

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *based on Psalm 136*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

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People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who alone does great wonders,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who by understanding made the heavens,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who made the great lights,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: the sun to rule over the day,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: and brought Israel out from among them,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who divided the Red Sea in two,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: and made Israel pass through the midst of it,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: and gave them a land as a heritage,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: a heritage to Israel His servant,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: and rescued us from our foes,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: He who gives food to all flesh,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: “Praise and Thanksgiving” (Lutheran Service Book, #789)

Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,

Blossom and wood.
Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.
Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: DSIV, page 151, absolution—right column

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” (Lutheran Service Book, #584)

Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Brandy Ellen Powell, Kaylee Kathleen Powell, & Barbara Suzanne Powell

CHORAL ANTHEM: *God is Holy and Exalted*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 55:1–5*

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to Me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
 for He has glorified you.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 9:1–13*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 14:13–21*

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (LSB, #699)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

And now I live in Him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

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SERMON: "Deeper Meanings and Hidden Blessings" (*Romans 9:6a*)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled

Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising you and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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

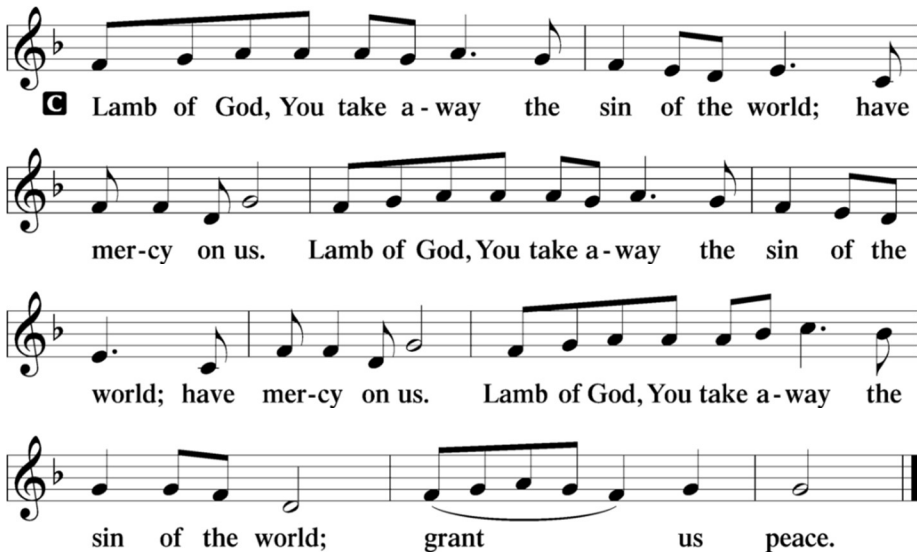
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI



© Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Lord I Need You"

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh I need You.
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh I need You.
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,

Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord I need You, oh I need You.
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Behold the Lamb"

See Him there, the great I Am,
A crown of thorns upon His head.
The Father's heart displayed for us.
O God, we thank You for the cross.

Lifted up on Calv'ry's hill,
We cursed Your name and even still
You bore our shame and paid the cost.
O God, we thank You for the cross.

Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption
Written on His hands.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore!
The victory is Yours!
We sing Your praise,
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore!
The victory is Yours!

Offer up this sacrifice.
For ev'ry sin our Savior died.
The Lord of Life can't be contained.
Our God has risen from the grave.

Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption
Written on His hands.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore!
The victory is Yours!
We sing Your praise,
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name.
Jesus, You will reign forevermore!
The victory is Yours!

When the age of death is done,
We'll see Your face bright as the sun.
We'll bow before the King of kings.
O God forever we will sing.
O God forever we will sing

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “O Living Bread From Heaven” (LSB, #642)

O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;

For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION: (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB, #680)

Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

with

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Ken Stelzer

11:00 Lay Reader: Dolores Karkoska

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman