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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

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.

WELCOME

Announcements & Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: Lord God Almighty, we join our voices with those of the apostles:

C: "Increase our faith!"

P: With the apostles we hear you reply that faith has power ...

C: ... tree-uprooting power ... mountain-moving power!

P: Lord God Almighty, we join our voices with those of the apostles:

C: "Increase our faith!"

P: With the apostles we hear you reply that true faith is made evident in action ...

C: ... the humble actions of a servant ... the gracious actions of your Son.

P: Increase our faith, O Gracious God. Give us pardon and peace.

C: Then our faith will act ... will move ... will LIVE!

P: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now ...

C: and forever. Amen.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: 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.

P: 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!

C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn 635**

“We Walk by Faith”

* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Gloria

(Setting 6 – Page 167)

Refrain S 167

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain S 167

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

* Prayer of the Day

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*

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 37:1-9*

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.**

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.

Second Lesson: *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

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.

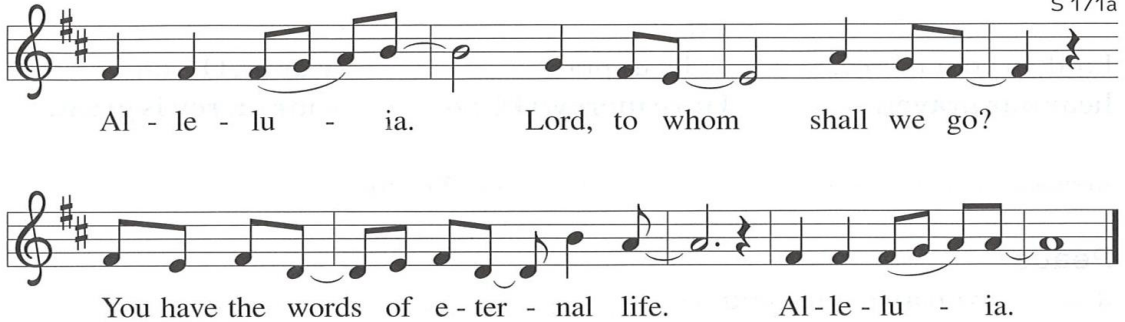
³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother 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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 17:5-10*

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!’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 796

“How Firm a Foundation”

*** 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.**

The Prayer of the Church

*** Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord
Anthem
“What a Mighty God!”

Organ Voluntary
Chancel Choir

*** Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

* The Offertory

Hymn

“Bring a Gift of Love”--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

* Offertory Prayer

L: 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.

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

(Holy, Holy Holy)

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

heav - en 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.

* The Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

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.

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

“Lamb of God”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music - Rob Temple

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: 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.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Hymn 596**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Postlude

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, October 5 – Jack Murray

Wednesday, Oct 8 – Rae Ann Smith

Next Sunday, October 12 – Anne DeVaughn

Next Wednesday, Oct 15 – Debbie Fornwalt

October Ushers: Bill Bingman, Kameron Brooks

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

A/V – Kathy, Dave, Joyce

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God in honor of Haley and Joey Wedding yesterday by Kevin and Lori Wolfe.

The Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor our grandson, Zachary's 32nd birthday by Jim & Shirley Smith.

The October Newsletter has been given to the glory of God in memory of my wife, Karen and brother, Frank by Bill Bingman.

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

New Bible Studies - We are now studying women of the Bible on Sunday mornings, 11:30am and the God and Suffering on **Thursday mornings at 10:30am.** Please come join us!

