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Luke 17:10

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost **October 5, 2025**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty and gracious God, we give You thanks for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of Your Word and Sacrament through which You nurture us in Your truth and feed us with the holy food of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that all pastors may continue to follow in word and deed the example of Your Son, and that together we may serve You now in the church on earth and evermore praise You in the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Today's Service: Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning "of the morning") was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.

THEME FOR THE SERVICE

INCREASED FAITH INCREASES DUTY

As someone rises through the ranks at work, there are typically benefits: higher salary, more authority, better benefits. However, there is often a corresponding increase in responsibility: longer hours, more meetings, raised expectations. So, if someone is offered a promotion, they might ask, "Is this worth it?" It is similar in God's kingdom. As our faith grows, there are obvious benefits: the comfort of knowing you are a redeemed and loved child of God, the peace of knowing your eternity is secure. However, increased faith also increases duty. There are ever more opportunities for service. This week, Jesus has sharp words for those who want the benefits of being Christian but would shirk those responsibilities. However, to lead us to take up those responsibilities, our Savior doesn't threaten or cajole. He helps us see that while increased faith increases duty, increased duty increases delight. The believer knows he serves the One who came to serve us first. Just as Christ's service brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

OPENING HYMN CW 872 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (CW 474)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 17:1, 5; 2 Timothy 1:8–9*

P: When the Lord Jesus warned His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come,” the apostles said, “Increase our faith!” Let us confess our own weakness and sin, asking the same of our gracious and merciful God.

C: **O God, Your Law is true and my delight. Yet because we still feebly struggle against sin, we confess our weakness and failure to live according to Your holy will. Our lack of faithfulness toward You causes us to hesitate or even refuse to love and forgive our neighbors. O God, increase our faith! Forgive us and renew our minds and spirit that we may serve You by faithfully serving our neighbor.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, “by the power of God, 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,” I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE FOR MORNING PRAISE

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C: **in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.**

P: I will exalt You, my God the King;

C: **I will praise Your name forever and ever.**

P: Every day I will praise You.

C: **and extol Your name forever and ever.**

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

C: **Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

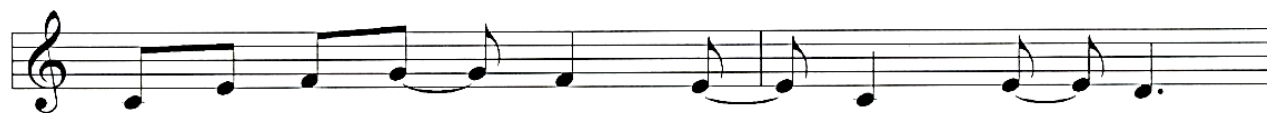
P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

C: **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite." Please sing whatever part / parts you are comfortable singing.)



Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!



Shout to the rock of our sal - va - tion!



Come, let us greet him with a song of praise, for



great is our God, the King of all kings!



Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Let us bow down and worship the Lord;

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

For this is our God whose people we are:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise:

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord and bless His name:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

All that has life and breath shall rejoice:

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

The great and the small, all creatures of God:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

Heaven and earth, rejoice in His name:
Come let us sing with joy to the Lord!
He governs the world with justice and truth:

Women: Come let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Final Refrain

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18** – In faith, the people of Israel understood that all their wealth came from the LORD. So, they joyfully embraced the privilege of donating generously to the construction of the LORD’s temple.

29 Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God. ² With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

¹⁰ David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹² Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

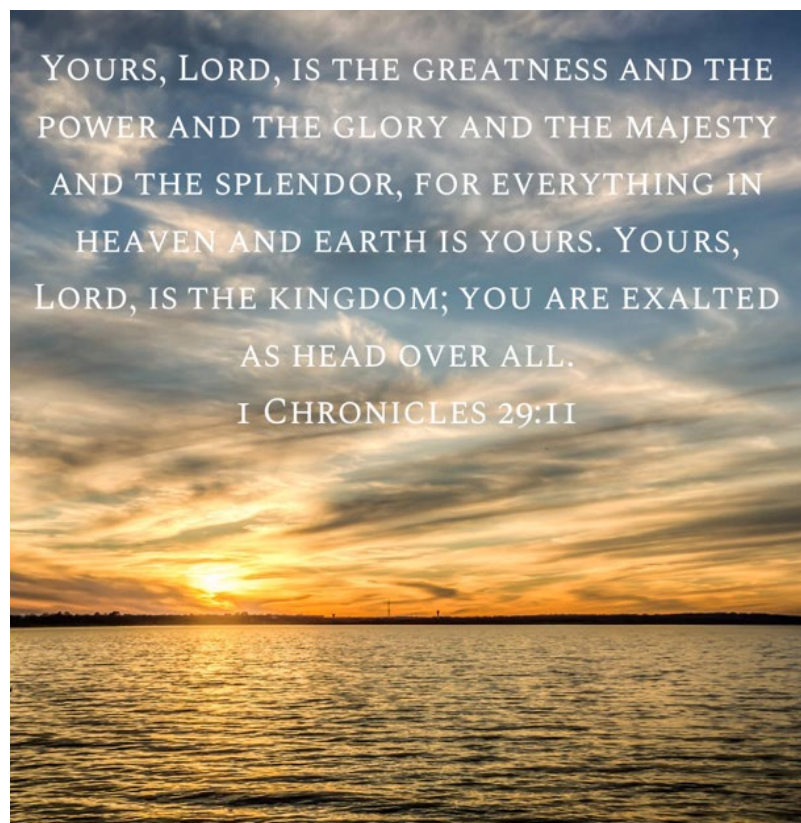
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵ We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸ Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



