

Sunday August 2, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

“Sharing our faith and living Christ’s love”

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

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....

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please Rise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

M Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

M Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

M 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.**

M 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.**

Please be Seated

GATHERING HYMN ~ “*Why Me Lord*” trio~ Lynda, Jenny & ☺

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray together the prayer of the day ...

C **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.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**

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

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

***Psalm Prayer:** Loving God, you are faithful in your promises and tender in your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of every living thing, that all your creatures may bless your name, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and forever. Amen...*

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel

M The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 14
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

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.

M This is the Gospel of our Lord
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be Seated

SERMON

a quiet moment of silence for reflection...and thankfulness...

SERMON HYMN ~# 824 “This Is My Father’s World”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Please Rise...

M With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*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.

A brief silence.

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. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love peace and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*)... **Family and Friends of Mavis Babbitt, Family and Friends of Dale Westerback, Family and Friends of Brett Miller, Donna Marek, Jane Strand** (cousin of Gale Boettcher), **Bob** Eckert (brother of Jodi Ferstenou), **Mary** Thompson, **Nancy** Goller (cousin of Gale Boettcher), **DeEtta** Chovan, **Ed** Archibald (husband of Deb Durch), **John** Telschow (Father of Eric Telschow), **Anonymous person** praying for discernment and safety, **Anonymous person** requests prayers for healing, **Sophia** Phan (daughter Natalie(Miller)Prill), **Jackie** Mohrman, **Aaron** Dietsche, **Bobbie** Powell, **Joyce** Nelson, **Drew** Elwood, **DeWayne** Fossum, & **Ann** Westerback
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Prayers of the Church Family

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

M The peace of Christ be with you all.
C And also with you.

OFFERING / OFFERING HYMN ~ # 686 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Please Rise

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

M 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

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

M 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.*

All are Welcome at our Lord’s Table

“Beyond the Stars” Lynda Marek solo

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

M 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.

BLESSING

M Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG ~ “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

Please rise for the last verse if you wish...

Not my brother, nor my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;

Chorus: It's me, (it's me) it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, (it's me) it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;

Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;

Chorus

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;

Chorus

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

POSTLUDE

