

✠ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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8:15 & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ*



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed for you,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever”? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say “thank You” to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of “His steadfast love.” In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated “steadfast love” reflects not only God’s general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people’s entire lives and well-being. Jesus’ provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as “our daily bread” call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the “rich food” God provides “that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:2–3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord’s steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God’s steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Then, ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. Grape juice is in the outer ring and is lighter in color than the wine. The wine is darker in color. After communing, return to your seat via the side aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Prayer Requests: Please use the pink sheets to request prayers to be read during the service. Place in the offering plate.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Members and Visitors: Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Bill Wolaver

Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790 sts. 1–2, 4–5

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Memory Verse

Psalms 100:5

C **⁵ For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Opening Sentences

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, **C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Confession and Absolution

Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18

P Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

C **Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.**

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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 Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer 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.**

Hymn

Verse 1 (Solo)

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken? Peace unspoken.
Rest beside these living waters.

Verse 2 (All)

Christ is calling. Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone.
Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus (Solo)

There's a river that flows with mercy and
love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure. Do not fear
anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“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.

²Why 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.

³Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear,

“Living Waters”

Verse 3 (All)

Spirit moving. Mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline.
Life is in these living waters. *Chorus (All)*

Verse 4 (All)

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless.
Christ, He is our living waters,

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that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For 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. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because

they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This 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. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though 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— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now 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. ¹⁴When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now 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.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to

eat.” ¹⁷They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Hymn **"Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"** **LSB 584, sts. 1–2**

Sermon **Two Great Commandments in Three Parts** **Rev. Dr. Zachrich**

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." — Mark 12:30-31

Offertory **"How Can I Keep from Singing?"** **Quaker Tune,
arr. Barbara Boertje**

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer of the Church

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

A Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, we give You thanks because Your steadfast love endures forever—that purposeful, active love by which You sent Your only-begotten Son into this desolate world to bring a new creation. In Christ, You have saved us by the forgiveness of all our sin. In Christ, You give all who receive Him a new heart and holy purpose to love one another. In Christ, You provide for all our needs of body and soul, leading us to the joyful feast of eternal life. Grant to all who look to You for life and help a firm faith and thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord Jesus, as You miraculously fed the crowds who followed You in the wilderness, so provide wisdom and integrity to all public servants in the government of our land. Cause righteousness and peace to prevail in all the nations of the world that justice and freedom may abide among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Savior of all, as You had compassion and healed the sick of the multitudes who sought Your help, give to all pastors and ministers of Your Word that same love and care for all in their charge. Cause the Word they preach and the Sacraments they administer to deliver and strengthen faith and wholeness to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bless all who are sick, those who are injured or hospitalized, and all who are in any need with the healing of Your graceful visitation. Guide doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel to deliver Your gift of wellness and recovery, especially those we remember before You this day. Grant Your grace to all who look to You for their salvation and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Remembering with love and thanksgiving all those who have gone before us, we ask to be included in their fellowship both here by Your grace and in eternity by Your mercy, not counting our merits but solely by Your own compassion and promise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

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.**

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

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

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633, sts. 1–8

Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641, sts. 1–5

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

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.

Memory Verse Psalm 100:5

C ⁵ For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" LSB 806

Postlude "Old Time Religion" arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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