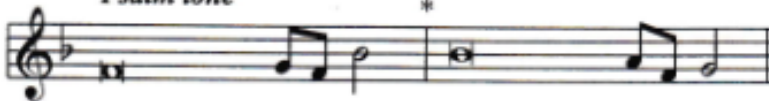
Psalm 62

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



My soul finds rest in *God* alone;*
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal^vation;*
he is my fortress, I will never be sh^aken.

Find rest, O my soul, in *God* alone;*
my hope comes from him.

Refrain

Though your rich^es increase,*
do not set your h^eart on them.

My salvation and my honor d^epend on God;*
he is my mighty rock, my r^efuge.

Trust in him at all times, O p^eople;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our r^efuge.

Glory be to the Father and t^o the Son*
and to the Holy S^pirit,
as it was in the b^eginning,*
is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

Refrain

EPISTLE **2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12** – St. Paul thanks God for increasing the faith of the Thessalonians, enabling them to better love one another and to persevere even during persecution.

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. **4** Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. **12** We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia. So is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Is. 55:11)

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 17:1-10** – With the apostles, we pray, “Lord, increase our faith,” then joyfully embrace the opportunities to serve that come along with that blessing.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

17 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. **2** It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. **3** So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. **4** Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

6 He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

7 “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat?’ **8** Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink?’ **9** Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? **10** So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY **CW 767** “Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us” (CW93 486)

THE SERMON Luke 17:1-10 “Don’t Expect a Pat on the Back for Believing in Jesus”

(After the sermon, we sing the “Te Deum,” an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God. Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed.)

TE DEUM CANTICLE



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

OFFERINGS

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



THE KYRIE

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to You; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P: Father in heaven, you give to your people a spirit not of fear, but of power and self-control. Bless your people with joy and wisdom, that they might confidently speak your Word in faith and love to all who will hear. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, remember our pastors whom you have called to a holy calling. Embolden them in their testimony concerning our Lord Jesus, and strengthen them by your power to suffer courageously for the Gospel and guard the good deposit entrusted to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other, and strengthen them in their life together. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and grant that children without parents may know the joy of a home to call their own. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, hear us on behalf of those who exercise authority over us, who order us according to our laws, who execute justice and who defend us against our enemies. Bless our president; Congress; governor; legislature; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, our Rock, grant faith, perseverance and, if it is for their good, healing to those who are suffering from the effects of sin in their bodies or minds. Be their refuge so they are not shaken even in times of trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Faithful God, strengthen us against all temptation and guard our steps, that in our weakness or in our liberty, we do not cause others to sin. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to you. Comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on your appointed day and enter into the heavenly places to worship at your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 737 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" (CW93 412)

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: James

Today— Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Zoom Confirmation Class at 5:00 PM

Monday – Church Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

Thursday – Green Team at 7:00 PM

Saturday – Outdoor Fall Work Day from 9:00 AM to Noon

Next Sunday—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Adopt a Highway Clean Up at Noon

Zoom Confirmation Meeting at 5:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers the rest of the calendar year – September through December.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, September 28th we have received \$43,621 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$18,851 behind the budget, which is \$62 worse than the previous week.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The Branch Connection is hosting a Ladies Night Out on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 PM. They will be meeting at Sorelle Italian Market and Café located at 3976 IL-22 in Long Grove. A sign-up is posted in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome to attend. Feel free to invite friends as well!

CHURCH SIGN

The electronic sign panels are on order. New Life members have contributed \$14,676 towards the sign fund to date. The cost for the digital panels is approximately \$17,300. All labor and refurbishment costs are donated by Pat Dexter and Design Group Signage. There will be village permit fees plus some electrical work costs during the installation. If you still want to contribute to the project, there is time to do so.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Bible Class will continue to examine the question “What Could I (We) Have Done Better? What Should I (We) Do Better?” We will meet in the upstairs Café starting at 10:45 AM.

Our Sunday School will utilize a rotation of teachers to teach Sunday School again this year. A new sign-up sheet for the month of October has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

CALL MEETING

We had our initial call meeting last Sunday, September 21 to discuss pastoral candidates. From that call meeting, our church body has extended a call to Pastor Jason Liebenow, who is currently serving congregations in Florence, Wisconsin, Iron River, Michigan and Tipler, Wisconsin. Please pray for our church and for Pastor Liebenow and his family as he deliberates this call to serve.

VACANCY

During the vacancy Pastor Steve Radunzel will be here on Sundays and Pastor Tom Schultz will cover any ministry needs that arise during the week.