



*Matthew 14:13-21*  
*The Miracle of Breaking and Sharing*

*First Lutheran Church*

**August 2, 2026**

**Pentecost 10**

## **WELCOME**

## **PRELUDE**

HOLY MANNA

Dale Wood

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

AM: In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Let us confess our sin to God.

*The assembly kneels.*

PM: 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.**

PM: 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.**

*The assembly stands.*



- 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## GREETING

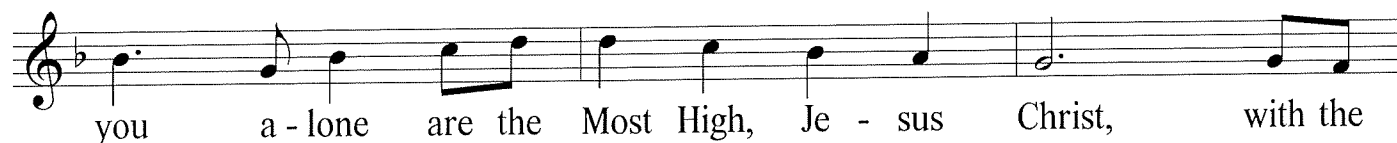
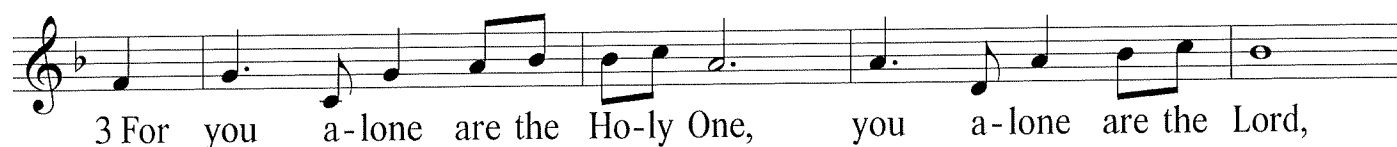
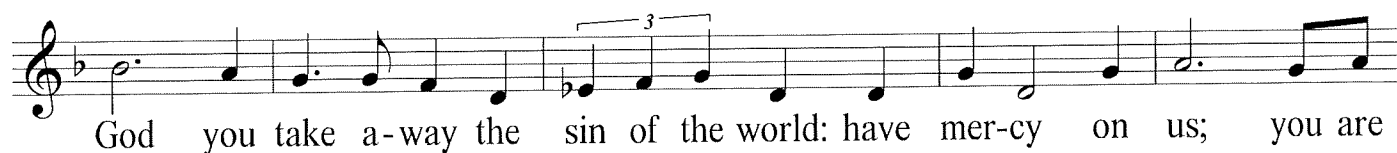
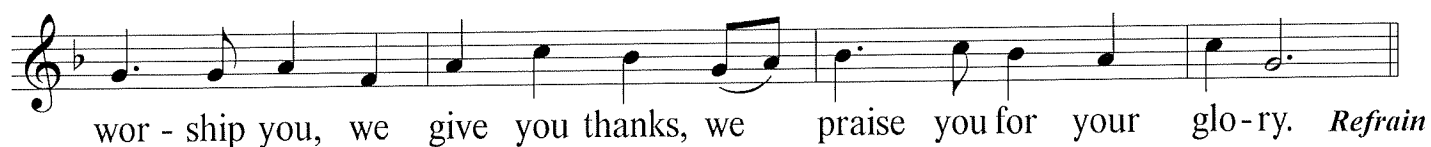
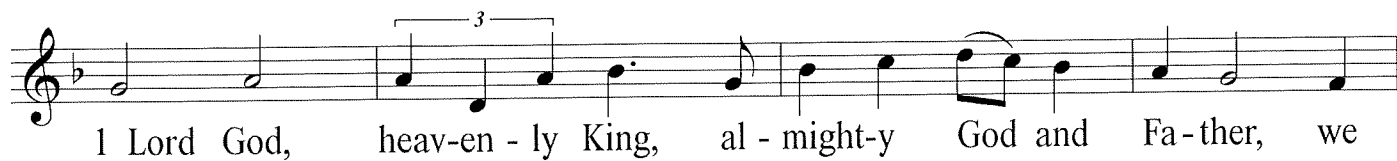
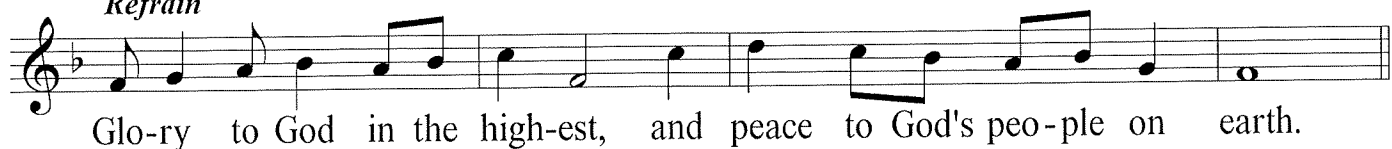
PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirt be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

