



 **Palestine**  
Lutheran Church

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

*Reaching Out in Christian Love to All*

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*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.*

\*=Stand as you are able    **Bold Print** = congregation responds

**ELW**=Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

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

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

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

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to**

**you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live  
and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

# **\*GATHERING      “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”      ELW 763**

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1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,  
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

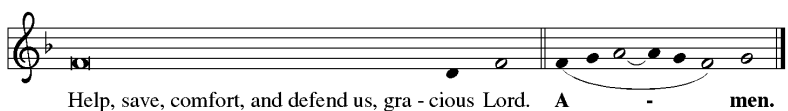
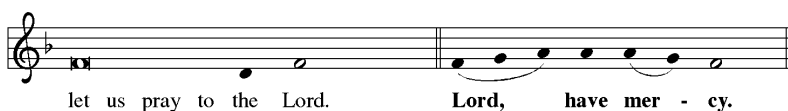
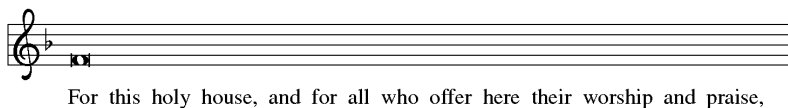
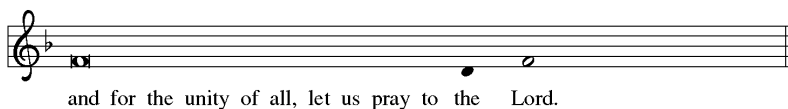
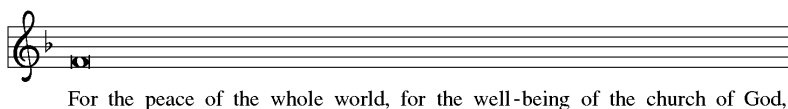
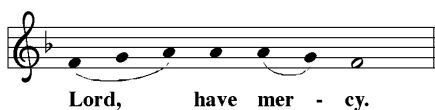
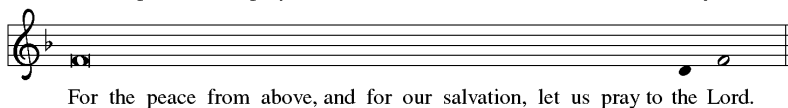
## \*GREETING

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.**

## \*KYRIE

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## **\*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.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

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

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

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

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

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

<sup>2:1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*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.*

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

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind

you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>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, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who 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, <sup>10</sup>but 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. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>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 what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**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.*

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>"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'? <sup>8</sup>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'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>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 MESSAGE**

*Children will leave to go to Children's Church*

Preschool/Kindergarten – room beside nursery in north fellowship hall

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Upstairs to the left

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades – Upstairs to the left

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades – Downstairs



## Faith Formation Conversations and Reflections

1. How have you seen faith making a difference in your life? In the lives of other people?
2. Timothy's mother and grandmother are named as people who formed Timothy in the faith. Who are your faith "mothers and grandmothers"? Talk about them and how their faith has impacted you.
3. If, by faith, you could accomplish anything, what would it be?

### REFLECTION HYMN

### "Calm to the Waves"

ELW 794

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Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

### SERMON

### HYMN

### "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

ELW 779

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## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

### \*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 INTERCESSION**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

Response:      God of grace,  
                      **Hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING**

## HYMN OF THE MONTH: "Open Our Eyes"

W&P 113

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O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

God of extravagant love,

**We offer to you today these gifts, which in faith have been given, so that the world may come to know of your extravagant love, abundant forgiveness, and transformed relationships. Use them, and us, to bring about your love and justice, in the power of your Holy Spirit and the crucified and Risen Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*DIALOGUE

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **\*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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

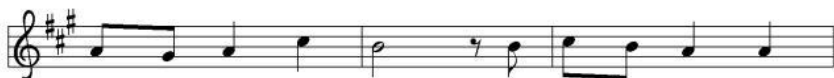
### "We Walk by Faith"

ELW 635

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found;  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## "I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW 485

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- 1 "I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

### ***Refrain***

**"And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

- 2 "The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." ***Refrain***

- 3 "Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you." ***Refrain***

- 4 "I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever." ***Refrain***

- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come into the world. ***Refrain***



### **\*TABLE 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.

**Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **\*BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

### **\*SENDING**

**“Go to the World!”**

**ACS 991**

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## Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Kids Dismiss for "Music with Nels"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Ring of the Bell

### Postlude

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### **Those Serving in Today's Service**

Pastor: Pastor Eric Klimpel                      Accompanist: Mindy DeVries  
Youth Liaison: Nels Dovre                      Lector: Erika Williams  
Acolytes: Caden Van Pelt & Kaedence DeVries  
*Technicians:* Brent Emerson, Brayden DeVries

### **This Week at Palestine**

Today, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 17<sup>th</sup> *Sunday of Pentecost*

