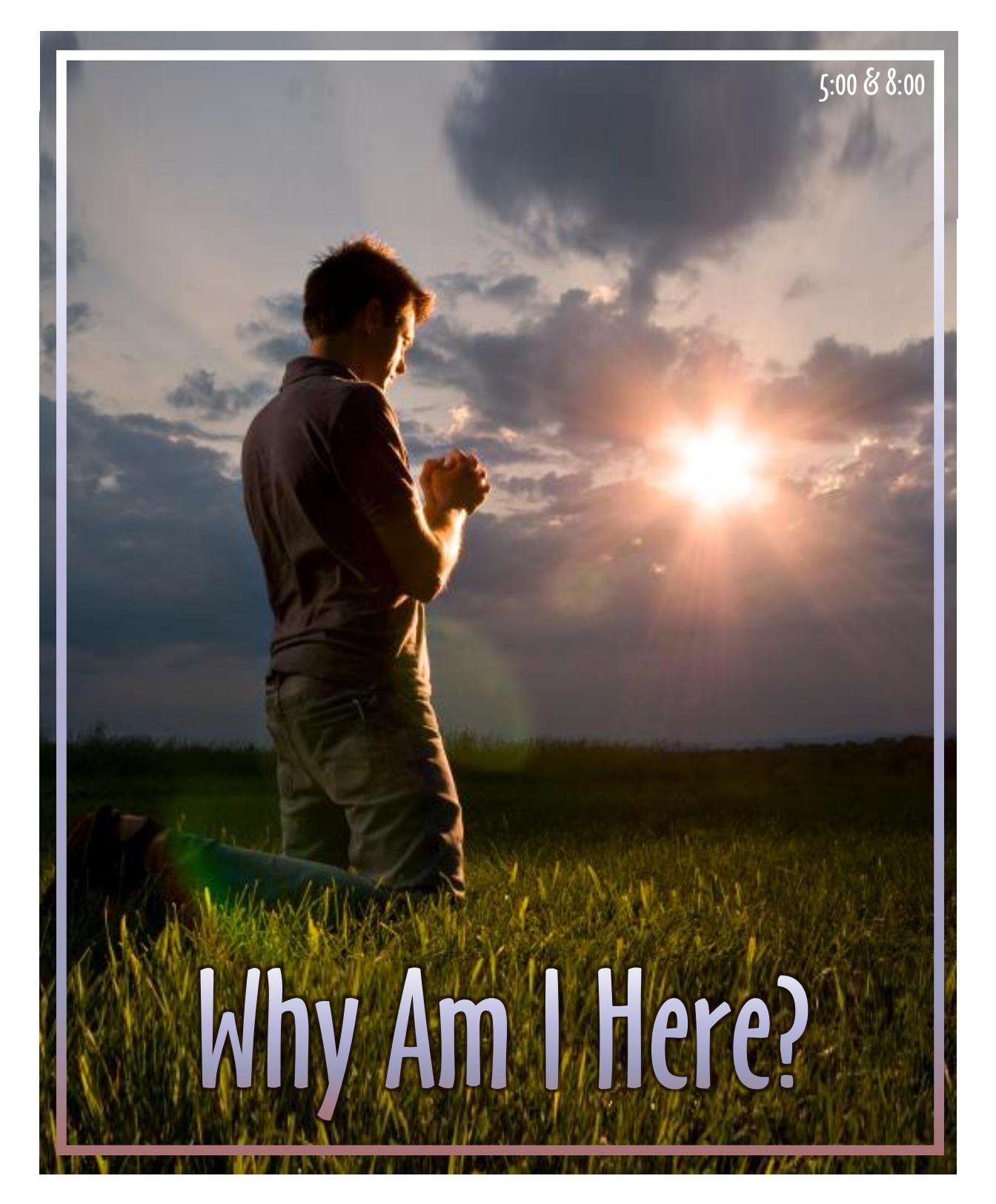


5:00 & 8:00

A photograph of a man in a dark shirt and light pants kneeling in a field of tall grass at sunset. He is facing right, with his hands clasped in prayer. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows. The sky is filled with scattered clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

Why Am I Here?

## Pentecost 17 - October 1/2, 2022 - Old 3 (Order of Service)

### WELCOME & THEME



### PREPARATION

*(stand)*

#### OPENING HYMN

*“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” LSB 813, vv. 1, 2, 6, & 7*

**INVOCATION** [*We “invoke” the God in whose name we are baptized to be with us; Matt. 28:19*]

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(sit)*

**CONFESSION** [*Trusting in God’s mercy and grace, we confess (repent of) our sins.*]

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

#### KYRIE

[Tune: “Amazing Grace”]

**Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King.  
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; accept the prayers we bring.**

**ABSOLUTION** [*We rejoice in God’s declaration of forgiveness*]

**P** Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as your pastor, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

[Tune: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”]

**Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain,  
whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns.**

**To Him be glory now, to Him be pow’r and might,  
to Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
- C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
- P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
- C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

OLD TESTAMENT

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

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

<sup>2</sup>How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but You do not listen? Or cry out to You, “Violence!” but You do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do You make me look at injustice? Why do You tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. <sup>4</sup>Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. ...

<sup>1</sup>I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. <sup>3</sup>For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous will live by his faithfulness.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

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<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me His prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. <sup>12</sup>That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

<sup>13</sup>What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 17:1-10

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to His disciples: “Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves.

“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup>If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>“Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? <sup>8</sup>Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?

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<sup>9</sup>Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup>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.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(sit)

*Children’s Message (Sunday only) in A202 for children age 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)*

**CREEDAL HYMN**

**“In God We Believe”** (Tune: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”)

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r  
in mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
and blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
to grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
with power and truth the church now He does bless.  
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then  
be living in glory forever. Amen.**

**SERMON**

*Why Am I Here?*

**OFFERING** (See page 7 for offering information.)

**ANTHEM (Sunday only)** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. McCartha  
CELEBRATION SINGERS Keaton Connell, director

(stand)

**PRAYERS**

*When the pastor says, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,”  
the congregation responds, “His steadfast love endures forever.”*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

**P** I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

### LORD’S PRAYER

**All:** 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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(sit)*

**DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** *(See page 8 for communion information.)*

LSB 628 “Your Table I Approach”

LSB 817 “Earth and All Stars”

(stand)

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor  
 and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

LSB 895

*We enter to worship; we exit to witness!!*

## Regarding Thank Offering

**To our Guests** – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

**To our Members** – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

*Offerings can be given in the following ways:*

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed through the pews;
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit;
- Drop off or mail to the church office;
- Go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on “Give”.
- Download the QR code to give from your device.



## ✧ Regarding Holy Communion ✧

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

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## ✧ Those Serving this Morning ✧

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**Guest Preacher - Rev. Merle Warnsholz**

**Organist**

Jean Baker

**Acolyte (5:00/8:00)**

Rylan Backes/Hayden Place

**Children's Message (8:00)**

Cindy Sim

**Projectionists (5:00/8:00)**

Katie & Travis Hansen/Andy Stuenkel

**Live Stream (8:00)**

Trevor Zimmerman