This week –

This Sunday –Worship - 10:00am followed by Adult SS in the upper kitchen

Monday – Executive – 5:30pm

Church Council – 6:30pm

Tuesday – Work on labyrinth – 7:30-9:00am

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Chancel Choir rehearsal – 7:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am “God’s Suffering”

Friday – Diane’s Music classes 10:00am, Lady Birds – 11:00am

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am

Crop Walk – 2:00pm

Pastor will be at the Bishops’ retreat from this afternoon – Tuesday

God’s Work – Our Hands Event – every year the ELCA asks local congregations to become involved in an activity that reaches out to their community. The Mission and Generosity Committee believes that we should help the George’s Creek area and to that end we have contacted the area rep of the Allegany County Public Schools. She suggested that we collect cleaning supplies as the need continues. **The needed supplies include: paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, sponges and dish rags, all purpose cleaning spray, disinfecting wipes and aerosol spray, toilet bowl cleaner, and glass cleaner.** We will place a box in the Narthex to begin to collect items. Rather than make this a “one day” event, we will make it a “one + month” event. **We will collect through the month of October.** Our neighbors in George’s Creek continue to suffer from the flood. This is a way that we can do God’s Work and share our love with them. Please bring your items to church. **Should you prefer contributing cash/check, please place it in an envelope marked “George’s Creek.”** Thank you for your “helping hands.”

Church Yard Sale – Fundraising is planning a **Christmas Yard sale** on Friday, October 31st and Saturday, Nov 1st from 8-12pm. **We need Christmas decorations, ornaments or anything Christmas for this sale.** You may bring to church starting on Sunday, October 26th. Thanks again!

CLC Archival Items & Artifacts - To help us preserve and manage our collection with care, please follow these guidelines when interacting with the CLC Archives Room:

- Donating or Borrowing: Kindly sign the designated log sheet when donating or borrowing any items or artifacts.
- Dropping Off or Returning: Please place all items on the log sheet table so our archives team can properly process and store them.

Your cooperation ensures the integrity and organization of our archives—thank you for being part of it! The CLC Archives Team

Stock the Shelves for Mission and Ministry — August 24 – September 28th

Thank you to everyone who helped our 2025 budget expenses. Below is items we received. Thanks!

1 Ream of white copy paper and 1 ream of colored paper

Batteries – AAA - 32, AA – 32

Stamps – 2 book – 40 stamps

Window cleaners – 2

Storage bags – 3 boxes - gal-120 count; 3 boxes Ziploc sandwich bags 270 pack

Paper plates – 125 pack, 2 packs of 24

Paper napkins – 1000 pack, 250 pack

Kitchen Cleaners – 3

All Purpose cleaners – 9

Toilet bowl cleaners – 9

Dish Detergents – 2 - 56 oz., 5 - 24oz, 1 – 12.6 oz.

Clorox Disinfecting wipes – 3 -75count

Aluminum foil – 4 boxes 125sq. ft. each

Glad cling's seal – 4 boxes 300 sq. ft. each

Paper Towels – 36 rolls

Toilet paper – 69 rolls

Tissue – 2 boxes

Bleach – 1

We want to thank you for taking care of our property over the summer!

- Mowed the yard – **Ken Wendell, Jeremy McGuire, Sally Buser, Jim Simmons**
- Power washed the front sidewalks and porch – **Sally Buser**
- Cleaned and mulched our flower beds – **Mike Marchini, Sally Buser, Jack Murray**
- **Jack Murray** who is our one-man property committee

If you see anything that could be cleaned or refreshed, please volunteer. Talk to Jack!

Christ Lutheran Church, with the help of community members, is building a memorial garden for use by our community for remembering loved ones, or just quiet contemplation and connection with nature. It will consist of a bench for resting, a memorial stone for experiencing artistic beauty, a tree (weeping redbud) for experiencing natural beauty, and a labyrinth for centering thoughts. It joins with our meadow meander - already developed – connecting with the beauty of nature through all five senses, and our community pantry garden and orchard that provides fresh produce along with companionship for neighbors who need it. *If you were waiting for the right morning to get up early to help finish the labyrinth, you won't have too many more chances, because we're almost done! On **Tuesday we'll start at 7:30 and work till 9am .** Check the announcements for the following week. A big thank you to all for your interest and support, for sharing your ideas, concerns and hard work, and for sourcing rocks for us! Watch the announcements for more information in the upcoming weeks.*

