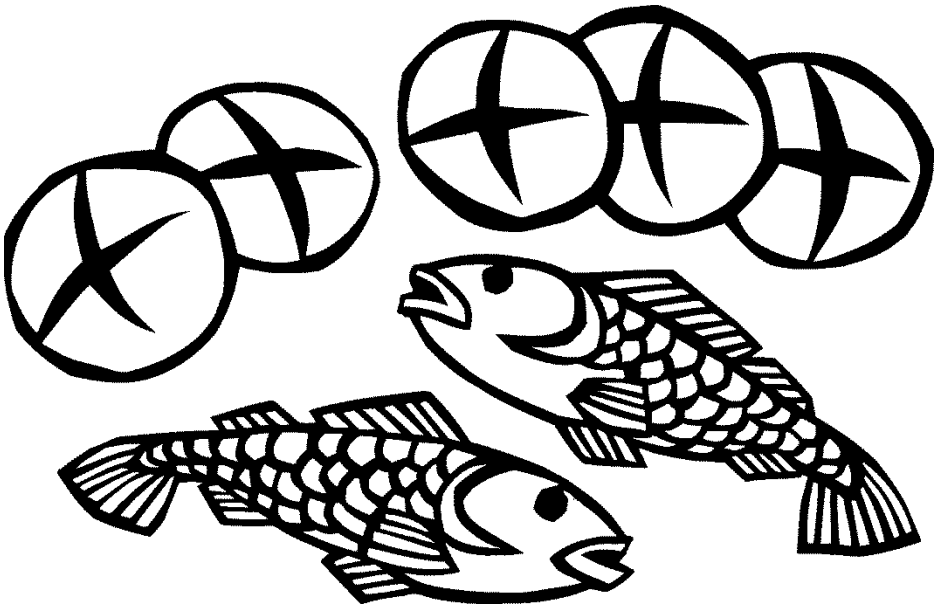


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Sunday, July 29, 2018

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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know

- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.



- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.
- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 29, 8:30 & 10 AM

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

"Oh, Love, How Deep," Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Stand

A: God, my God, I yelled for help and you put me together.

C: God, you pulled me out of the grave, gave me another chance

A: All you saints! Sing your hearts out to God! Thank God personally!

C: God gets angry once in a while, but across a lifetime there is only love. A: The nights of crying your eyes out give way to days of laughter. C: We are God's beloved.

A: Then you looked the other way and I fell to pieces.

C: You did it: you changed wild lament into whirling dance;

A: I'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about you.

C: God, my God, I can't thank you enough.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

A: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: People of God, in the waters of baptism we traveled with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, are no more.

C: God's love washes them away.

A: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair...

C: God's grace washes them away.

A: Our pride, our judgment, and other people's opinions of us...

C: No longer define us.

A: The Spirit lives and moves through us now.

C: A great and joyful mystery.

A: So we may bring love and mercy into the world.

C: As the body of Christ.

A: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace,

C: Not by our own doing or believing,

A: But by God's mercy and love alone.

C: This changes everything.

A: And so as we begin worship, we give thanks to God

C: For the gracious gift of baptism,

A: That joins us together in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn

"Oh, Love, How Deep," #322
At 8:30 Stanza 5 is sung by the soloist.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who speaks truth to our world,

P: the love of God,

C: who calls us to new life

P: and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

C: who gathers us together into one body of believers

P: be with you all.

C: And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray...Lord God... you called Moses, by name, through the burning bush and sent him to speak truth to power; you invited the woman at the well to leave her struggles behind and to place her hope in you; you encouraged Phillip to surrender to your Word, and your grace forever changed the life of the Ethiopian eunuch; you gave your only Son to die on a cross to show the world that your love does indeed change everything. Inspire us through this worship to listen for your call; be reminded of your love; surrender to your grace; and to find hope in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

Psalm 145:14-18

Cantor sings refrain; all sing refrain

You o - pen wide your hand and
sat - is - fy the de - sire of ev - 'ry liv - ing thing.

