

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 2, 2026

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 vs. 1

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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.**

please be seated

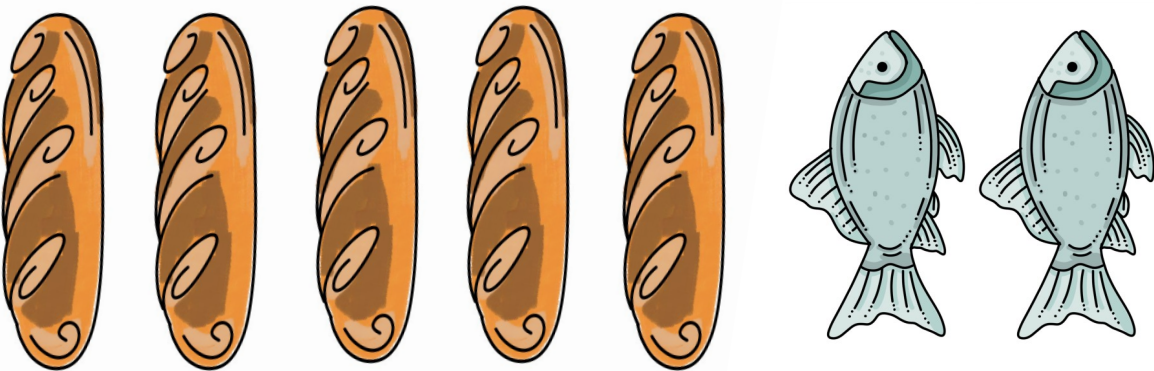
First Reading

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.

Thanks be to God.



Responsive Reading

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.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 vs. 2

Gospel

Matthew 14: 13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter. **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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Build a Longer Table"

(See Next Page)

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Apostle's Creed

**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

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated
Offering



please stand in body or spirit

Offertory "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#843 vs. 3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... 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. **Amen.**

The 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

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

At the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.
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Communion Hymns

"Break Now the Bread of Life"	#515
"O Living Bread From Heaven"	#542
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"	#674

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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray....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. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn“

“Oh Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

#658

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.



"GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL IN NEED"



Welcome: "Good morning, and welcome! As we observe the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, we pray you will experience the warmth of Christ's love and the peace of the Holy Spirit."

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Jill Logan, Ken Holland, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Merle Fuelling (brother of Paul Fuelling), Dan (Friend of Dan & Julie Cronin), Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash: *Anew*. Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHoltten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *Windsor Nursing Home*.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.





Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet **every Monday** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join!



Float Work: Float work is underway! Calling all counters (1-4), pleaters, and fluffers! We will gather in the Gathering Space on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** for the present. The Gathering Space will be open beginning at 5 pm - 8 pm. Questions - contact Rhonda Schlesselman or Janice Gerken.

Yoga: Beginning on **August 3rd**, Dr. Stephanie Shirding will once again offer a Community Yoga class! This class will run from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall every **Monday**. We thank Dr. Shirding for offering this once again!



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 6th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Committee: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on **August 12th** at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room.



Meeting: The Church Council will meet on **August 12th** at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Circle: The Esther Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on **August 17th** at Sharel Wienberg's home



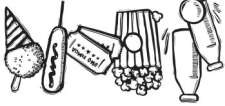
Bible Study

Back to School Blessing: On Saturday and Sunday, **August 22 & 23**, we will offer a blessing during the worship service for all those who are starting a new school year - students, teachers, staff, subs, everyone! Students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship to be a part of the blessing that day. Hope you can join us! PRAYING OVER a new school year 🌟♥🌟

thrivent If you are a Thrivent member and haven't yet used one or either of your Action Grants for this year, please let us know and we can put them to use! Contact Pastor Stephen if you have an Action Grant available. Thanks!

Sunbeam: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on **August 26th** at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Space.



 **The Fair Stand Schedule** is posted on the bulletin board in the Link! Stop by and see where you can offer your time to work in the stand. We will soon share a link for online sign-ups. Thank you for your help!

~In Our Community~

Salvation Army Kids Meals: For the past few years, the Salvation Army of Benton County has been providing weekly kids meals to families with children to help supplement their food needs. Last year they provided over 41,000 meals to hundreds of families across our county during the summer months!! They expect that number to grow even bigger this year, and with the rising grocery costs they will need our help. If you would like to financially contribute to this effort, you can include that in your offering at church (designated for Kids Meals) or mail it directly to: Salvation Army, PO Box 1432, Warsaw, MO 65355 (be sure to mark your donation as "Kids Meals.")



Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social: The Youth Group of Holy Cross in Cole Camp will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, August 9th from 6-8 PM** on the church lawn. A light supper of hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, watermelon, desserts, and ice cream will be served. Around 7 PM, there will be a pie and dessert auction with limited offerings, so come ready to bid! Proceeds will benefit the LSA and our local LERT Team. More detailed information can be found on Holy Cross's Facebook page. Please make plans to attend this fun evening of food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Cole Camp Fair Pies: It's that time of year again! If anyone would like to order pies we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$12.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan. We will take orders thru **September 4**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie(s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.

SERMON NOTES **for kids**

AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE!

WHO IS SPEAKING? _____

DATE: _____

MESSAGE TITLE: _____

WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

BOOK: _____

CHAPTER: _____

VERSE: _____

WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING ABOUT FROM THIS PASSAGE:

DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY!



MY QUESTIONS & NOTES



THINGS I HAVE QUESTIONS ON TODAY:

IMPORTANT POINTS / VERSES FROM TODAY:

MY FAVORITE SONG FROM TODAY WAS...

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 2:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar
Monday, August 3:	9:00 am	Sewing Group
	6:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday, August 4:	5:00 pm	Float Work
Thursday, August 6:	8:00 am	BCHD
	5:00 pm	Float Work
Saturday, August 8:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, August 9:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations

~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

August 12	Worship & Music Meeting
August 12	Church Council Meeting
August 17	Esther Circle
August 26	Sunbeam Committee

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist Jeannette VonHoltten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers Melisa Balke, Assistant Head Usher
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Mike Schlesselman

10th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 2, 2026

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Adrienn Dieckman
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Charlotte Zeller & Lexi Goyette
Flowers Ellen Harms

11th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 9, 2026

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Greg Bredehoeft & Ruth Ann Kreisel
Reader Fred Goosen
Children's Sermon Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Lauren Jackson
Flowers Kim Gumbel