

HABAKKUK 2:4, NRSV

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 1

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude

O Worship the King

- Haydn

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold** print.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel as you are able.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! Amen.

^{*}Opening Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*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.

*Hymn of Praise



*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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 Lesson -Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The First Lesson is from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Habakkuk.

¹ 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?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So 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.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:

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

- ³ For 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.
- ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 37:1-9

Responsive Reading

The congregation will please join in singing the refrain at the beginning after it is sung by the cantor, as marked between verses and the verses in bold print.





- ¹ Do not be provoked by | 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 | find safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight | in the Lord,

who shall give you your | heart's desire. R

- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord, and see what | God will do.
- ⁶ The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land. R

Second Lesson – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Second Timothy.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

³ I 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. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I 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. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I

was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and 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 the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The 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'? ⁸ Would 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'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So 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!' "

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon



*Apostles' Creed

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

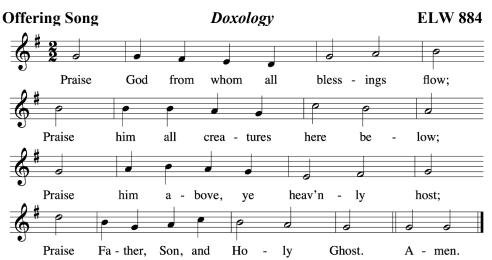
Prayers of the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

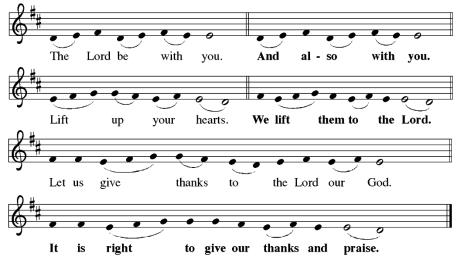
Thank you for placing your offering in the *Offering Box* before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.



Offertory Prayer (please sit)

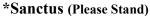
Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

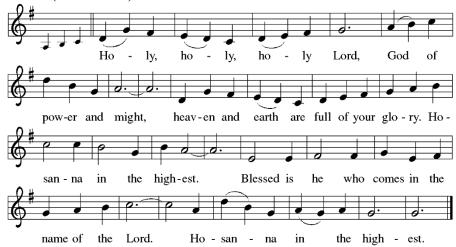
*Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





*Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)

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.

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

*Invitation to Communion (Please Stand)

Jesus welcomes everyone to this meal. Come and eat.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Song





Communion Distribution (Your choice of <u>WHITE</u> wine or <u>PURPLE</u> grape juice) The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Blessing

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

*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*Benediction

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen**.

*Sending Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW 545

*Dismissal

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- Hughes

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – October 5, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Jerry Gartrell Greeters: Tricia Self

Lector: Marsha Smith | Usher: Kenny Lab | Cantor: Jerry Gartrell Communion Assistants: Ward Holdsworth and Heidi Torch Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust MEVO: Zach Baer

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – October 12, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Jerry Gartrell Greeters: Chris and Marsha Smith

Lector: Dane Smith | Usher: Dane Smith Communion Assistants: Rob and Karen Sterling Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: Cindy Smith

MEVO: Wayne York



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Communion</u>: Please fill out a communion card and hand it to the usher during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice (the communion cups with purple) are available.

<u>Call to Worship</u>: You may have noticed the chimes from the organ rang before worship at 9:25am. This is to call everyone to their seats so that announcements can be read before worship starts at 9:30am.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Pastor Rob is outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

<u>Blessing of the Animals</u>: Join us today at 2pm in the parking lot for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. All animals welcome! Free will offering will be collected for the Tuscarawas County Humane Society.

<u>Trunk or Treat</u>: Join us on Saturday October 25 for our annual Trunk or Treat, 5:30-8:00pm. We will have hotdogs, chips, hot chocolate, water and lots of candy! There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for help with cooking and handing out food and for cars to hand out candy. We are also taking donations of candy to hand out.

Blessing Bags: We have officially run out of our Blessing Bags that we made last year and it's time to put together some more. The Kidz Bible School class will be taking this on this year and we are in need of the following items (travel size only please):

Toothbrushes	Shampoo	Lotion	Wet Wipes
Toothpaste	Soap	Hand Sanitizer	Socks
Deodorant	Combs	Tissues	Granola bars

NP High School: New Philaldephia High School is in need of products (especially deodorant) for their free personal care pantry. Please drop items off in box in lobby.

Sunday School: Adults and children are invited to attend Sunday School every Sunday at 8:30am! Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. See Heidi Torch and Judy Swinehart with questions. The Adult Class is currently studying the book of Jeremiah. See Don Brandt with questions.

<u>Choir Rehearsals</u>: Bell choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm and chancel choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00am. All are welcome to join both!

<u>Office Volunteers</u>: We are in need of more volunteers to help staff the office during the week in the mornings. Responsibilities include answering the phone, letting people in the building and coordinating with Pastor Rob.

<u>Pastoral Visits</u>: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday October 6

- * AA Meeting 12:00pm
- * Worship and Music

Committee-2:30pm

* Tusc. County Coin Club -

6:30pm

Tuesday October 7

- * Pastor's Group 11:00am
- * Bell Choir 6:00pm
- * Property Committee –

7:00pm

Attendance 9/28: 52

October Benevolence: Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County

Wednesday October 8

* Mid-Day Prayer Break –

11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday October 9

Friday October 10

Saturday October 11

Sunday October 12

* Kids and Adult Sunday

School – 8:30am

- * Choir Rehearsal 9:00am
- * Sunday worship 9:30am

Readings for Next Sunday

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President Ken Lab – Treasurer Tricia Self Ward Holdsworth – VP Wayne York – Secretary Heidi Torch

Commemorations This Week

October 6 - William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life's desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from King Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city, living in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was captured, tried for heresy, and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale's work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the "Matthew Bible" in 1537. For nearly four centuries the style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible such as the King James (Authorized Version) and the New Revised Standard Version.

October 7 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Muhlenberg was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in North America. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to a new identity on American soil. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads, in Latin, "Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone."



Altar Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God...

In celebration of my birthday by Zach Baer

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Larry Humbert, Peggy Immel, Jean Ridgway

Homebound:

Betty Hattery

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Kathy Beatty, Shirley Brug, Sally Dorn, Ed Fishel,
Dean Fisher, John Frank, Kay Frantz, Dorthy Glass, Diana Gray,
Dick Hugh, Charles John, Mary Jane John, Dorothy Kaufman,
Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller, Marsha Mills, Chuck Moore, Ruth Patrick,
Chris Smith, Cindy Smith, Marilyn Swaldo, Shirley Yoder,
Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple

Friends and Family: Abbey Booth, Jerry Ellwood, Pete Norman Family

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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