

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN      ELW #461      “All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
 holy manna is our bread.  
 Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
 Here in truth we will be fed.  
 You that yearn for days of fullness,  
 all around us is our food.  
 Taste and see the grace eternal.  
 Taste and see that God is good.
  
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
 seeker, be a welcome guest.  
 Come from restlessness and roaming.  
 Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 We that once were lost and scattered  
 in communion's love have stood.  
 Taste and see the grace eternal.  
 Taste and see that God is good.
  
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,  
 Jesus Christ is living bread.  
 Come from loneliness and longing.  
 Here in peace we have been fed.  
 Blest are those who from this table  
 live their days in gratitude.  
 Taste and see the grace eternal.  
 Taste and see that God is good.

GREETING

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

RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 145:8-9,14-21

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**LORD, you are good to all,**  
**and your compassion is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.  
**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,**  
**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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. Amen.**

#### Word

BIBLE READING

Romans 9:1-5

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #801

"Change My Heart O God"

Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.

You are the potter;  
I am the clay.

Mold me and make me;  
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"From Futility to Fruitfulness"

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY

ELW #484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

**Refrain:**

**You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.**

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. **To Refrain**
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to you  
our praise and gratitude  
that you should count us worthy, Lord,  
to share this heav'nly food. **To Refrain**
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share  
the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
our oneness in the Lord? **To Refrain**
- 4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell. **To Refrain**
- 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity. **To Refrain**

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

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

Responses: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### Meal

OFFERING & HYMN      ELW #692      "We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 & SONG      ELW #491    "Come, Let Us Eat"

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together,  
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,  
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,  
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN      ELW #535    "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (Ref 2x, v. 1, 2, Ref. 2x)

***Refrain***

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.    (*Repeat*)**

- 1 Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger.
  
- 2 Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

***Refrain***

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.    (*Repeat*)**

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**