The CROP Walk will be on October 12. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the CBIZ parking lot downtown Cumberland. The walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. It is a 2-mile round-trip on the Great Allegany Passage. **For more information, please see Rae Ann.**

LAST WEEK’S REPORT – September 28, 2025

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| Attendance | In-Person 10:00am = | 40 | Adult SCS = | 6 |
| | Zoom 10:00am = | 16 | | |
| Wed. Oct 1 | In-Person 6:30pm = | 19 | Blessing of the Animals | |
| | Zoom 6:30pm = | 3 | | |
| | Pets = | 9 | | |

| <u>BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2025</u> | | <u>BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-AUGUST 2025</u> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Received | = \$2,235.00 | Actual Income | = \$131,991.85 |
| Needed weekly | = <u>4,044.04</u> | Actual Expenses | = (<u>145,994.65</u>) |
| | (1,809.04) | | (\$ 14,002.80) |

FREE

*Learn about the importance of native plants,
their ecosystems, how to cultivate them in
your garden with winter sowing.*



NATIVE PLANT CLASS & SEED HARVESTING EVENT

**October 11, 2025
(Saturday) Noon - 1 PM**

**Allegheny County Extension Office (UME)
1 Commerce Drive
Cumberland, MD 21502**

**Native Plant Education
Hands-On Seed Harvesting Session
Take Home **FREE** Native Seeds for Winter Sowing**

Space is limited!

**RSVP by October 8th by scanning the QR Code
(upper right corner) or by emailing tonir@umd.edu.**

**If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event,
please contact our office at 301-724-3320 by , September 27, 2025.**

