



**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
AUGUST 17, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

**ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP**

More than sunlight streams through the windows of our sanctuary. The images in the stained-glass give us a picture of God's grace for us in Jesus. Throughout this series, we will review the symbols in our stained-glass windows and see in them the Good News of God's love and our salvation.

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**P** Pastor      **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.  
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

**PRELUDE & WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 700** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

**BAPTISM OF MALAKI ERIC GRIFF PATSCHKE** (8:00 am)

**CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS** *Psalm 124:8; 32:5*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**INTROIT | Entrance** *Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
**C** he will never permit the righteous to be moved.  
**P** Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
**C** and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!  
**P** For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;  
**C** it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—  
then I could hide from him.  
**P** But it is you, a man, my equal,  
**C** my companion, my familiar friend.  
**P** We used to take sweet counsel together;  
**C** within God's house we walked in the throng.  
**P** But I call to God,  
**C** and the LORD will save me.

**GLORIA PATRI | Glory to the Father** *For text and tune, see page 186.*

- C** (sung) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy** *Mark 10:47*

*For text and tune, see page 186.*

- C** (sung) Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

*For text and tune, see pages 187–189.*

- P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*For text and tune, see page 189.*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **VERSE OF THE MONTH** *Psalm 98:4*

**C** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 23:16–29*

*False prophets spoke lies to the people, telling the people what they wanted to hear rather than God's hard truth. However, no one can hide from God's truth forever.*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another,



will be scorching heat,' and it happens.  
<sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky,

but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED** *See the inside back cover of the hymnal (10:30 am).*

**SERMON HYMN 829** *"Christ the Eternal Lord"*

**SERMON** *Windows into God's Grace: "Alpha & Omega"*

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 51:10–12; for text and tune, see page 192.*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

### **GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn 540, "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate."*



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation  
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

*The 8:00 am service continues with the Preface on page 194 in the hymnal.*

*We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**HYMN 533** “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

**HYMN 538** “Praise Be to Christ”

**HYMN 680** “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Bendicamus, and Benediction on pages 199–202.*

**CLOSING HYMN 540** “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

*This week's takeaway: Christ is at the beginning of our earthly life and is with us at this life's end when we begin the fullness of eternal life. How are you receiving your Savior's gifts and living with Christ first in everything in between?*

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### **SERVING IN THIS SERVICE**

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Lindsay McKeage, Max Harrington, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Kiefer Lange, Bryce Strobel, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Stan & Kathryn Oetting, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Darlene Meyer & Donna Moyers, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

*Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.*

**New:** Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Gary Inman, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Gene Virus, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

**Ongoing:** Robert Pottschmidt, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggert, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Grifft, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Death:** Strahan Larsen

**Nation and World:** the people of Oman

**Partners in Mission:** Trinity Lutheran Church; Columbia, MO and Rev. Brian Thieme and Rev. Joseph McCalley; LCMS – Missouri District

**Birthdays:** (8/17) John Beerman, Emma Brandt, Levi Mehl, Joshua Mourey, Susan Oetting; (8/18) Ross Fiene, Annette Kirchhoff, Ethan Kueck, Samantha Meyer, Roger Woodrich; (8/19) Nathan Beissenherz, Drake Fiene, Wade Heimsoth, Jon Spells; (8/20) Gary Bredehoeft, Callie Dawson, Carley Fahrmeier, Josiah Gerdts, Rylan Hon, Rusty McGinnis, Mary Roepe, Linda Wodrich; (8/21) Paul Frerking, Brooke Lange, Evan Lyons, Shilah Martens; (8/22) Brenda Brackman, Connie Brackman, Troy Schuette, Gene Virus, Sharon Woodrich

**Anniversaries:** (8/18) Mark & Cindy Tolias; (8/20) Ray & Kathy Schuknecht; (8/22) Paul & Rosalie Pennington

## **FAMILY FOOTNOTES**

*Gina Martens, Family Life Director*

This has been a tough few weeks. I have seen people I care about go through some rough stuff. My heart is heavy, and it hurts. I have asked the “why” questions in trials of my own, and I know that the “why” questions never get me anywhere because I can’t, with my own human reasoning, answer the “why”. I was reminded this past week that while we might not have the answers or the words to say, we have Jesus. Let me repeat ... WE HAVE JESUS. That, my friends, is the comfort we cling to, the foundation our feet stand upon, the peace that our minds pursue, the hope that we hold, and the promises that we ponder. WE HAVE JESUS ... and He has us. He will never let go. He calls us by name and we are His. These verses from Lamentations 3:22–24 were shared with me, “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP**

Proverbs 3:1–8; 2 Corinthians 4:7–10; Luke 22:24–30

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 797, 856, 838, 852, 643, 848



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