

TODAY'S MUSIC:

Gathering Song:	#597	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Hymn of the Day:	#733	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Communion:	#759	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Sending Song:	#812	Faith of Our Fathers

FIRST READING:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet
Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for
help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see
wrongdoing and look at
trouble? Destruction and
violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So 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 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.

²Then the LORD answered me and
said: Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For 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.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is
not right in them, but the
righteous live by their
faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 37:1-9

¹Do 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.**

³Put 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.**

⁵Commit 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.**

⁷Be 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 only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD
shall possess the land.

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

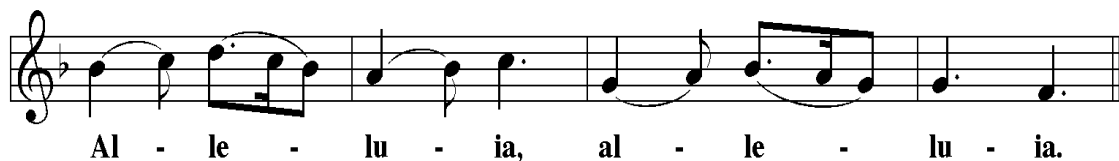
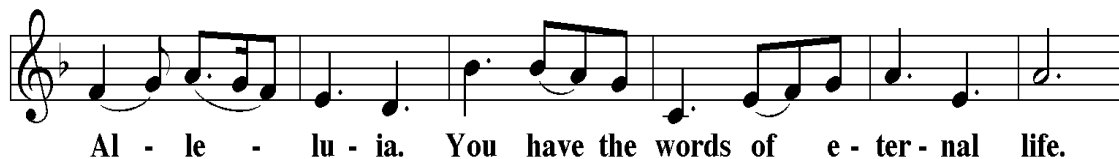
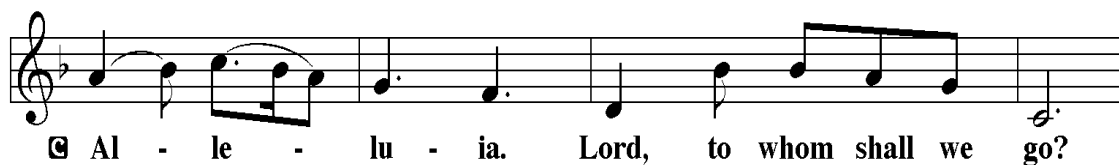
³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my
ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I 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. ⁶For this reason I
remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying
on of my hands, ⁷for 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.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The 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’? ⁸Would 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’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So 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.