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11:00 AM - August 17, 2025, 10th Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion - Setting 10

INTRODUCTION

The Word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in Holy Communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Salzburg arr. Wilber Held

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

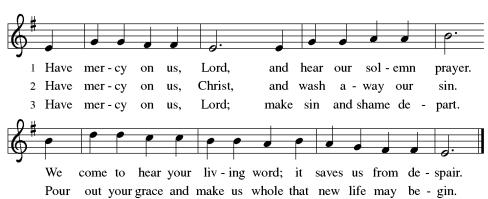


GREETING ELW p. 203

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE ELW p. 203



Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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us new hearts!

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

(The congregation is invited to sing all verses with the choir.)



- ¹ God stands to charge the divine council as**sembled**, giving judgment in the midst of the **gods**:
- ² "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
- ³ Save the weak and the **orphan**; defend the humble and **needy**;
- ⁴ rescue the weak and the **poor**; deliver them from the power of the **wicked**.
- ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in **darkness**; all the foundations of the earth are **shaken**.
- ⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are **gods**, and all of you children of the **Most High**; ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like **mortals**, and fall like any **prince**.'"
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the **earth**, for you shall take all nations for your **own**.

A reading from Hebrews.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof



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CREED ELW p. 206

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE ELW p. 206

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Judge Eternal Throned in Splendor Malcom Archer



Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

R. W. Hillert



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814

Take. Oh. Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814

Take. Oh. Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

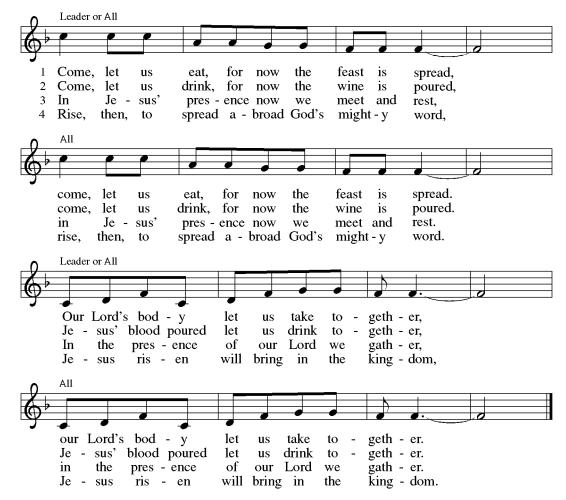
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 208





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Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ELW p. 209

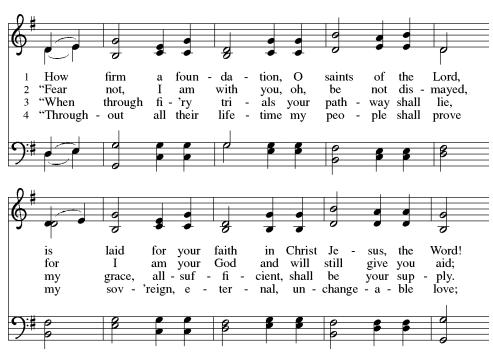
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN 796

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION





Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

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Worship Assistants

Communion assistants	Kendrick Kerr, Annie Ruth Addy
<i>Lector</i>	Christie Cook
Ushers	Jeremy Goings, Tex Davis, Mike Cook
Greeter	Elizabeth Goings
<i>Acolyte</i>	Blakely Goings
Crucifer	Paxton Goings
Livestream coordinators	Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our Lord, and in loving memory of my dad's birthday, by Sharon Mattern.

The bulletin covers are offered to the glory of our Lord, and in honor of Jackson's 21st birthday on August 17th and in loving memory of my Dad, Robert H. Sox, on his birthday, August 16th. We love you both dearly. Love, Jack, Lilli and Courtney.

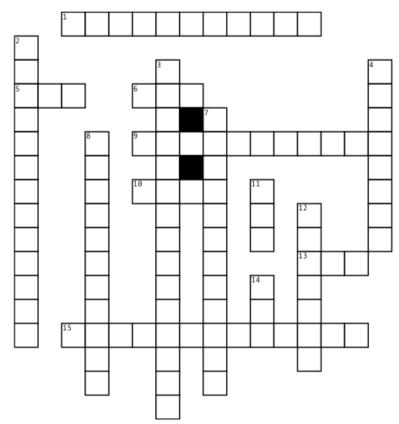
The Great Depression/The New Deal

Across

- a shanty town built by homeless people in the US during the Great Depression
- was a large-scale public works construction agency in the United States headed by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.
- **6.** was a prime New Deal agency established by U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) in 1933. The goal was to eliminate "cut-throat competition" by bringing industry, labor, and government together to create codes of "fair practices" and set prices
- 9. Tariff that that raised import duties to protect American businesses and farmers, adding considerable strain to the international economic climate of the Great Depression.
- the U.S. corporation insuring deposits in the United States against bank failure
- the largest and most ambitious American New Deal agency, employing millions of unemployed people
- 15. used to describe a series of 30 evening radio conversations (chats) given by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt between 1933 and 1944.

Down

- to bring or send back (a person, especially a prisoner of war, a refugee, etc.) to his or her country or land of citizenship.
- 3. The period of declining and lower economic activity in the worldwide economy from the late 1920s through the 1930s
- 4. A parched region of the Great Plains, including parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas, where a combination of drought and soil erosion created enormous dust storms in the 1930s
- when panicked sellers traded nearly 16 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange



- 8. engagement in business transactions involving considerable risk but offering the chance of large gains, especially trading in commodities, stocks
- 11. law enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 to create a system of transfer payments in which younger, working people support older, retired people.
- 12. A group of government programs and policies established under President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s;
- 14. was a public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families as part of the New Deal



Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Grace Fuson, Laurel Gamble, Christian Vallejo, Stephanie Gamble, Christian Hall, Easton Casteel, Porcia Metz Charles Hall, Michael Miller, Chris Elledge, Court Morris, Mary Garrett Waring, Morgan Witcher.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Natalie Cook, Grace Kelly, John Richardson, Jana Payne, Karen Holton, Lance Tucker Joyce Riley, Jackie Macaulay, Nancy Stone-Collum, Pam Burnett, Carolyn Dufries Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Barbara Raulerson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

John Conrad, Linda Price, Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs Paul Addy, Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Henry Mixon, Tyler Corbitt, Eddie Porter, David "Bubba" Martin, Jr. Lara Backman Carter Wayne Hall, Kimberly Chapman, Betsy Rodgers, Fr. Jason Hamshaw Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Dave Kohr, Helga Guyton Judy Lazarczyk, Mike Baxter, Allan Oliver, John Holland, Tonia Boland, Misty Smith Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Johnny Smith, Anne Moye

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military: Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military: Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

The Family Of: SCHP Trooper Dennis

Worship Leaders