10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **AUGUST 2, 2026**

GREETING
P: Gathered in Christ.
C: We serve with grace.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. *(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8–9)*

Kneel/Stand ~ Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: Most merciful God, we confess that our lives and our world have been corrupted by sin. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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."

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *[John 20:19–23]*
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*..... #843

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.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-5
[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. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145 8-9, 14-21

[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.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

[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. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: *Alleluia.*

C: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 14:13-21
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
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. The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Break Now the Bread of Life"* ..... #515

APOSTLES' CREED
C: 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
P: 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,
C: receive our prayer.

P: 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,
C: receive our prayer.

P: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: 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*). Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: 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,
C: receive our prayer.

P: 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,
C: receive our prayer.

P: 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.

PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG "*GIVE THANKS*"
C: Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the holy one. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say I am strong.

Let the poor say I am rich; because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER
P: 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
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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 in remembrance of me."

Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
P: 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.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lamb of God"*..... Setting 4 #154

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P: 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

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *"Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"* ..... #712

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SONG OF PEACE

C: My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know; peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

DISMISSAL

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