## Refrain



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PM: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness,  
and you cover creation with abundance.  
Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit,  
and with this food fill all the starving world;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### WORD

#### **FIRST READING**

*ISAIAH 55:1-5*

*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.*

AM: A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter.

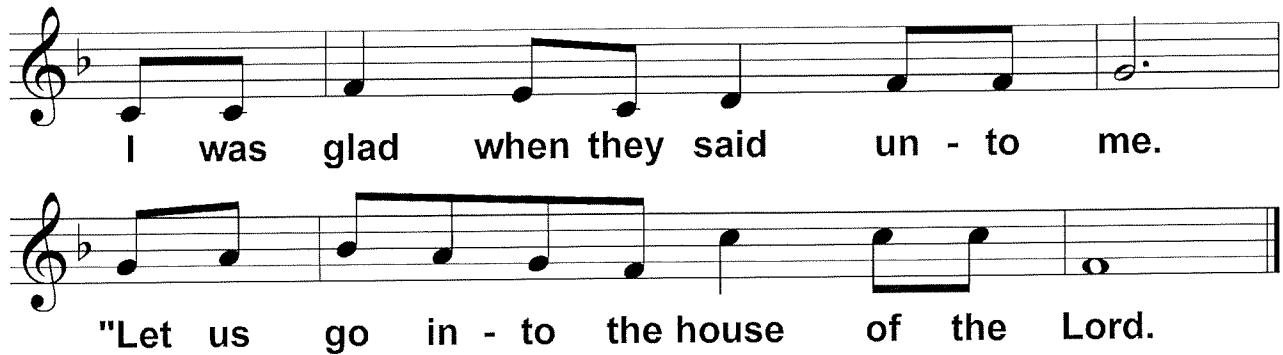
<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> 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.

AM: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*The Cantor will sing the verses:*

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."
- <sup>2</sup> Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;
- <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**
- <sup>5</sup> For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. **Refrain**
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.
- <sup>8</sup> For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.
- <sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." **Refrain**

## 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.*

AM: A reading from Romans, the ninth chapter.

- <sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



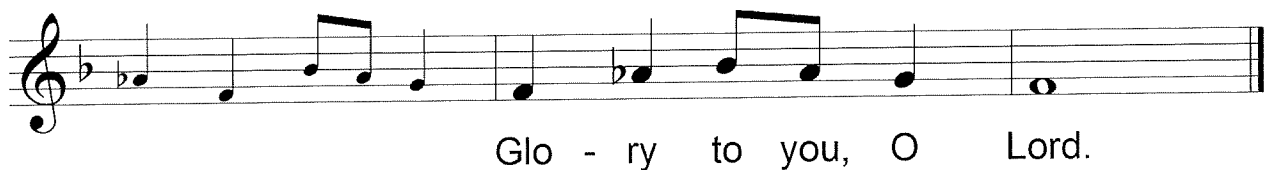
*The Cantor will sing the verse:* One does not live by <sup>1</sup> bread alone,  
\* but by every word that comes from the <sup>1</sup> mouth of  
God. Matthew 4:4

