



August 2, 2026 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

Our Psalm for this morning has a beautiful refrain throughout the Psalm: “For his steadfast love endures forever.” The Psalm is actually longer than what we will read this morning. The Psalmist recounts God’s actions in creation (for His steadfast love endures forever). Then, after our reading this morning, the Psalmist recounts God’s gracious action towards Israel through the Exodus, the parting of the Red Sea, and bringing Israel into the promised land. The Psalmist expresses how God “remembered us in our low estate,” “rescued us from our foes,” “gives food to all flesh,” all because “His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136:23-25). Even today in your life, God’s steadfast love endures forever.

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 719, “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.
All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 204).*

- All: 1. To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing – our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
2. To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry, where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.
3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High, in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CATECHISM *The Eighth Commandment (Exodus 20:16; LSB 321)*

Pastor: What is the eighth commandment?
People: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Pastor: What does this mean?
People: We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1–5*

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has 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 labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 136:1–9*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who by understanding made the heavens,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who made the great lights,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the sun to rule over the day,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

EPISTLE READING *Romans 9:1–5*

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that 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 brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 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 their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 14:13–21*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate 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 on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 791, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

SERMON *"For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever"*

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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN *LSB 781, "We Give Thee But Thine Own," stanzas 1-2*

THE COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

People: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (*Augsburg Confession-Article X*)

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 208)*

All: 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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You ... His body and blood.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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

Pastor: 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."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 210)*

All: 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 628, "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SONG OF SIMEON (*Music and words in hymnal, LSB 211*)

All: 1. O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill, the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

2. All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One; for as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN *LSB 543, "What Wondrous Love Is This"*

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

Next Week's Readings: August 9, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:4-18

Psalms 18:1-6

Romans 10:5-17

Matthew 14:22-33

Service adapted from Divine Service Setting 4, LSB 203-212.



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of August 2, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Dane Arbuckle Families
St. John's, Purdy - Pastor Schnackenberg

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing: Amy Garoutte (Upcoming surgery); William (Ardella's son)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Becky - (Cheryl Lile's friend – fighting an infection)

Ardella – (health and healing)

Tammy Ardrey – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys' son – health and healing)

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)

Sharon Crandall - (health & healing)

Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)

Family of Jamie – (friend of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing)

Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)

Aaron (grandson of Bill & Joanne)

Beverly Lofton – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)

Blazi – (friend of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing)
 Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – (health and healing)
 Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)
 Teri Ediger – (health and healing from surgery)
 Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son of Teri)
 McGee family – (health and healing)
 Glenda – (Teri Ediger's step–mother – health and healing)

Long Term

Gladys Bauer – (health and healing)
 Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
 Rev. Johannes Brann – (health and healing/peace and comfort)
 Rev. Brian and Jessica Chisamore – (health and healing for Jessica)
 Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
 Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken–hip)
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
 Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
 Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Family of Eldrid Holle (Kathy Holle's uncle)
 Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
 Rebecca – (Kathy Holle's relative – health and healing from cancer)
 Emma S. – (recovery after hospital stay)
 Tim Tucek– (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
 Baby Vada – (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)
 Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)
 Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
 Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
 Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister–In–Law – health & healing)
 Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
 Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

WEEK

Sunday	Aug. 2nd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	Aug. 3rd	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm LWML Mother/Daughter/Friend Salad supper – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Aug. 5th	Pastor's Day Off
Thursday	Aug. 6th	Project Rise – see Bernie
Friday	Aug 7th	Pastor In Office
Sunday	Aug. 9th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	Aug. 10th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Birthdays: Aug. 2-Hannah Heitshusen; Aug. 3-Robert Miller-Morgan; Aug. 4-Marlo Springer
Anniversaries: Aug. 4-James & Betty Gordon

August

Greeters

8/02: Stan & Sharon Crandall
 8/09: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer
 8/16: Charlie & Edee Chambers
 8/23 Emily Ernest & Matthew Springer
 8/30: Bill & Joanne Michel

Ushers

02: Charlie Chambers
 09: David Lampe
 16: Bill Michel
 23: Matthew Springer
 30: Doug Goodman



NO Joint Service! We will NOT have a joint worship service at Trinity on August 16. We WILL meet here at Grace just like normal!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON BACK.

LWML invites all ladies to a Mother/Daughter/Friend Salad supper on Monday, August 3, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran School in Freistatt. It's a Route 66 themed evening with a Photo Booth perfect for a great backdrop. We have two speakers — one to show us how to take better photos with our cell phones, including selfies, and the next to show us some ways to look better in photos taken. We'll be taking photos, and if willing, we'll share them on the white board — before and afters! It should be a fun evening with lots of laughs, so mark your calendar and join us.

Sunday Bible Class - Why do we begin the service with confession? Why does Pastor say "in the stead and by the command of Christ..."? Why do we have four Scripture readings every Sunday? Are they connected to each other? Is there any Biblical basis for why we do the things we do on Sunday morning? We will seek to answer these questions (and more) in our Sunday morning Bible class. If you've ever wondered why we worship the way we do, then come and join us!

Wednesday Bible Class - We will re-start our Wednesday Bible class on Wednesday, September 9 (the Wednesday after Labor Day). There have been some questions about whether it will remain in the evening (6 pm) or be moved to the morning (10 am). If you normally attend or would like to attend the Wednesday Bible class, please write your preferred time on one of the cards in the pew in front of you. Please hand the card to Pastor on your way out of church this morning.