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LUKE 17:5

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 189 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org or use the QR Code provided.

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We ask parents to accompany their children to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.



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Thank you to the Reverend George Fitch for presiding and preaching for today.

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 5, 2025
Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship musical setting 3

TEMPLE TALK

Servants of Christ

Darren Smith

PRELUDE

For the Fruit of All Creation

Frank Stoldt

Stand turning to face the font

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved of the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins.

Let us pray. 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.

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 for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

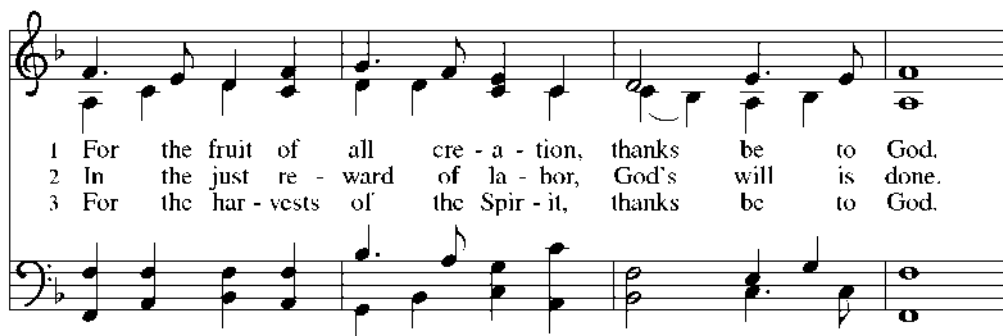
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

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.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN

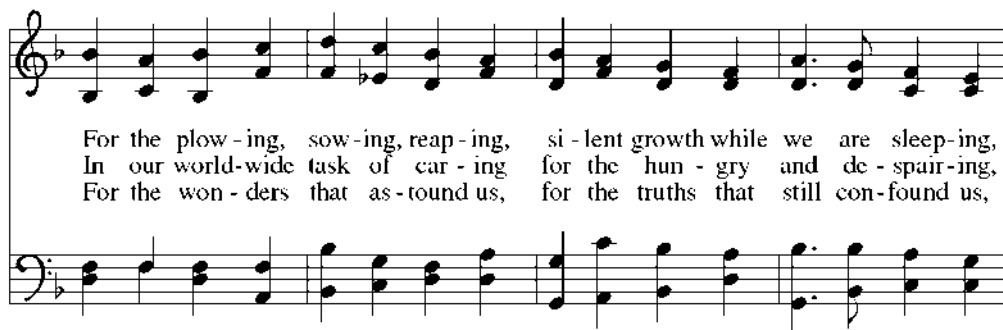
For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)




1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as -ound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

(back cover)

PSALM Psalm 37:1-9

Sung Cantor/**Congregation** unaccompanied.



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;*
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,***
and like the green grass | fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight | in the LORD,***
and he shall give you your | heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,*
and he will bring | it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light***
and your just dealing | as the noonday.
- 7 Be still be- | fore the LORD*
and wait patient- | ly for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,***
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;*
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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Stand
VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 17:5-10 (back cover)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON

The Reverend George Fitch

Stand
APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church as she bears witness to your love for all people. Remind us that faith the size of a mustard seed brings powerful strength. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence (*especially*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Come to the help of all in need (*especially*). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

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

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for the gift of marriage. We rejoice at the wedding of Amelia and Michael who were united in marriage yesterday. Keep them in your grace, peace and love. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

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

PEACE

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

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

8:00 AM

Piano

Seasons of Life

Mark Hayes

10:30 AM

Chancel Choir

Behold Now, Praise the Lord

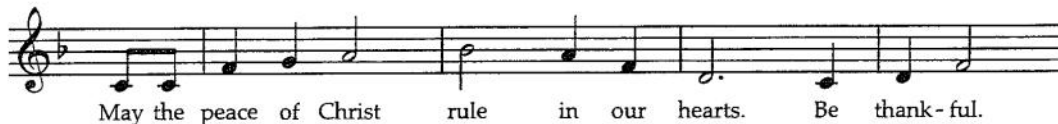
Alec Wyton

Stand

OFFERTORY

Be Thankful

Anne Krentz Organ



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May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE *Spoken by Pastor and congregation*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

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 hymn:

SANCTUS

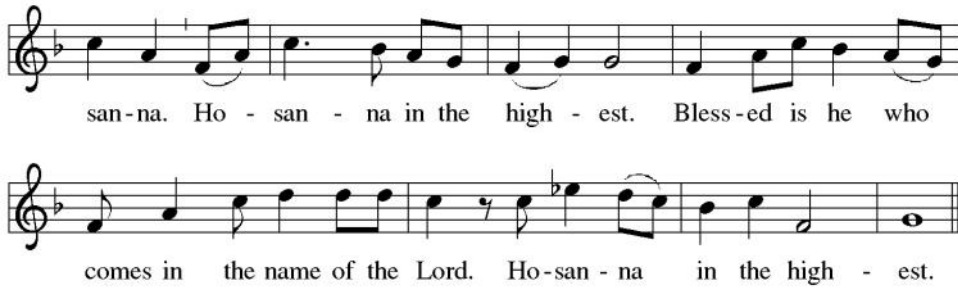


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

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THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

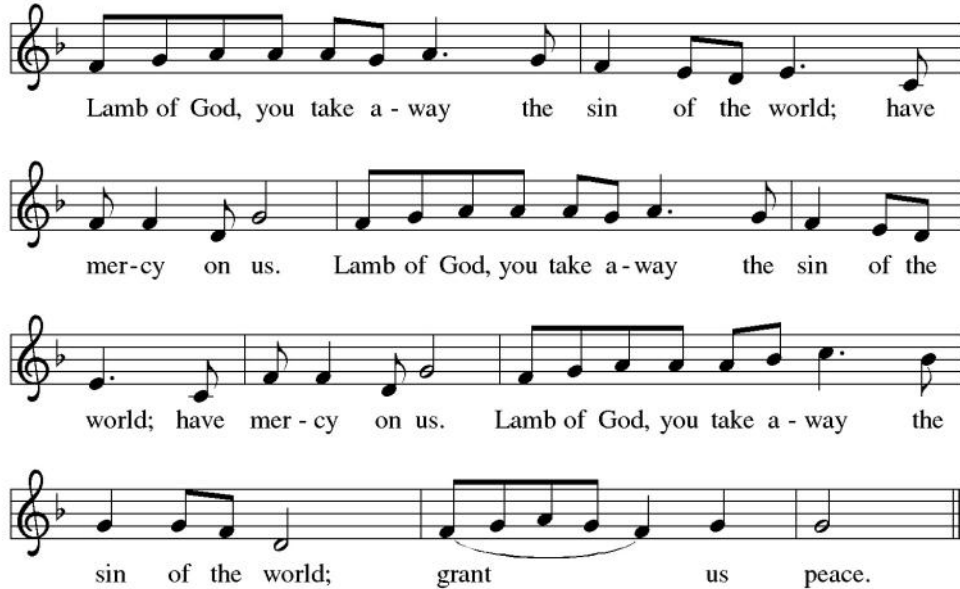
FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

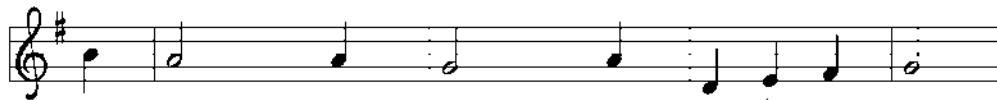
- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*
- 4. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 6. Return to your pew using the side aisle*

COMMUNION HYMN

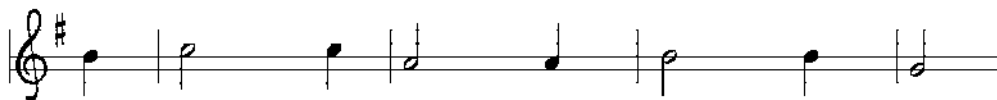
O Spirit of Life (ELW 405)



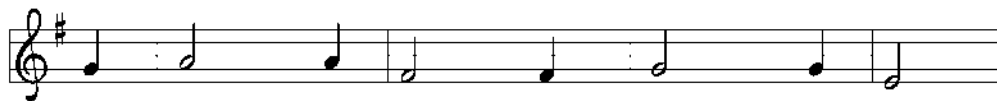
1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,



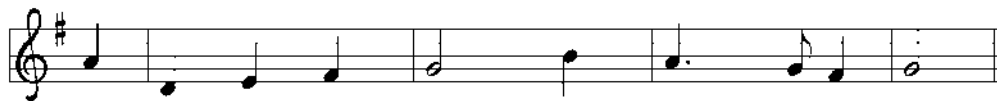
in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
 in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
 make us to love your sa - cred word;
 en - light - en us by that same word;



pro - ceed - ing forth from the heav - en's throne,
 un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
 the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
 teach us to know God's ra - diant love,



from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
 none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
 that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
 lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;



