

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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**Prayer Upon Entering Church:** O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**About This Service:** The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

**Are My Children Welcome?** Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

**Visitors:** Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

**Communion Statement:** All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

## **Ring of the Bell**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Opening Hymn TLH 469 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters Springing from eternal love  
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst t'assuage—  
Grace, which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age?**

**Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading, Light by night and shade by day,  
Daily on the manna feeding Which He gives them when they pray.**

**Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know. Amen.**

## **The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH**

### **Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**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.  
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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

### **Confession of Sins TLH Page 16**

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

### **Absolution TLH Page 16**

**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 Ghost.

**C: [Sung] Amen.**

**Introit** (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**C: He spread a cloud for a covering,  
and fire to give light by night.**

P: They asked, and he brought quail,  
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

**C: He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.**

P: For he remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham, his servant.

**C: So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.**

**Gloria Patri:** *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: 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.**

**The Kyrie:** *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis:** *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will 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 and Collect**

*TLH Page 19*

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And with thy spirit!**

*(prayed together)* – **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.**

**Response: [Sung] Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 55:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>**"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.**

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>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.”

### **Epistle Reading – Romans 9:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>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 his call— <sup>12</sup>she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

**Gradual** (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...*      **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Now 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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...*

**C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

## **The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22***

**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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.**

## **Sermon Hymn *TLH 316* “O Living Bread from Heaven”**

**O living Bread from heaven, How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest!  
The gifts Thou now hast given Have filled my heart with joy and rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift professing, In thankful songs o'erflows;  
For while the faith within me Was quickened by this food,  
My soul hath gazed upon Thee, My highest, only Good.**

**My God, Thou here hast led me Within Thy temple's holiest place  
And there Thyself hast fed me With all the treasures of Thy grace,  
Oh, boundless is Thy kindness, And righteous is Thy power,  
While I in sinful blindness Am erring hour by hour;  
And yet Thou com'st not spurning A sinner, Lord, like me!  
Thy grace and love returning, What gift have I for Thee?**

**A heart that hath repented And mourns for sin with bitter sighs,—  
Thou, Lord, art well contented With this my only sacrifice.  
I know that in my weakness Thou wilt despise me not,  
But grant me in Thy meekness The blessing I have sought;  
Yes, Thou wilt hear with favor The song that now I raise,  
For meet and right 'tis ever That I should sing Thy praise.**

**Grant what I have partaken May through Thy grace so work in me  
That sin be all forsaken And I may cleave alone to Thee  
And all my soul be heedful How I Thy love may know;  
For this alone is needful Thy love should in me glow.  
Then let no beauty ever, No joy, allure my heart,  
But what is Thine, my Savior, What Thou dost here impart.**

**Oh, well for me that, strengthened With heavenly food and comfort here,  
Howe'er my course be lengthened, I now may serve Thee free from fear!  
Away, then, earthly pleasure! All earthly gifts are vain;  
I seek a heavenly treasure, My home I long to gain,  
My God, where I shall praise Thee, Where none my peace destroy,  
And where my soul shall raise Thee Glad songs in endless joy. Amen.**

## **The Sermon**

## Offertory

*TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

**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.**

## Prayers

*TLH Pages 23-24*

### **ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Preface:** *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

**The Sanctus:** *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:** *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini:** *TLH Page 27*

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

**The Agnus Dei:** *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.**

**The Distribution** *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

**Distribution Hymns TLH 315 “I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table”**

I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole.

**REFRAIN:** Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now approach Thy heav’nly Board  
And, as I lowly bow before Thee, Look only unto Thee, O Lord! **REFRAIN.**

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful Shepherd art: **REFRAIN.**

Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul  
That I through willful sinning never May see Thy Judgment take its toll! **REFRAIN.**

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **REFRAIN.**

Weary am I and heaven laden, With sin my soul is sore oppress;  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **REFRAIN**

Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly That humbly falls before Thy feet,  
That duly weeps o’er sin, yet solely Thy merit pleads, as it is meet. **REFRAIN.**

By faith I call Thy holy Table The testament of Thy deep love;  
For, lo, thereby I now am able To see how love Thy heart doth move. **REFRAIN.**

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith’s bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. **REFRAIN.**

This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones power,  
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death’s dark hour. **REFRAIN.**

Thy body, given for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. **REFRAIN.**

With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It find its only joy in Thee. **REFRAIN.**

Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. **REFRAIN.**

Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the Master With aid and comfort e’er is near. **REFRAIN**

**Δ** My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. **REFRAIN. Amen.**

**TLH 314** “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feed on Thee today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Thy grace divine.

The chastened peace of sin forgiv’n, The fellowship of heirs of heav’n,  
Grant as we share this wondrous food, Thy body broken and Thy blood.

Our trembling hearts cleave to Thy Word; All Thou hast said Thou dost afford,  
All that Thou art we here receive, And all we are to Thee we give.

**One bread, one cup, one body, we, United by our life in Thee,  
Thy love proclaim till Thou shalt come To bring Thy scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray To keep us steadfast to that day  
That each may be Thy welcomed guest When Thou shalt spread Thy heavenly feast. Amen.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
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.**

**The Thanksgiving: TLH Page 30**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31**

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,  
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Benediction: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn TLH 313 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish.**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

**Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.**

**No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!**

**May God bestow on us His grace and favor To please Him with our behavior**

**And live as brethren here in love and union Nor repent this blessed Communion!**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heavenly minded He make us;**

**Give Thy church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity; O Lord, have mercy! Amen.**



Silent Prayer

Announcements

### ***Have A Blessed Week!***

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*“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”*

*- Philippians 1:6*



*Christ Carrying the Cross*

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Hymn #316: Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29; Wie wohl has du gelabet; O Living Bread from Heaven; Author: Johann Rist (1651, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt.); Tune: Nun lob, mein' Seel'; Source: "Concentus Novi", Augsburg, 1540.

Hymn #315: Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:28; German: Ich komm'zu deinem, Abendmahle; I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table; Author: Friedrich C. Heyder (1710, cento); Translator: Composite; Tune: Ich Sterbe Taglich; Source: Ms., Municipal Library Leipzig, 1756; Translator: © 1941, Concordia Publishing House.

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**Daily Bible Reading:**

- **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Exodus 33
- **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 34
- **Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 35
- **Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 36
- **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 37
- **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 38
- **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 39

**Catechism Recitation for the Week:**

**Table of Duties: To Husbands**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

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**Prayer for Departing Church:** O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.