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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“How Great Thou Art”

- ♪ O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;
~Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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- ♪ When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; ~Then...
- ♪ But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; ~Then...
- ♪ When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” ~Then....

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. 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.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.

We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.

We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

A Time of Silence

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Please Be Seated*

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, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 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 Rebekah 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 him who calls— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 136:1–9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

To him who alone does great wonders,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

To him who by understanding made the heavens,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

To him who spread out the earth above the waters,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

To him who made the great lights,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

The sun to rule over the day,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

The moon and stars to rule over the night,

For his steadfast love endures forever;

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn *Please Stand*

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated* “Living on Left Overs” Matthew 14:13-21

The Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

♪ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

♪ The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

♪ Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

♪ Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

♪ When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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Proclamation of the Word

“All You Can Eat”

Isaiah 55:1–5

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (v. 1)

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow’r and praise,
Whose hand sustains creation. Singing ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (v. 2)

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing, In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as His bride selected. Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

Distribution Hymns *Please Be Seated*

“Draw Near and Take”

♪ Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

♪ He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

♪ Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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♪ Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to be called the Lamb of God.

~O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

♪ Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ~O Lamb...

♪ I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. ~O Lamb....

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Post-Communion Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (v. 3)

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation. Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 822 - Text: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1698; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941;
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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Let us thank our gracious God,

Thanks be to You, O Lord, for Your steadfast love.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again shown us forgiveness and love in the precious gift of Your Son’s body and blood.

Grant us strengthened faith through this Sacrament that we exhibit in our life Your gracious invitation to eternal life for all who believe.

For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.

For the Holy Spirit’s work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to You in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.

Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.

With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all Your promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.

Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.

For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters.

Special Intercessions

We ask You, heavenly Father, to visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.

We bring all these things to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

- ♪ Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- ♪ With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Postlude