

August 2, 2026 Bulletin Insert: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

We lift up in prayer:

Janet Hillstrom, Roger & Bev Valentine, Gloria Schultz, Ron Lunz, Marnie Osmond, Peggy Morrison, Michael "Mic" Mickelson, Phyllis Jacobson, Joyce Paulson; Judy Wohlin, for health concerns; Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White, for health and healing; The family & loved ones of Keith Espelien on his death

GATHERING SONG

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly, ELW 461

1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.**

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

2nd READING: Romans 9:1-5

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, ELW 712

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

SENDING SONG

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, ELW 674

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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- 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. **Refrain**
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **Refrain**

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: WILDCAT BACKPACK PROGRAM

One in four students at the New London-Spicer Schools receives free/reduced-priced school meals. Each of these students is at-risk of hunger, especially over the weekend. During the school year, each child receives a backpack of food (about 5 pounds) for the weekend. Food items are healthy, easy to open and easy to prepare. They include: two entrees, two breakfast items, two snacks, two juice boxes a treat and a fruit. Participation in the program is voluntary and confidential.

Donations of all sizes are needed to support the program: \$6 gets food for a week, \$60 for ten weeks, \$234 for the school year

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