Cantor sings verses; congregation sing verses in bold

- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food | in due season.
- ¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways**
and loving in | all your works.
- ¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully. **Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

From one of the four Gospels

John 6:1-21

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation sings refrain

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Cantor sings verse:

Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Congregation repeats refrain

When the Gospel is announced:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pr. Bridger

Stand

Hymn for Today

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure," #775

Confessing our Faith

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy. . .
. . . **hear our prayer.**

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Gifts

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure," Charles Ore

Stand

The Gifts are Presented

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service,” #712

Stanzas 1, 2

A: God is good.

C. All the time.

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C. God is good.

A. God, your generosity never ends. Everything we call our own is a gift from you receive our humble offerings of money, time and skills. Make us wise stewards of all your gifts and use them to heal the world you love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world; for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary,

C: Jesus shares our life.

P: Eating with sinners,

C: Jesus welcomes us.

P: Guiding his children

C: Jesus leads us.

P: Visiting the sick,

C: Jesus heals us.

P: Dying on the cross,

C: Jesus saves us.

P: Rising from the dead,

C: Jesus gives us new life.

P: 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.

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.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion of the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith; encourage us in hope; inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Jesus your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit now and forever.

C: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sit. To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion Songs

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.

“In Christ Alone”

(see below)

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

#480

In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light my strength my song
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease
 My Comforter my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
 Till on that cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Stand

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray...Lord God, we who work for change, suffer resistance,

C: So make us strong

A: We who do new things, sometimes feel afraid,

C: So make us brave.

A: We who challenge the world as it is may encounter conflict,

C: So grant us peace.

A: We who try to love, encounter hate.

C: So give us faith in you.

A: Now send us out to be your people in the world that we may tell the story
that your love changes everything.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the
Name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ON OUR WAY

A Song

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

#843

Sending Dismissal

A: You are called by God. You are loved by God. You are saved by God’s grace. You are God’s hope for the world. God has given you a holy vocation:

Stand up – using your gifts to serve God.

Stand for – using your talents to care for all people.

Stand with – God’s creation using your passions to better God’s creation and change the world. We go out with the words of St. Paul: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

All Youth: Jesus changes everything! Jesus is everything.

C: Thanks be to God!

Music as we leave

“Festival Voluntary,” Flor Peeters

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching & Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Carl Herhuth (8:30); Mike Thiel (10:00)

Lectors – Bella Epperson, Luke Mortensen, Dana Quayle

Communion Assistants – Allison Benson, Joe King, Christa Turnbull, Lee Vysoky (8:30); Nancy Mickan, James Quayle, Janice Snyder, Peggy Schauer (10:00)

Acolytes – Jason Epperson(8:30);
Tom Biddle, Eleanor Schauer (10:00)

Cantor – Claire Connelly (8:30)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Trish Kvasnicka, Steve Turnbull (8:30);
Mark Schauer, Sue Zubin (10:00)

Greeters – Wil & Geri Schuett (8:30);
Danielle Biddle, Pat & Kathy Gallagher, Kaylie Norris (10:00)

Ushers – Ken Novack, Greg Paton, Tim Roman, Sam Ratvasky (8:30)
Padraig Donohoe, Jason Epperson, Dana Quayle, George Skliros (10:00)

Trustee – Walt Berghauser

Altar Guild – Bonnie Price, Christa Turnbull

Nursery – Mary Hollander, Melissa Hollander (10:00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

✝ The ill: Bob Koback, Edna Martin, Dottie Juergens, Bob Koback, Ina McCaffrey, Sue Nerlinger, Wayne (a friend of the Gahls)

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In recognition of the 25th wedding anniversary of Kevin & Laura Stover

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

July 28—the great church musicians JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, d. 1750, HEINRICH SCHUETZ, d. 1672, and GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL, d. 1759.

July 29—MARY, MARTHA, and LAZARUS, Jesus' friends (see esp. Luke 10, John 11). Also OLAF, d. 1030, the Norwegian king who established Christianity as the dominant religion of the realm.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13
We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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