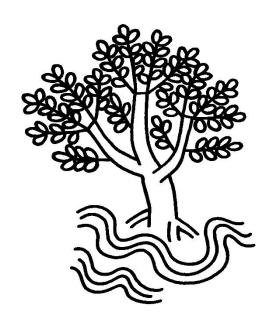
# Hollywood Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 5, 2025



# INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.



Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to offer God's Word of Love, Grace, Mercy, and Justice to our homes, congregation, city, and all creation.

#### Welcome

We are delighted you have come to worship. Relax, sing, and center yourself. Let the congregation and this bulletin guide you, and follow along as you can. Join us after the service for refreshments. We look forward to meeting you. Mask: If you aren't feeling well or have a cold or cough, please wear a mask. It takes a little effort from everyone to stay safe and healthy.

#### Visitor

Please complete the attendance card located in the pew. You may also include prayer requests, concerns, and any other information you want the church to know about. If you are interested in meeting with the pastor, learning more about our community, or becoming a member, please make a note on the card.

#### Music

If you don't know a song, sing along as best you can, and don't worry about getting it right—just praise.

#### **Children are Welcomed Here**

Children enrich our worship experience. The sounds of crying, laughing, and talking are welcome in our church; these sounds are a true gift, reminding us of God's presence. Children may find crayons and coloring sheets helpful during worship; they can be found in our narthex.

#### **Holy Communion**

The congregation will celebrate Holy Communion this morning. All are welcome. Wine, grape juice, and gluten-free bread are offered at the table.

The rainbow candelabra located on the altar serves as a reminder of this community's inclusive and intentional welcome to the LGBTQ+ community.

Our congregation uses the paschal candle at the sanctuary's entrance as the welcoming light of Jesus Christ. It has traditionally been utilized as a light to the world.

Join us after the service for refreshments in Hoick Hall. We look forward to meeting you.

#### In Today's Liturgy

Minister: Pastor Marc Mohr Assistant Minister: Bill Richards Lector: Tom Scott Organist: Michael Anderson Cantor: Phyllis Lundine

Plants and Flowers are given to the glory of God.

<u>PRELUDE</u> Michael Anderson

 $The \ congregation \ is \ invited \ to \ stand \ as \ they \ can \ or \ feel \ comfortable.$ 

# Welcome, This Morning Worship Service Begins With

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.** 

#### **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.** 

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

#### Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

> God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. The congregation is invited to be seated.

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

A reading from Habakkuk.

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.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you, "Violence!" and you will not save?

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

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

So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch post 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.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision:

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

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.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9**

Refrain: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. R

Do not be provoked by evildoers:

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good;

dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire. R

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,

and see what God will do.

# The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

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

# Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. R

# SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy.

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,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

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

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL:** Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

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!" 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.

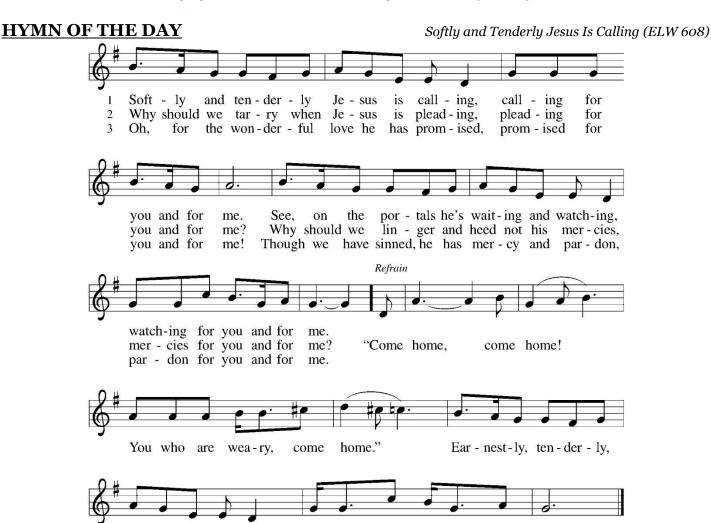
"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 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.

**SERMON** Pastor Marc Mohr

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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 INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

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

# receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. 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.

For what else shall we pray for today?

We invite prayers from the congregation to be shared.

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

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

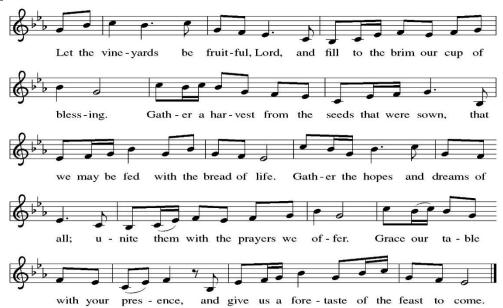
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Special Music by Michael Anderson The usher will now pass the offering plate.

## **OFFERING**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.

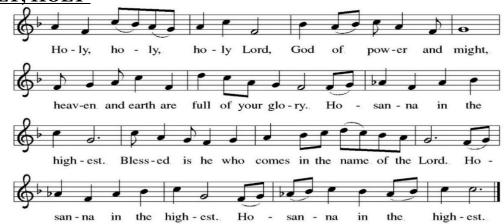
#### **PREFACE**

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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to or feel comfortable.* 

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

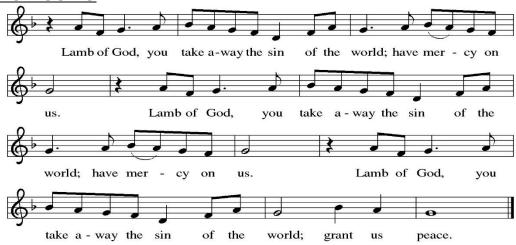
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to His table."

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.** 

## SENDING FORTH & BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

#### Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

The God of all grace 

→ bless you now and forever.

#### Amen.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

# HOLLYWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH 104<sup>th</sup> Year



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## **Upcoming Calendar**

Food Pantry Delivery Mondays 8:00 am Food Pantry Distribution Wednesdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm



# Please offer your prayers throughout the week for the following individuals:

#### **Special Prayer:**

God of peace, give leaders of nations the wisdom to choose peace over war and dialogue over conflict. For all families being separated. Comfort those who are fearful.

#### **Healing:**

Scott Aries, Amara Olivera, Cherie Magnus, Jeffrey Forbar, Roy Mariano, Linda Florczyk, Faith Rossman

#### Wholeness and well-being:

Rachelle Zarookian, Adelina, Deborah An Monahan, David Hart, Thomas Richardson, Esther Olsen, Bill Reid

#### Trust in your mercy:

Tamara Olivera & Alonzo Perez De Arre, Zakaria, Karin Garcia, Arpik Rostamians, Sherry Bond & Family

#### Strength and healing in fighting cancers:

Barbara "B" Wilke, Sylvia Goulden, Anna Harris, Ashlyn, Jennifer Yates, Will Terry, Jaha Blackwell, Debra Lande

#### Hopefulness and strength:

David Pugh & family, Ellen Anthony & family, Mayen Family, Corey Brinkley, family of Alan Duncan, For all military people who are deployed or serving.

#### Memorial Candles are lit in memory of:

Tim Pugh, Lewis Anthony, Celia Brinkley, Alan Duncanto all who were lost during the floods, and all our past loved ones

If anyone wants to add or re-add a name, please email or call our office. <a href="https://linear.com">hlchurch.office@gmail.com</a> (323)667-1212

Names typically remain on our list for a month, or they're removed before by request.

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Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)

#### Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



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