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## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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## ✝ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✝

Today we celebrate the Tenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider the love of Christ toward unbelievers, and His desire that all would believe in Him and be saved. On account of sin, those who don't believe will face eternal punishment. However, Jesus doesn't desire this. Therefore, he took the world's punishment upon Himself, and now promises salvation to all through faith, willing that everyone would receive this gift, and weeping over those who reject it.

If you are a VISITOR here, we offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred expression of Christian unity, which includes unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:5). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess with us the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

***PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the Sharing of the Peace that would normally take place at the beginning of the service has been temporarily suspended.***

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

*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.

**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.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

**C** Amen.

Stand

## Hymn of Invocation: 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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## Service of the Word

## Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 55:1, 4–5, 16; antiphon: vv. 16a, 17b, 18a, 22a*

**P** I call to God, and he hears my voice;  
he redeems my soul in safety.

**C** Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you.

**P** Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

**C** My heart is in anguish within me;  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

**P** Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.

**C** But I call to God,  
and the LORD will save me.

**All: 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.**

**P** I call to God, and he hears my voice;  
he redeems my soul in safety.

**C** Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you.

# Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 8:4–12*

<sup>4</sup>“You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD:

When men fall, do they not rise again?

If one turns away, does he not return?

<sup>5</sup>Why then has this people turned away

in perpetual backsliding?  
 They hold fast to deceit;  
 they refuse to return.  
<sup>6</sup>I have paid attention and listened,  
 but they have not spoken rightly;  
 no man relents of his evil,  
 saying, 'What have I done?'  
 Everyone turns to his own course,  
 like a horse plunging headlong into battle.  
<sup>7</sup>Even the stork in the heavens  
 knows her times,  
 and the turtledove, swallow, and crane  
 keep the time of their coming,  
 but my people know not  
 the just decrees of the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>"How can you say, 'We are wise,  
 and the law of the LORD is with us'?"  
 But behold, the lying pen of the scribes  
 has made it into a lie.  
<sup>9</sup>The wise men shall be put to shame;  
 they shall be dismayed and taken;  
 behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD,  
 so what wisdom is in them?  
<sup>10</sup>Therefore I will give their wives to others  
 and their fields to conquerors,  
 because from the least to the greatest  
 everyone is greedy for unjust gain;  
 from prophet to priest,  
 everyone deals falsely.  
<sup>11</sup>They have healed the wound of my people lightly,  
 saying, 'Peace, peace,'  
 when there is no peace.  
<sup>12</sup>Were they ashamed when they committed abomination?  
 No, they were not at all ashamed;  
 they did not know how to blush.  
 Therefore they shall fall among the fallen;  
 when I punish them, they shall be overthrown,  
 says the LORD".

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 17:8, 2*

- P** Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
- C** From your presence let my vindication come!  
Let your eyes behold the right!

## Epistle

*Romans 9:30—10:4*

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup>as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

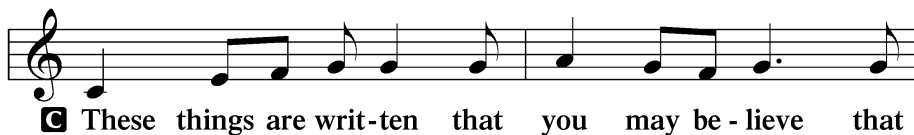
<sup>1</sup>Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse





## Holy Gospel

*Luke 19:41–48*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

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

<sup>41</sup>When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup>and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

<sup>45</sup>And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup>saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

<sup>47</sup>And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup>but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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**Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Gracious heavenly Father, keep us, Your baptized children, as the apple of Your eye and hide us in the shadow of Your wings. Keep us from all false doctrine, by which Your holy name is blasphemed. Give ear to our prayers for mercy, and forgive our sins for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P** Fill Your vineyard with faithful laborers, O Lord. Bless them with Your wisdom, that they would be faithful stewards of Your mysteries, making known Your gracious visitation in the Holy Word and Sacraments, which deliver eternal salvation to those who hear and receive in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P** Defend Your Church throughout the world, O Lord. Give strength to our brothers and sisters in Christ who experience persecution, and turn the hearts of our enemies, that they would be brought to repentance and faith and joined to the fellowship of all believers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P** Bless the relief agencies of our Synod and all other groups who provide aid to those in need. Let compassion and mercy be their guiding light, and give wisdom and discernment to those who administer them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P** Bless Donald, our president; Gretchen, our governor; all those who make and administer our laws; and all judges, that they might serve our country faithfully and make decisions with wisdom. Defend all who serve in our military, and give courage to both them and their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P** Support and strengthen those who are sick or suffering [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. In the midst of their trials, keep them always focused upon Christ and the everlasting hope they have in Him, and, if it be Your will, restore them to physical health and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We give You thanks, heavenly Father, for the great gift Your Son has given to us in His Holy Supper. As we join together with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in lauding and praising You, lift up our hearts, that we would rightly receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

***NOTE REGARDING THE OFFERING – Offering plates are located at the sanctuary exit doors where you may leave your weekly offering as you depart today.***

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

## Distribution

*Visitors – Please see note on the inside front cover of this service folder regarding our practice of Holy Communion.*

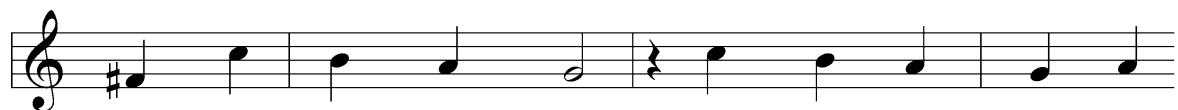
### **Directions for Holy Communion:**

- *Ushers will release you in small groups to approach the altar*
- *Please wear a mask as you approach the altar and as you depart (masks may be removed at the communion rail)*
- *Please space yourselves out at the communion rail (households may remain together)*
- *Please temporarily receive the host (wafer) in your hands rather than your mouth*
- *Use of the common cup will be temporarily suspended*
- *When you take an individual cup, please be careful not to touch any adjacent cups*
- *Hand sanitizer will be available on pedestals as you depart the Lord's Table*

### **Distribution Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## Distribution Hymn: 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing  
 To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the  
 captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father,  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly  
 mansions,  
 There to share Your wedding  
 feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the  
 dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious  
 head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.



