

Pentecost 17

October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22 (Year C)

God hears us when we are troubled and answers our prayers. Sometimes, though, this requires us to wait and trust in God's perfect timing. This life of discipleship is not always an easy and carefree life; there are persecutions and trials along the way, but the promise is that we can trust God who will increase our faith and keep us from faltering. Meanwhile, we continue to proclaim the good news of Christ.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**Habakkuk's Complaint**

The prophet spoke out to the Lord against the perceived injustices he thought God was allowing to occur in Judah. The response was that God was using the Chaldeans as an instrument of discipline; those that are righteous, even in the face of discipline, will live by faith.

Psalm 62**Wait for God Alone**

The psalmist proclaimed that it is from God alone that salvation comes; He is the rock and fortress. It is for Him alone that the psalmist waits, trusting that the Lord will not allow his enemies to shake him. He urged the people to do the same: to trust the Lord and pour out their hearts unto Him alone.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**Do Not Be Ashamed of Your Testimony**

Paul praised Timothy for his faith and the faith that was passed on to him by his mother and grandmother. He urged young Timothy to embrace the holy calling on his life and to follow his mentor's words as he continues the work of the gospel.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10**Increase Our Faith!**

In the face of Jesus' teaching on forgiveness, the disciples asked him to increase their faith. Jesus pushed them on their need to forgive others, noting that even if a person were to sin against them seven times in one day and ask for forgiveness seven times, they were to grant it to the repentant sinner. It is our duty and obligation to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles' Creed.
- * Today would be a wonderful Sunday to focus on those who have passed on the faith to us. Paul commends Timothy's mother and grandmother for the ways in which they taught him about Christ. Ask worshipers to identify people in their own lives who have been instrumental in passing on the faith to them. Recognizing these people can help us discern how we are called to pass on the faith to others.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Now Thank We All Our God	534	---	895	839	50	50
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now	253	---	902	527	44	44
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	230	---	655	517	71	71
My God, How Wonderful Thou Art	524	---	---	863	2	2
O Jesus, I Have Promised	503	---	---	810	79	79
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee	492	---	---	818	229	229
Faith of Our Fathers	500	---	---	812	216	216
Great is Thy Faithfulness	---	771	809	733	211	211
Once He Came in Blessing	312	---	333	---	---	---
Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing	259	---	924	545	54	54

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)
(CCLI# 6428767)
Give Me Faith
(CCLI#5680939)
It Is Well With My Soul
(CCLI#25376)
Praise and Thanksgiving
(CCLI#5814468)
As the Deer
(CCLI#1431)

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