

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Your Grace Is Enough”

(piano)

**1. Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob;
you wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.**

You lead me by still waters into mercy where nothing can keep us apart.

*Refrain: So remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.*

*For your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough,
your grace is enough for me.*

**2. Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven’s vict’ry, and all your people sing along.**

Refrain twice

**Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: O God, you display your almighty power chiefly in your mercy and grace. Give us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may serve you with willing hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ’s Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” ELW 848 (organ)

- 1 **Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**
- 2 **He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**
- 3 **Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!**

WORD

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-4a

Reader: Terri Kimler

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have 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 earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the

riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 15:16-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW 618

(organ)

1. **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**
2. **Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.**
3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

Sermon: “Christ Chose You”

Song of the Day – “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638

(piano)

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** *Refrain*
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**
Refrain

**The Apostles' Creed*

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*

Stewardship Time

“Jesus Loves Me,” arr. Line
Jean Welch, piano

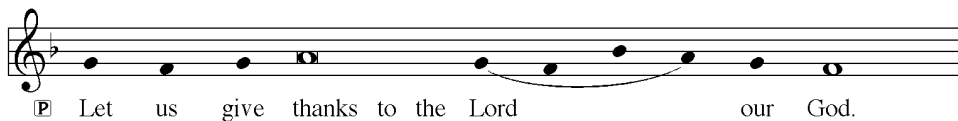
*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are
communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:





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.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“Children of the Heavenly Father” ELW 781 (*organ*)

- 1 **Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2 **God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**
- 3 **Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**
- 4 **Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

- 1 **What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**
- 2 **What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**
- 3 **What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “My Lighthouse”* (piano)

**In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**In the silence, You won't let go, In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Refrain: **My Lighthouse, my lighthouse, Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings, with each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea** *Refrain*

**Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms (4x)** *Refrain*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The altar plants are donated today by the Dichsen family
in celebration of Pastor Adam's birthday on August 6
and
by the Roth family in celebration of Sam's birthday on August 3

Song Credits

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Usher: Pat Glyshaw

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Pianist: Jean Welch



Guitarist: Bishop Emeritus John Roth
Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Kevin Krohe & Cory Street
Chancel Committee: Kris Roth
Coffee Hosts: Barb Davenport & Terri Kimler
Leading worship this morning: Bishop Emeritus John Roth

Singers:

Maddie Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
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Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker	John Williams

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 2, 9:30am: Indoor Worship

Wednesday, August 5, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, August 9, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship
10:45am: Lunch & VBS

Wednesday, August 12, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be outdoors on August 9 and indoors again on August 16.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock

We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children grades 1-6.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing flowers and plants for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. Our final VBS will be on **Sunday, August 9** after church. We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. **Please sign your children up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use this link to access the online form** (<https://forms.gle/Sov8VnSm6SpFWafk9>), **or use the Sign-Up sheet on the counter.**

VBS Sunday August 16

Come hear what the kids have been learning all summer at their Vacation Bible School sessions as we join them in music, storytelling, and maybe even a visit from Sandi the Seagull! "At the Table" is a VBS program designed by ELCA World Hunger to help our kids understand the challenges other children face around the globe, and how we can help when we work together as the church. To join in this work, we will be taking a collection for ELCA World Hunger, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that works in over 60 countries, collaborating with congregations, international Lutheran churches, and various partners to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Youth Sunday August 30

Come hear what our youth have been up to this summer. They've been on mission trips and camps from Gulf Shores, Alabama to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and lots of places in between. While the scenery has been very different, one thing has remained constant... God's faithfulness. Our youth will tell stories of where they experienced God and served as God's hands and feet. We will take a collection to support future youth mission trips, camps, and our efforts to hire a Children, Family, and Youth Coordinator to help grow this important ministry.

Synod Day... You're Invited!

Join us and others from across the synod at Our Lord's Lutheran Church in Maryville on Saturday, August 29, from 10:00-3:00. Synod Day is a time of worship, food, fellowship, and Spirit-led engagement to connect and learn about how we in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod are church together for the sake of the world. Some of our Men's Breakfast crew has been invited to share about this wonderful ministry here at Faith. If you would like to attend, contact the church office **by August 10** and we will cover your registration fee. There will be a crew carpooling, and there will certainly be an extra seat for you!

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

is taking a Summer break but will resume in the Fall.

Praying the Catechism

Luther encouraged utilizing the Small Catechism as a prayer partner. To assist, we are making copies of Luther's Small Catechism available to all. At the table below the Working Cross, you can find small pamphlets (suggested donation \$5) and larger study editions (suggested donation \$15). If you can't pay, you may take one for free. If you can pay extra, cover the cost for someone else.