8:00 a.m. Council Meeting

8:30 a.m. Choir practice

9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Children's church

Music with Nels

New member orientation

6:00 p.m. K.I.C.K. Group Fall "Kick Off" @ Palestine

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Quilters

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. R.O.C.K. meets

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

6:30 p.m. Griefshare

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Klimpel visiting his mom

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Women's ELCA Fall Gathering @ St. John's in Madrid

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 18<sup>th</sup> *Sunday of Pentecost*;

No choir – *Mindy gone*

9:30 a.m. Worship (*Youth led*); Children's Church;

confirmation meets

Music with Nels

"Cookie Sunday"

Lectionary texts: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy

2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

**Attendance: 146**

General: \$3,261.00

THANK YOU!!! We celebrate your generosity and thank you in advance for your support.

## Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:  
Palestine Lutheran Church  
1375 HWY 210  
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**  
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4. Text **GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

*Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.*



## BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 3-7 p.m.**  
**@ the church**

**Sign up one of two ways:**

- ♥ By calling Deb Moore at 515-460-1037
- ♥ Via the LifeServe website: [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org)

***Every pint of blood donated can help to save  
or improve three lives!***



Thank you to all who were able to come out and pick cantaloupe on "God's Work, Our Hands" day. The volunteers picked around 7000 lbs in a little over two hours. The melons were delivered to area food pantries during the following week to help feed hungry Iowans. Thank you, again, for your hard work.

*- Iowa Gardening for Good, Tracy & Doreen Blackmer*



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and good wishes my way during my eye surgeries and back surgery this past year. Having the support and prayers of my church family made all the difference in keeping a positive attitude. Thank you, again, for the kind thoughts and offers of assistance during my recovery periods. I appreciated it all!

*- Doreen Blackmer*

# Women of the ELCA

## Cluster 1 Fall Gathering

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

St. John's Lutheran Fellowship Room  
104 S. Market Street  
Madrid, IA

- Registration (\$5), refreshments & fellowship 9 a.m.
- Program 9:45 a.m.
- "All are Welcome" – Afghan emigres
- Speaker: Lutheran Services of Iowa (Matthew 25:36-44)



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### **Fall Recharge. October 21-23<sup>rd</sup> for 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders!**

A Recharge is a super fun weekend event at Riverside during the fall that is like a whole week of camp smashed into 40 hours! You'll have a ton of fun! There will be worship, wonderful friends, great food, games, activities, free time, small groups, carpetball, awesome cabin leaders, fabulous skits, and a "no homework guarantee"!! Check-in is from 7:30-8:20 pm on Friday night and pick-up is at noon on Sunday (pickup at cabins). See all of the details on their website! It's going to be a ton of fun!

Register online @ <https://www.riversidelbc.org/registration>



(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade group)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Fall “Kick Off” with dinner @ Palestine 6 – 7 p.m. All 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to join us! We will have pizza and talk about our upcoming year. We’d love to see you there!
- ❖ **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Youth led service
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Ornament Making with dinner @ Palestine
- ❖ **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Riverside Fall Recharge
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Ornament making with dinner @ Palestine 6 – 8 p.m.
- ❖ **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Kumla serving
- ❖ **Christmas Program Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Program Rehearsal schedule:**
  - Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> final practice after worship

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**Welcome to Worship!** We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ Jesus is truly present in the sacrament to forgive, strengthen and bless us, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

### **Less Is More** *(based on Luke 17)*

"Increase our faith!" cry the disciples in today's gospel (Luke 17:5). Maybe you have come to worship with the same hope. Our world and lives are full of challenges that constantly test our limits—the limits of our patience, our love, our hope, our capacity for justice and mercy. Wouldn't it be nice to have as much of those things as possible? Wouldn't that allow us to fix this broken world?

But Jesus' response is exactly the opposite—when it comes to faith, he tells his disciples to think small—like the size of a minuscule mustard seed. While that may not sound like enough, it will be if we can let go of thinking we are in control. The power of faith, Jesus tells us, does not come from the quantity we possess; it comes from placing our trust in the one who possesses everything.

If our trust shifts from God to ourselves, no amount of faith will ever be enough. God did not make us to be masters, so when we place ourselves in that position, anxiety and overwhelm are sure to follow. Instead, Christ calls us to be servants of an abundance that we will never possess or control. This is the abundance of God's kingdom—where faith, hope, and love exist without limit. Even the smallest amount of trust in this abundance is enough because it pins our hearts and hopes on the one who is truly in control.

The things this assembly of faith-seekers will offer one another today are small, but with just a mustard seed of faith they can be so much more. Here, simple human words can become the vessels of the divine Word, bringing healing and transformation to our lives. Here, drops of water can wash away sins and create heirs to God's kingdom. Here, bread and wine can become the food that offers us life everlasting through Christ's victory over death.