*Stand*  
**Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29–32*

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

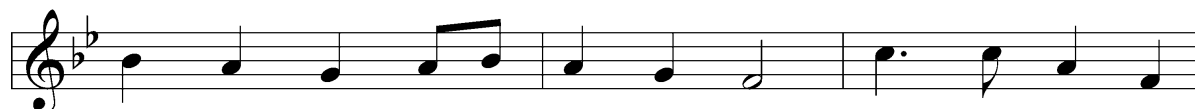
## Closing Hymn: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 8/16**    **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
• **Divine Services** at 8:30 & 10 a.m.
- Mon. 8/17**    **Pastor's Day Off**
- Tue. 8/18**    **Pastor out of office in p.m.**  
**Church Council Meeting** 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 8/19**    **Adult Bible Class** 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Fri. 8/21**    **Deadline to submit newsletter articles for September**
- Sun. 8/23**    **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
• **Divine Services** at 8:30 & 10 a.m.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTE REGARDING OUR CURRENT WORSHIP SERVICES:** During this time of COVID-19, some of our church members might feel it's better in their personal situations to wait a bit longer before returning to church. And we totally understand. Because of this, Pastor Vergin will continue to post an abbreviated version of our worship services online. Pastor is also available for home visits where private Holy Communion will be given and COVID-19 safety precautions will be used. Please call the church office if you would like to schedule a private visit with Pastor.

**OUR EFFORTS TO HELP MITIGATE CORONAVIRUS** – Here's what you can expect for each of our Divine Services through August:

1. We will still be distributing hand sanitizer at the entryway, as well as before and after Communion.
2. We ask that, at least initially, people wear masks when entering and departing the building and sanctuary (those who wish can remove them once seated at their pew).
3. Certain pews will still be closed to maintain spacing between congregants.
4. The "Sharing of the Peace," the passing of offering plates, and the common cup will still be temporarily suspended.
5. Holy Communion will again be distributed at the altar, but in smaller groups (the Pastor and elder will wear masks during distribution).

Please note that due to technology and time limitations, our online services will now be recorded **on Sundays**, so the services will not be available online until later Sunday afternoon or early the next week. Additionally, it will not be formatted/edited as extensively. Thank you for your gracious cooperation and your flexibility during the past few months.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – Due to having two worship services on Sunday mornings, our usual Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will not take place on **Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.** Pastor will continue to teach on the book of Joshua. Please make plans now to join him for this educational study!

HELP NEEDED WITH ST. PAUL'S TAKE-OUT DINNERS - On **Wednesday, August 26**, volunteers from St. Mark's will meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac to help assemble Take-Out Dinners for needy families in the area. During COVID-19, these Take Out Dinners have replaced St. Paul's traditional Wednesday evening dinners that have always been served by sister LCMS congregations. As always, COVID-19 safety measures will be in place. A sign-up sheet has been posted on an easel in the entryway for those who wish to help. Any questions regarding the dinner can be addressed to Karen Kaufman, Chairman of the Board of Human Care.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - Our Outdoor Movie Night is scheduled for **Friday, August 28**. We are still planning to hold this event, since it will be outdoors and will easily allow for sufficient spacing. Here, we will be watching a family-friendly movie on our outdoor screen. The movie will begin around 8:30 p.m. We may provide snacks and drinks, as long as it can be done safely. So bring a chair or a blanket, as well as some friends, and join us! We hope to see you there!

REMINDER: Don't forget to periodically check out the BUDGET THERMOMETER located on the bulletin board outside of the church office to see how we're doing financially for 2020! Thanks SO MUCH to all of you for continuing to regularly provide your offerings to St. Mark's either by mailing in your contributions, or participating in our Kindrid online giving program.

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. If interested (and we hope you will be!), please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!

*INVISIBLE DAD LUNCH PROGRAM AT KEITH ELEM.* – Although area schools will not be resuming until September (possibly), St. Mark's will continue to receive coin donations to help support Keith Elementary's "Invisible Dad" lunch program. This helpful program, started by a dad at Keith, keeps extra money in the school's Invisible Dad Lunch Fund so that if a student's personal lunch account falls too low, or if a student forgets to bring a lunch (or can't afford to bring a lunch), money is available for them to have the same lunch as other students at no cost. This saves the student the embarrassment of being offered only a sandwich wrap and/or cheese/cracker package (the state mandated free items that the school can provide). A clear, glass jar is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit any spare change you might have in order to help support this program. When school starts up again, the contents of the jar will be brought to the principal's office at Keith Elementary. Thanks in advance for your support!

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn’t damaged. Thank you.







## **SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister

Rev. Aaron Vergin

Acolyte

TBD

Altar Guild

Gail Fitzgerald

Elder on Duty

Darryl Swainson

Greeters

Mary Ann Lockwood

Offering Counters

Nancy Salo & Carolynn Taylor

Organist

Rob Wheeler

Ushers

Tom Kaufman & Rudy Rentola

Video Technician

John Sidelinker