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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025

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Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 (the 'S' numbers are in the front!) or the red and black *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* which can be found in your pew.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: Trois Improvisations

Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

III. Improvisation

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 421: All Glory be to God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. People

People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria, Hymn S-280: Glory to God

(10:00 am only)

People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on (8am only) earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reader The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People

Psalm 82

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- ² "How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?
- ³ Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;
- ⁴ Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;
- ⁷ Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince."
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 574: Before thy throne

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: *Luke 12:49-56*

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord. Reader People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us offer our prayers in faith on behalf of the church and world. *A brief silence* God of all, you fill heaven and earth and search out those who hide. Help align our dreams with your dream for your world and your people, that we may live in justice and peace.

People God of faith, hear our prayer.

God of creation, we give you thanks for the life and love you bestow upon us and upon all your children. Make us all ever more mindful of the beauty of your good creation which we can so easily take for granted. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, as we celebrate the 43rd year of our Breakfast Program, we give thanks for the dedication and hard work of the thousands of volunteers who have risen early for the past 15,695 mornings to serve over a million meals to our guests. We give thanks for the faithful generosity of our donors who have funded this good work. We give thanks for the vision and creativity of the leaders, past and present, who have guided this program through the last four decades. May we continue to be a blessing in this community for years to come. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of justice, we pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of Christ's holy Church, and for the unity of all people, as we are called to "discern the times" through the Spirit. May we courageously speak truth and act justly in these divided days. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for wisdom among leaders in a world torn by war and political upheaval. We lift before you the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places of violence and displacement. Strengthen all who work for reconciliation, grant courage to peacemakers, and protect those working to provide critical food and medical supplies. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of healing, we pray for those in any kind of trouble, especially the sick, the marginalized, and the lonely. We remember those on our prayer list, those we name in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Give them strength, hope, and relief according to your mercy. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for our own needs and the needs of those close to our hearts. *Silence* Surround us with your care and compassion. **God of faith, hear our prayer.**

God of heaven, we pray for those who have run with perseverance the race set before them and who now dwell in your eternal light. We remember especially Charles Garton, Scarlett Pettigrew Stainton, and William Whitfield Stainton, in whose memory the flowers are given this week, and those dear to each of us. *Silence* Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of faith, you send your Word as fire and hammer. May your Spirit shape us into adaptable, honest witnesses to your reign. May we discern the times, bear the cross of truth-telling, and live with integrity, generosity, and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Voluntary: Four Hand Piano: "What Wondrous Love is This"

arr. Oliver Steissberg (b. 2000)

Oliver Steissberg and Sarah Teske, Piano

Offertory Hymn 490: I want to walk

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus, S-129: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: Vier flüchtige Stücke Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

I. Larghetto

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

Communion Hymn, LEVAS 154: Taste and See

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

Deeple Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 347: Go forth for God

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Prelude in G Minor, Op. 7 no. 3*

Marcel Dupré

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

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