

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 2, 2022
Pastor - Gisele Berninghaus
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude and Pastor's Greeting

Opening Hymn: **#807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Order of Worship: pages 94-96, 147-150

Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

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

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **#508 As Rain from the Clouds**

Apostle's Creed: page 105 (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession - Celebrate

Offertory: Hymn 186 in Service Music - "Create in me..."

Words of Institution and Communion

Lord's Prayer (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Communion Hymn: **#541 O Jesus, Blessed Lord**

Sending Song: **#881 Let All Things Now Living**

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 140th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2022

Pastor Gisele Berninghaus served Faith Lutheran in Marshfield, WI until her retirement in 2021. She worked for 13 years with Hands of Christ Deaf Ministry, an ecumenical ministry supported by ELCA, Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ and Methodist churches. Her daughter, Anastasia, was born in Kankakee, IL where Gisele served American Lutheran Church and her son Nathaniel was born while she served congregations in Caribou and Stockholm, Maine. Gisele graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD and Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. She interned in Baltimore MD, and was a teacher with the Deaf in Des Moines, IA.

Tim Van Eyck met Gisele on a confusing mission trip to New Orleans after hurricane Katrina and they have happily been sharing life's challenges and blessings ever since. Retirement has provided opportunities to volunteer with Afghan evacuees at Fort McCoy and now refugee resettlement as well as working at an Equine Therapy Center.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today.

If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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and follow our worship service live, and archived,
on the web site.**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (*rostered and lay leaders may be named*). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (*especially*): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 3. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, 1226; Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, 1864) 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21. **Wednesday** Habakkuk 2:12-20. **Thursday** (commemoration of William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536) Psalm 111. **Friday** (commemoration of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, 1787) Numbers 4:34—5:4. **Saturday** Luke 5:12-16. **18th Sunday after Pentecost** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**



Celebrate

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A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. 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.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor 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

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.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see
wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are
before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth
perverted.

^{2:1}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.

²Then the LORD answered me and
said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
³For 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.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their
faith.



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

- Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
- ²For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.
- ³Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.
- ⁴Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. **R**
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
- ⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.
- ⁸Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.
- ⁹For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land. **R**

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,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

³I 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.

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

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his

prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and 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 what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The 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.

⁷"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'? ⁸Would 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'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So 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!'"