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:13-21

*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.*

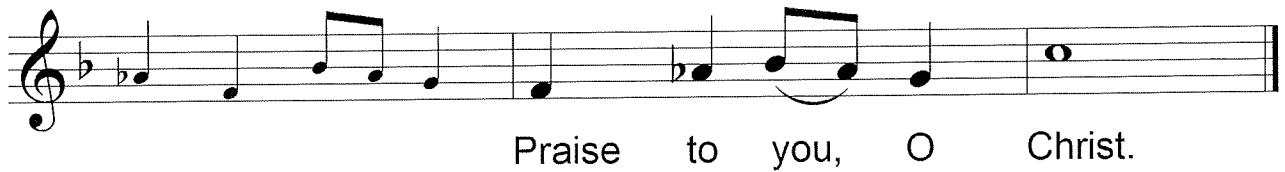
PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> 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.  
<sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PM: The gospel of the Lord.

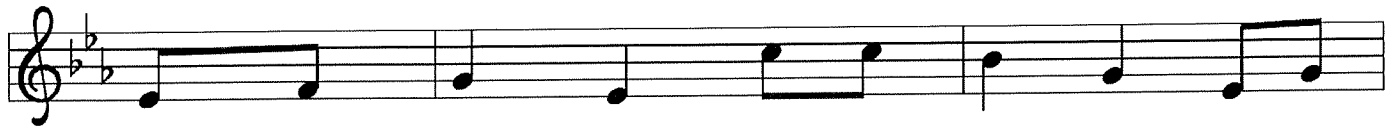


*The assembly is seated.*

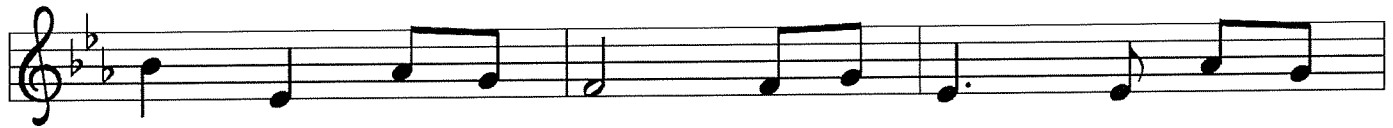
**SERMON**

**PASTOR JANET WITTENMYER**

*The assembly stands.*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

## **NICENE CREED**

PM: In trust and hope we profess our faith in the words of the 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.**

*The assembly kneels.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

PM: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

AM: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word.  
Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers,  
that God's word is broken open and shared with all.

*Each petition concludes:*

PM: Merciful God,,

**C: receive our prayer.**

PM: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.  
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PEACE**

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*BICENTENNIAL*

*Jeffrey Honoré*

*Gift of Finest Wheat*

*The assembly stands.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## *GREAT THANKSGIVING*

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## *PREFACE*

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est.. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..

## ***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE***

PM: 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.