O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

POSTLUDE

Carillon Cortege

J. Wayne Kerr

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Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
10-5	8:00 AM	Harold Sargeant	Tim Ya-kim	Connie Reed	Todd & Helen Marsteller, Tom Martin	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Lois Ann Schroeder, Kathy Monk
	10:30 AM	Tristan Ericson	Allison Lehr	George Fitch	George & Janet Fitch, Pam Gale	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Sandy Dickensheets, Janet Fitch

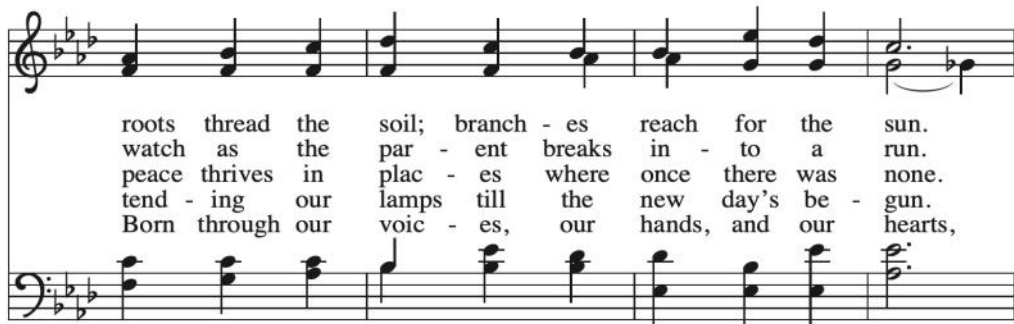
What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs Limited hours, please call ahead

Sunday, October 5

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for all
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
6:00 PM Confirmation Overview & Dinner
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, October 6

12:30 PM English Class—Community Room

Tuesday, October 7

Preschool PM Pals begins
9:30 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Create—Preschool thru Grade 6
6:00 PM Bible Study—Christ Hall

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor
10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall
12:30 PM English Class—Community Room

Thursday, October 9

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor
6:30 PM Handbell Choir
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 12

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for all
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
11:45 AM Second Sunday Sandwiches
3:00 PM Conversation & Coffee with Konde
4:00 PM Signing of the Renewal of
Companion Congregation
4:30 PM Vespers—Nave
6:00 PM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
in memory of Eddie Turner by Linda Turner
and in memory of our Fathers by the Mike & Becky Bingham*



Consecration Sunday, October 26, dinner reservation cards will be provided by the ushers. Please complete one per household and return to the offering plate. Thank you.



Food Pantry Needs: 2 pound bags of Rice, Pinto Beans in cans, Peanut Butter. Monetary donations can be placed in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

St. Paul's Dinner Groups- A time for fellowship, food, and fun- Dinner groups will be gathering in January and February. They are comprised of about 6-8 people who gather at the homes of church members and share appetizers, main course, and dessert. The focus is getting better acquainted with people of St. Paul's. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Good Shepherd room. Last day of sign-up in November 16th.

Appointments are being scheduled now. For families who may want a Christmas Card, you can order them when you review your photos. And remember that the 8 X 10 family portrait is free!



ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

1. Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
2. Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “photography appointment scheduling login”
3. Enter your church code [pa1207](#)
4. Enter your church password [photos](#)
5. Click on the Enter button
6. Click on the desired photography date
7. Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
8. Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
9. Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family’s name
10. If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
11. Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family’s photography appointment
12. Contact your church’s online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment
13. If for some reason you cannot be photographed on November 3rd or 4th please let the church office know so that we can arrange for another option. Thank you.

Tuesday night Bible Study 6-7 PM in Christ Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall.

Confirmation Class Sundays, 6:00 PM

If you have sponsored altar flowers please remember to give the church secretary the sentiment you want printed in the bulletin by the Tuesday before the flower date.

October 17 Theater Outing: In October, the Women’s Group will be attending The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe at TAFE. This event will take place on the weekend of October 17. *If you have interest in attending this event, please contact the church office.*

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

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.

Psalms 37:1-9

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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 re-
member 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

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 worth-
less slaves; we have done only what we ought to have
done!’”

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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