

**August 6, 2023**

*The Tenth Sunday  
After Pentecost*



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Worship:  
Divine Service

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Adult Bible Study &  
Sunday School:

9:30 am  
(Grace Hall)

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# 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; I 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

"Royal Brass Music"  
"A Joyous Acclamation"

arr. D. Wolff  
L. Smith

### WELCOME

*Stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,
- C** **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

**C Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.**

**P** We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

**C Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.**

**P** We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

**C Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. 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. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

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

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

**LSB 618**

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

**PSALM, [I] Font Side, [II] Pulpit Side**

- P** Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for His steadfast love endures forever.
- C** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever.
- I** Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for His steadfast love endures forever.
- II** Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;

- I *to Him who alone does great wonders,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;*
  - II *to Him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;*
  - I *to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;*
  - II *to Him who made the great lights,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;*
  - I *the sun to rule over the day,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;*
  - II *the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for His steadfast love endures forever;*
- 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.**

**Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for His steadfast love endures forever.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

- A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 55:1–5*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** (*11:00 AM service*)

Deaconess Karen Suter

**EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 9:1–13*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 173*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13–21*

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

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

The Gospel is read...

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

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

*Sit*

**HYMN**

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

**LSB 642**



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.



## SERMON

*Stand*

### APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the people of God, that in the steadfast love of their Lord they may give thanks  
and have confidence that no danger, trouble or hardship can separate them from  
the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all pastors and church workers, that the Lord would bless their service and bless  
all who are considering and preparing for church work, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** In gratitude for all God provides for our bodies and lives, that we might not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from His hand alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For eyes to see the Lord's mercies anew every morning, and for grateful hearts to receive and share our Lord's rich and daily grace with the needy and His Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For those who serve us in government and protect us in our communities, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in our Father's steadfast love, especially as we receive Christ's body and blood in His Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, let us seek You while You may be found, call upon You in the day of salvation and be prepared by Your mercy for the day of judgment; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

"Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness"

setting: G. Telemann

*Stand*

## **OFFERTORY**

*LSB 176*



**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. 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 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

**C** 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, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

**HYMN**

## "Now Thank We All Our God"

**LSB 895**

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**VOLUNTARY**

## "Bread of Heaven"

M. Jordan

*Stand***THANK THE LORD****LSB 181**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**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.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 183*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN**

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

*LSB 636 sts. 1–4*

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver  
 gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is





splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

"Grand Choeur"

G. Young

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