TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nuthin' like It!

July 29, August 1 & 2, 2026

AS WE GATHER

After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever"? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say "thank You" to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of "His steadfast love." In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needsof body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated "steadfast love" reflects not only God's general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people's entire lives and well-being. Jesus' provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as "our daily bread" call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the "rich food" God provides "that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:2–3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord's steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God's steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

VERSE

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #703 "How Can I Thank You, Lord"

How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your loving kindness,
That You have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger every day.

It is Your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace That rise a fresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart newborn.

Lord, You have raised me up To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.

Grant that Your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart To serve You willingly.

(Rise) O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.
Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.
The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.
Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

People: Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to you for your faithfulness and that relies all the more on you for my salvation and for help in every need.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB p. 155

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1–5* (The compassion of the Lord)

"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.
2 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. 3 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. 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and
commander for the peoples. 5 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 *Romans 9:1–13* (Not all Israel are Israel.)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness
in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
3 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. 4 They are Israelites, and to
them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the
worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race,
according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.
6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended
from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they
are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 8 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. 9 For this is what the promise
said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." 10 And
not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our
forefather Isaac, 11 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 him who calls— 12 she was told, "The older will
serve the younger." 13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)
HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13–21* (Jesus' compassion on a great crowd)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.
13 Now when Jesus heard this, 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. **14** When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had
compassion on them and healed their sick. **15** 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."
16 But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."
17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." **18** And he
said, "Bring them here to me." **19** 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. **20** And they all ate and were satisfied. And they
took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. **21** And those who ate
were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.
(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The B-I-B-L-E"

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Its lessons help me see
the love of Jesus, God's own Son; the B-I-B-L-E

SERMON HYMN #642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

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.

SERMON

(Rise)
OFFERTORY LSB p. 192
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.

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and
was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Gracious Lord, you have made us children of the promise on account of your Son.

People: Let your promises continue to go to the ends of the earth, and incline the ears of all to you, that their souls may live.

Pastor: Almighty God, your Son miraculously fed the 5,000 and satisfied them. We thank you for all you provide to support our bodies and lives, especially our homes and families.

People: Make us content with what you give, that we may not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from your hand alone.

Pastor: O Lord, visit us in your compassion. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear especially Shirley, Nancy, Patrick, Sharon, Michael, Marlene, Zach, Carole, Kathy, Maxine, Pam, Marilyn, Dorothy, Janet, Jerry, Rhonda, Harland, June, Cathy, John, Debbie, Janice, David, Helga, Dick, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Guy, Jill and Sarah.

People: May all who cry to you receive grace according to your will.

Pastor: O God, your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted.

People: Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in your sufficient grace within your Word and Sacraments.

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS LSB p. 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB p. 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #641 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. **Refrain**

HYMN #625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed. In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.

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To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

HYMN #774 "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

HYMN # 629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see - the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole - Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

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Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures forever. By your grace and mercy, strengthen our faith toward you and give us an increasing love for our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #711 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
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