wee	Serenity Wee	Serenity Wee	
ACOLYTE	Julie Schamber	MaryAnn Sinwell	Kaleb Wee	
CRUCIFER	Kaleb Wee			
ALTAR GUILD	Dan & Danette Hunter	Donna Berardinelli & Jeanne Yargar	Dan & Danette Hunter	
ALTAR	Ross and Lisa	The Weigold		
FLOWERS	Nese	Family		
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Karla Gustafson	Angela Held	Angela Held	

This Week at Emmanuel

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Announcements:

- Mission District Convocation October 18 9AM-3PM: Signup in the Narthex!
 - o Stuff The Truck for NALC Disaster Response

Sunday, Oct 5	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Sunday School Worship on the Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost	Luther Hall Sanctuary
Monday, Oct 6	1:00 PM	Acts Bible Study	Luther Hall
,	6:30 PM	Acts Bible Study	Music Room
	6:30 PM	AA Start The Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Oct 7	9:00 AM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
<i>y</i> ,	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library/Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Champion Cheerleading	Heritage Hall
Wednesday, Oct 8	10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
J	11:00 AM	ELCW Field Trip	Dee Jay's Lounge
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Heritage Hall
	7:00 PM	AA Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Oct 9	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
•	7:30 PM	Al-Anon Family	Heritage Hall
Friday, Oct 10	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts (2 troops)	Luther and Heritage
Saturday, Oct 11		-	_
Sunday, Oct 12	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Luther Hall
·	10:15 AM	Worship on the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost	Sanctuary
	Following Service	Congregational Budget Meeting	Sanctuary

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