**UNIVERSITY OF
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EXTENSION**



**NATIVE PLANTS
A MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER 5, 2025

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

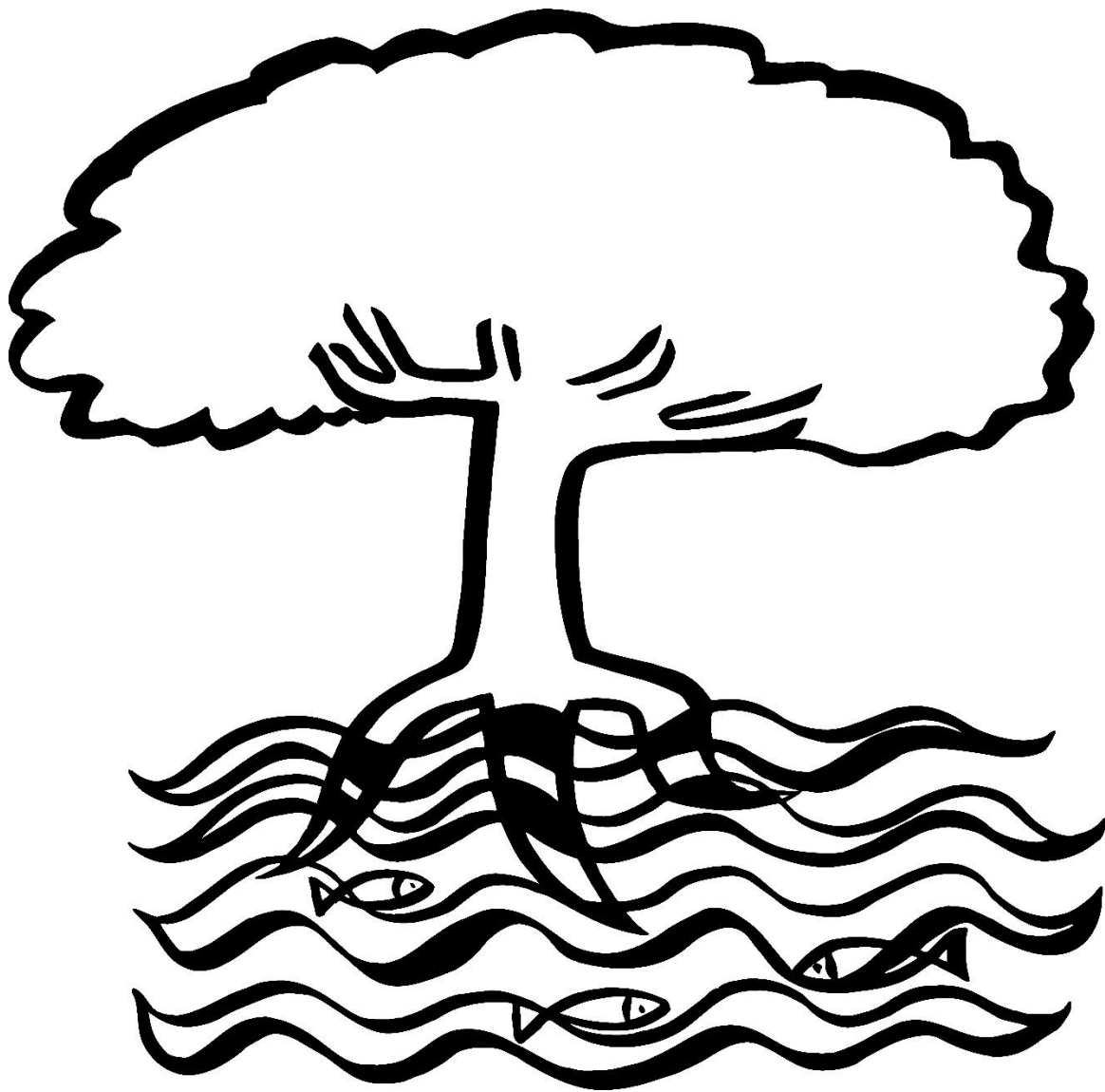
Barb Simmons
Jane Miller
Jack Zealand
Pam Mulligan
Anna Bruck
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Gail Dawson
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Ed Havens
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Mary Lou Rowles
Donna Yaider
Laura Murray

PRAYER RECIPIENT

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| Christina Puffinburger | <i>Requested by</i> Elwood & Janet Glass |
| Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtom | Gail Dawson |
| Charles Johnson, Barbara Williams | Sharon M |
| Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill | Mitzie & Jerry |
| Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker | Mitzie & Jerry |
| Nathan Winters | Dianne Short |
| Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Arlene Simmons. | Amy, Jacie Fairall Barb Simmons |
| Carl Chiarenza, Karen Mackert | Paul & Ruth C |
| Elise & Henry Jack Balber | Jack Zealand |
| Cheryl Trusler | Joyce D |
| Cheri Bielen | Jane Miller |
| Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose | Diane |
| Dan Moore, Graham Tower, Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford | Diane K |
| Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith | Anne DeVaughn |
| Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn | Antoinette Royster |
| Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson | Antoinette Royster |
| Bob Aman, Susie Spiker | Shirley & Jim Smith |
| Gretchen Burke | Val & Gary Llewellyn |
| Sally, Roger, James Tibbetts | Dave Tibbetts |
| Andy Cocco | John Cocco |
| Marie Turnbull, Steven Suzindlak, Taylor Neumann | Lita Havens |
| Dan Carr, Matt Doman | Steven Hansrote |
| Michele Jones, Lois Shunk | Sherry T |
| Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane | Kristan Fazenbaker |
| Mary Lou Dorsey | Trina Firey |
| Vic Werner | Barbara Martin |
| Belinda Keller | Linda McCagh |
| Madeline Lopes | Al James |
| Barbara Blough | Janice & Dave LaBuda |
| Galen Dean Krepps | Lisa Ahern |
| Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg | Patty Wilson and Rosey |
| Breanna Brown | Debbie Fornwalt |

Please keep us updated

- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025