

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of our welcome cards by the offering boxes so we can get to know you better. If you would like to share a prayer request, you may do so on a card and place it in the box.

Prelude by Benen Dichsen

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.

**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.

**Gathering Song – “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”*

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those,

Who gladly trust you now. Refrain

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Jesus be Praised”

Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,

Jesus, we worship you. Songs of love we raise:

Jesus, Jesus be praised!

Jesus, Jesus be praised!

WORD

Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Reader: John Williams

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-30

¹⁷Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. ²¹For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²²What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized

anyone else. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Song – “The Heart of Worship”

**1. When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come.
Longing just to bring something that’s of worth, that will bless your heart.
I’ll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.
You search much deeper within, through the ways things appear;
you’re looking into my heart.**

*Refrain: I’m coming back to the heart of worship,
and it’s all about you, all about you, Jesus.*

I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it, when it’s all about you, all about you, Jesus.

**2. King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve.
Though I’m weak and poor all I have is yours, ev’ry single breath.
I’ll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.
You search much deeper within, through the ways things appear;
you’re looking into my heart. *Refrain***

Sermon: “What About Worship? History and Cross”

Song of the Day – “Lift High the Cross” ELW 660

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***
- 2. All newborn servants of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of him
who died. *Refrain***
- 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us all
to thee. *Refrain***

4. **So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!**
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

by Marilyn Dichsen

Stewardship is the spiritual practice of responding to God's grace in generosity towards God and others. If you would like to give an offering today, you are invited to come forward and place it in an offering basket. If you would like to give electronically, you can use the provided QR code.



**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

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

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

“The Wonderful Cross”

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

*Refrain: O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
all who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Lord, prepare me, to be a testimony, meek and lowly, more like you.
In submission, sharing your vision, I'll be a testimony, for you.

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With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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**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 – “Great Things”*

**Come let us worship our king. Come let us bow at his feet.
He has done great things.**

**See what our Savior has done. See how his love overcomes.
He has done great things. He has done great things.**

Refrain: **Oh, hero of heaven, you conquer the grave!
You free every captive and break every chain!
Oh God, you have done great things!
We dance in your freedom, awake and alive.
Oh Jesus, our Savior, your name lifted high.
Oh God, you have done great things.**

**You've been faithful through every storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.**

**And I know you will do it again. For our promise is “Yes and Amen.”
You will do great things. God, you do great things. (*Refrain*)**

**Hallelujah God, above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.
Hallelujah, you, have done great things.
Hallelujah God, above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.
Hallelujah, you, have done great things. You've done great things. (*Refrain*)**

*After final Refrain: You have done great things.
Oh God, you do great things.*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar plants are donated today by Kay & Sharon Woodworth
in Thanksgiving for blessings of healing

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

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

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

Sunday, August 16, 9:30am: Indoor Worship

Wednesday, August 19, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Thursday, August 20, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

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 indoors on August 16 and, instead of being outdoors again on August 23, we will be INDOORS for a Scavenger Hunt.** 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.

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. Join us for our final VBS today. 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.

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.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing plants or flowers 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.

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.

SUNDAY SACK LUNCHES TO GO -- Help stop hunger in our community

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is partnering with Go Church to collect food items for their 'Sunday Sack Lunches to Go' program, helping the hungry in the Jacksonville Area.

Collected supplies will be donated to Go Church to include in their food distribution program. Needed items include:

- Mixed Fruit Cups
- NutriGrain Breakfast Bars
- Quaker Chewy Granola Bars
- Nature Valley Trail Mix Bars
- Individual Packets of Cookies
- JIF To Go, Creamy Peanut Butter Cups
- Peanut Butter Cracker Variety Packs
- Tuna Salad with Crackers (Individual Servings)
- Chicken Salad with Cracker Packs (Individual Servings)
- Vanilla Pudding Cups
- Chocolate Pudding Cups
- Slim Jims

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Monetary donations are appreciated and needed, with checks payable to ‘Go Church.’

Items will be collected **through September 20, 2026**. Supplies can be left with all participating Conference of Churches member churches in their collection boxes.

Questions? Contact coordinator Pat Glyshaw at pat.glyshaw@gmail.com

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.