

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing?

John S. Dixon

### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
 Let me hide myself in Thee;  
 Let the water and the blood  
 From Thy riven side which flowed  
 Be of sin the double cure,  
 Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
 Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
 Could my zeal no respite know,  
 Could my tears forever flow,  
 All for sin could not atone;  
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
 Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
 Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
 Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
 Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
 Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
 When mine eyelids close in death,  
 When I soar to worlds unknown,  
 See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,  
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
 Let me hide myself in Thee!

## CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 794

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my Life from heaven;**

**My Maker, who to me has soul and body given;**

**My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day**

**And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.**

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support in sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever living,  
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised in whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

L: The first reading for The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter fifty-five.

*God offers an everlasting covenant to David.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 136

- L: Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- L: Give thanks to the God of gods,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: to Him who alone does great wonders,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: to Him who by understanding made the heavens,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: to Him who made the great lights,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: the sun to rule over the day,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever;**
- L: Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- A: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

- L: The second reading is from chapter nine of Romans.

*We are included in God's promises and share Abraham's faith.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:13–21

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter fourteen.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus has compassion and brings relief for body and soul.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Hymnal p. 817

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!**

**Sing to the Lord a new song!**

*Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!*

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*  
 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!  
 Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*  
     Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*  
 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*  
 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*  
     Children of God, Dying and rising.  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*

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## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## VOLUNTARY

Adoro te Devote

Janis Dunson Wilson

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.  
Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

- 1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God for those sins;
- 2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;
- 3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and
- 4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.



## **PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

## **PROPER PREFACE**

### **SANCTUS**

Hymnal p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

**C:** **Amen.**

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us O Jesus! O Jesus!

**Prayer before communing:** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side to aid those using the handrail. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Hymnal p. 617

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast there of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor

That we follow Christ our Savior

And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly minded He make us:

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Hymnal p. 352

Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word

And at last to us did send Christ's the sinner's help and friend

What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,

What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.

Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord

Him of two-fold race behold Truly came, as long foretold.

As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,

Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.

Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread,

I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.

Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,

I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

## VOLUNTARY

Peace, Perfect Peace

Anthony Giamanco

## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal p. 648

**Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded You may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove,  
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.**

**Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.**

**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

**Solemn Postlude on "Thaxted"**

**Douglas E. Wagner**

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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