



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

These summer months take us through the heart of the Gospel according to St. Matthew (selections from chapters 11–16), and in these texts we learn more about the heart of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our compassionate Savior invites us to “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28 ESV). What is the kind of life and rest Jesus invites us to experience with Him as He reigns as our Savior King? *This is Part 7 of a year-long series, “A Year in Matthew.”*

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 809 “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**
P He spread a cloud for a covering,
C **and fire to give light by night.**
P They asked, and he brought quail,
C **and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**
P He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
C **it flowed through the desert like a river.**
P For he remembered his holy promise,
C **and Abraham, his servant.**
P So he brought his people out with joy,
C **his chosen ones with singing.**
C **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.
P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47; for text with tune, see page 204.*

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*
For text with tune, see page 204.

- C** (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P 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.

C Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Colossians 2:6–7*

C As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



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

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1–5*

The Lord offers all people generous love, grace, and mercy that can never be purchased by us at any price. Why would we waste our time chasing after anything else?

¹“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.

²Why 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. ³Incline 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. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 9:1–13*

Saint Paul expresses his deep sorrow over the spiritual state of the people of Israel. They wrongly believe that simply because Abraham is their ancestor, they are automatically part of God's eternal kingdom. Instead, God's people are all who have faith in His promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For 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. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs,

and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This 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. ⁹For

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 20:31; for text with music, see page 205.

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13–21*

After Jesus hears of the murder of John the Baptist, He withdraws from the crowds. Yet, the crowds follow Him where He then has compassion on them and miraculously feeds them dinner with only five loaves of bread and two fish.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

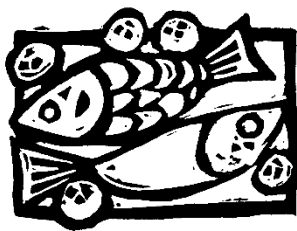
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now 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.

¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now 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

this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though 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—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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**and every
one ate
until full**

away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces

left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON HYMN 559 “*Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion*”

SERMON *The Heart of the Gospel: “Overflowing Generosity”*

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 918, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer.”



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 208 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 633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

HYMN 641 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

HYMN 625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”



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, Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 211–212.

CLOSING HYMN 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: In God’s hands, a little is never just a little. What might seem small and inadequate is more than enough for God to satisfy us and those around us. God has compassion on you, and He shows you overflowing generosity today and forever in Your Savior Jesus Christ.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Ben Nuelle, *Pianist (8:00 am)*

Gracie Brackman, Kahlan Haase, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Cody Hass, Benjamin Kuecker, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Eddie & Linda Kammeyer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Donna Moyers, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

John Beerman, Jeff Bingham, Chris Gerdts, Andy Jones, *Elders on Duty*

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: Debbie Woodall, Brenda Frerking, Mark Tolias, Ruth Rodewald, Rebecca Camp, Sandy Alvey, Ann Wolters, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Arleen Fiene, Trisha Bolland, Annette Kirchhoff, Karol Meyer, Konner McKnight, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos

Ongoing: Susan Reeves, Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpfenhaus, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, 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, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Wedding: Kylee Raines and Alex Spells, August 1

Nation and World: the people of Ukraine

Partners in Mission: Point of Hope Lutheran Church; Blue Springs, MO and Rev. Brian Hetzel, LCMS Missouri District

Birthdays: (8/2) Eli Drefs, Gavin Locke, Cole Woods; (8/3) Beverly Frerking, Emily Heins; (8/4) Kylee Spells, Gordon Renno, Olivia Rolf; (8/5) Peyton Meyer, Jim Parks; (8/6) Linda Stuenkel; (8/7) Linda Brown, Sterling Estes, Vernon Finley, Robert Frerking, Ray Huntze, Eric Inman, Dena Koch, Louetta Mueller, Kathryn Oetting, Renee Ravanelli, Nevaeh Rozell, Janelle Virus; (8/8) Kyleigh Brandt, Celeste Maxwell, Rev. Paul Mehl, Terry Schnakenberg, Lillie Todd, Grant Umbach

Anniversaries: (8/2) Roger & Lois Martens; (8/3) Seth & Vanessa Rodewald; (8/4) John & Susan Mehl, Nick & Shannon Virus, Alan & Karel Vogelsmeier; (8/6) Monte & Marta Pitsch, Takashi & Audrey Mehl; (8/7) Roger & Carolyn Flandermeyer, Brian & Amy Woods

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

“We don’t hear the thunder, we don’t feel the wind, but yet we believe that rain will come.” These words were spoken by an 18 year old young man that I had the privilege of getting to know. He has the seeds of faith planted within him, and he fully believes that God will provide for him even though he is unsure of how this will happen. He has seen his Savior at work and he believes in the power of prayer. I am also amazed by this young man’s grateful and thankful heart. After hearing his story, I was reminded of just how many things I take for granted. I do not know how his story will play out, but I do know that God’s hand is at work accomplishing His will in the lives of His people. How could Abraham and Sarah continue to pray faithfully for a child taking into consideration their advanced age? How could Moses continue to believe that the Children of Israel would in fact reach the Promised Land after wandering in the wilderness for years? How did Jacob continue to believe that Rachel would one day be his wife? It was because of FAITH. It is faith that the Holy Spirit works in our hearts that allows us to hope and continue to believe. It is trust in a God much larger than anything known to mankind that allows us to be confident that our God is capable of the seemingly impossible. “The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love” (Psalm 147:11, ESV).

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP

Job 38:4–18; Romans 10:5–17; Matthew 14:22–33

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 722, 717, 720, 715, 731, 739



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