

company of heaven, we praise your name and join in this sacred meal.

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion:
P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* **ELW #712**

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer:
P: Let us pray.
C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

Blessing
P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ* **ELW #674**

Dismissal
P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.



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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, August 2nd , 2026; 9:30 am **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness
P: We come before our God under the sign of our baptism in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin to God.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Compassionate God,
C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.
P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW #843**

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

Call to Worship **Psalm 145**
P: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
C: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
P: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
C: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
P: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
C: The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
P: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
C: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
P: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Glorious God, your generosity floods the world with goodness and you shower creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy both body and heart, that in the miracle of being fed we may be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

First Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-5** **Darrin VanMeter**

(God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.)

¹ Hear, 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. ² Why 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. ³ Incline 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. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Second Reading: **Romans 9:1-5**

(This begins a new section in Paul’s letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God’s saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel’s heritage and legacy include being God’s children, having God’s covenants, being given God’s law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.)

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go*** **Setting 3 p. 142**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 14:13-21**

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

(After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves

and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children’s Message **Pastor Josh Schunk**

Sermon **Pastor Josh Schunk**

Hymn of the Day: ***Bread Now the Bread of Life*** **ELW #515**

Nicene Creed:
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: ***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*** **ELW #658**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion:

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.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the