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Worship –9:30 am

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 17, 2025

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN** Video: “How Deep the Father’s Love” by Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.



**INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 119:89–94*

**P:** Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.  
**C:** Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P: By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.  
C: **If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**

P: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.  
C: **I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.  
C: **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**INTROIT** *Psalms 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

P: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.  
C: **Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!**

P: For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.  
C: **But it is you, a man, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend.**

P: We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.  
C: **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: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism,

give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Jeremiah 23:16–29*     (The prophets bring words of warning from God.)

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup> For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup> Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup> The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup> “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup> “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup> How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

**L:**     This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:**     **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3*     (Running the Christian race)

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

C: **Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 12:49–53* (Jesus speaks of His purpose of being on earth.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

<sup>9</sup> "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** No. 837 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

**SERMON**    "Heroes"    Hebrews 12:1-2    Rev. Tony Troup

**CREED**    *Nicene Creed*

**People:**    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.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy;  
C: **Hear our prayer.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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.**

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

### SANCTUS *(LSB page 161, sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**    *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P:**     As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C:**     **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:**     O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**    *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

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

**C:**     **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**    *(LSB page 163, sung)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Video

No. 730            "What is the World to Me"

**What is the world to me    With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,    Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,    My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest    What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised    And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects    That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize    Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.    What is the world to me!**

The world seek after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

No. 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing,

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving,  
To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *(LSB page 164, sung)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C:** Amen.



**BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**

(Please stand)

**HYMN**    LSB #801      “How Great Thou Art”

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain**

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gently breeze; Refrain**

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” Refrain**

**SENDING**

P:      Go in peace to serve and love the Lord!  
**C:      Thanks be to God!**