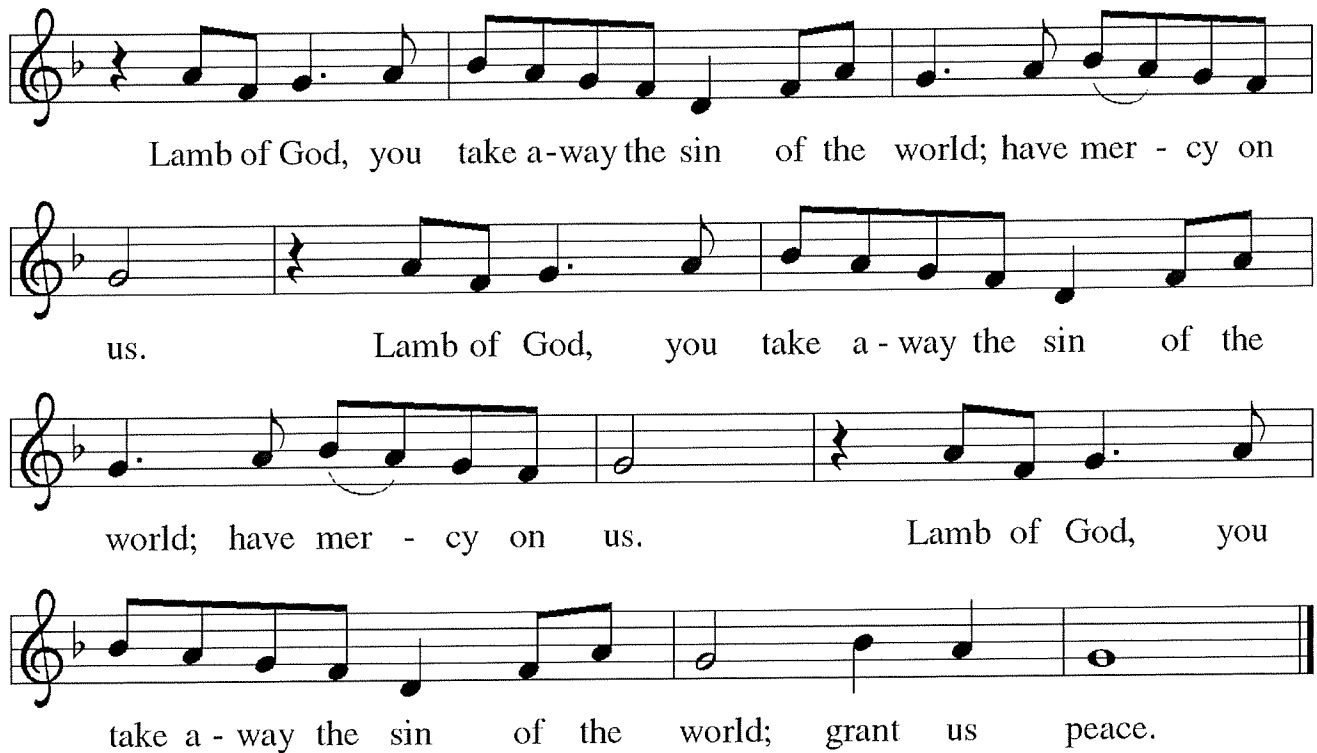
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

*The assembly is seated.*

## COMMUNION

*Communion is distributed in two manners*

† *You may commune in your pews.*

*Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.*

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,*

*all communing in-place will commune together.*

† *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

*A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM: Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*The assembly stands.*

### TABLE BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We pray together:

C: Oh, God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

We are grateful for your goodness and we ask now for confidence  
to go forward into the future.

Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,  
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us  
through this time of transition.

We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,  
our strength and salvation.

Amen.

### BLESSING

PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.





- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Heaven has come near.  
PM: Go, share the good news!  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Richard Dunster-Sigtermans*

*Song of Joy: PAEAN*

## Events in Review

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Sunday</u>    | Aug 2                  |
| 10:00 AM         | Pentecost 10           |
| <u>Monday</u>    | Aug 3                  |
| 10:00AM          | Bible Study at Willows |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | Aug 4                  |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Aug 5                  |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | Aug 6                  |
| <u>Friday</u>    | Aug 7                  |
| <u>Saturday</u>  | Aug 8                  |

### LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK

Rick Nominee



We have started collecting school supplies for this year's Lutheran World Relief donation. A list of supplies needed is on the table in the hallway. We will be collecting all through August.



Please join us as we celebrate

Rick Greene's SAM installation on August 16th

There will be a reception after the service.



Join us in celebrating Jane Frederick on her retirement after 30 years as the director of our Preschool and Extended Care programs. A reception will be held on Sunday, August 9 from 11 - 1. Come thank Jane for her faithful service, congratulate her on her retirement, and wish her God's blessing in this new chapter.

(Anyone wishing to donate to her retirement gift, please see Bonnie Oberlander.)



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Information Board in the hallway. The time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.

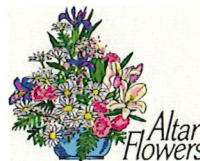


### Next Week

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| <u>Sunday</u>    | Aug 9                   |
| 10:00 AM         | Pentecost 11            |
| <u>Monday</u>    | Aug 10                  |
| 10:00 AM         | Bible Study at Willows  |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | Aug 11                  |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Aug 12                  |
| 6:00 PM          | Worship & Music Meeting |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | Aug 13                  |

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## Our Mission Statement

**"God is among us!"**

**"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."**

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