

August 14, 2022

*The Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost*



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**Rally Day
The Heart of Our Teaching**

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

arr. D. Wolff

"Lord Open Now My Heart to Hear"

setting: S. Hyslop

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C Amen.

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

C and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;

C fools despise wisdom and instruction.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Brothers and sisters, we all have a role to play as we help one another gain knowledge about our gracious God and wisdom to live out each day in faith. Adults are encouraged "to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth,"

Adults: but at times we do not know enough about our God to answer our children's questions, and we struggle to decide how much discretion to offer our youth.

P Parents are to teach gently: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord,"

Parents: but we do not always instruct as the Lord would want.

P John speaks for all parents when he writes, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth,"

Children: but sometimes we are not sure that what we have been taught is the truth.

P Within the Church some are called specially to teach, as Paul writes, "And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,"

Teachers: but sometimes we might prefer to sit back and let others teach, and the calling feels like a demand instead of a gracious opportunity.

P The heart of the Bible is our Savior. Walking with two disciples Easter evening, "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself,"

C but sometimes we may be content to see the Bible as ancient history and not the revelation of God's calling us to faith today.

P As we share our faith and go on to encourage one another in Christian living, the bar is set high: "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."

C **We confess that we all fall short daily as we teach and learn, as we lead and follow. We ask for mercy from our gracious God.**

P When the two disciples reflected on how Jesus taught them on Easter evening, they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" When our Savior is the heart of our teaching and learning, then we have the Good News to assure us of the forgiveness of sins, all sins, for His sake. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"

LSB 869



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations.

G **By Your Holy Spirit enable us to put Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at the heart of what we proclaim and at the center of how we live;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

A "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

G **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

A And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your

eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Proverbs 9:10; 1:5, 8

A The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

C **and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

A Let the wise hear and increase in learning,

C **and the one who understands obtain guidance.**

A Hear, my son, your father’s instruction,

C **and forsake not your mother’s teaching.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:8–15

(Paul has learned much about Christ and contented living.)

A ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Proverbs 2:6

P Alleluia. For the LORD gives wisdom;

C from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:15-17

(Jesus wants little children to come to Him.)

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

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

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON, *Blessing of the backpacks and faith legacy gifts*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

LSB 691



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,

Rich in love and joy and peace.
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

Stand

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.**

Sit

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

- P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as Bible Class facilitators, Sunday school teachers, teachers within the community and Catechists at Grace Lutheran Church, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.
- A** Hear the Word of the Lord:
"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."
- P** Beloved in the Lord, you are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism. While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

Teachers: I do.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God

has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C We do.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as teachers in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PROMISES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Now, then, all you who are parents: Will you promise to raise your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your teaching? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

Parents: We will, by the grace of God.

P And how about you children? Will you promise to listen to your parents, learning from them, and obey them, helping wherever you can? Will you focus on Christ as the heart of your learning? Will you set yourselves as examples of Christian living for your family and all you meet in daily living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

Children: We will, by the grace of God.

P Finally, I ask all of you: Will you study the Word of God when you have opportunity, here in church and with your families or friends? Will you endeavor to share the faith in your hearts, teaching others by word and example? Will you seek to exhibit Christ as the heart of your living? If so, then answer: We will, by the grace of God.

C We will, by the grace of God.

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers in this congregation, and as teachers and learners in your daily living, to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C Amen.

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the

work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P Let us pray for children, that God would help us and people everywhere to provide for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the boys and girls around them.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

C let the humble hear and be glad.

P Let us pray for the nations, that God would direct government leaders that they would ensure justice tempered with mercy for those who are often overlooked, cast aside, or denied human dignity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

C and let us exalt His name together!

P Let us pray for the Church around the world, that God would provide freedom and opportunity to clergy and lay leaders so that the Church grows in faith and numbers. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A I sought the Lord, and He answered me

C and delivered me from all my fears.

P Let us pray for all who call out to God in their crises of health or mourning, unemployment or homelessness, loneliness or depression, [*especially . . .*], that God would hear their prayers, relieve them of their pain, and use us when possible as His instruments to bring about the answers He has in mind for them. Lord, in Your

mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

P Let us pray for ourselves and all who approach the Lord's Supper, that the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that come through the Sacrament will find open and faithful hearts to receive God's gracious gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A What man is there who desires life

C and loves many days, that he may see good?

P Let us pray for the aged and frail, those who live alone, and those in facilities of various sorts. O Holy Spirit, surround the seniors among us and in our community with careful professionals and concerned family members, that God would give them long and productive lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn away from evil and do good;

C seek peace and pursue it.

P Let us pray for our armed forces deployed and police, fire, and first responders here at home, that God would guide and protect them so that they might bring about peace between nations and rescue for all in distress. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A I will bless the Lord at all times;

C His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P These and any other things you would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

arr. M. Gaspard



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

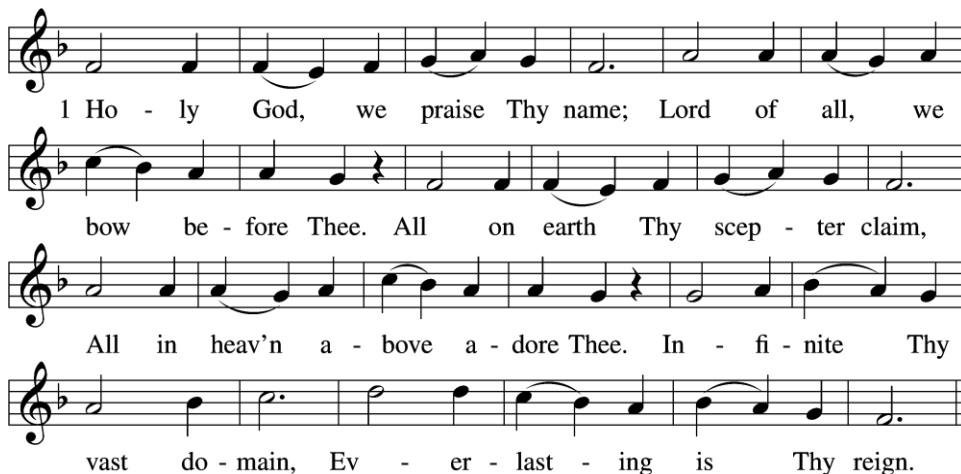
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who by His entire life taught us the immeasurable greatness of Your love for us and gave Himself that we might be with You in eternity. 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

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

LSB 940 st. 1



The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign." The music ends with a double bar line.

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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

AGNUS DEI

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

LSB 935 st. 1

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;

In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

VOLUNTARY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. R. Blake

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O What Has Now Been Sown"

arr. F. Ritter

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