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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 13

August 2, 2026, 8:30 AM

Contemporary Service



AS WE GATHER

After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever”? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say “thank You” to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of “His steadfast love.” In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul.

The rich Hebrew word translated “steadfast love” reflects not only God’s general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people’s entire lives and well-being. Jesus’ provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as “our daily bread” call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the “rich food” God provides “that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:2–3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord’s steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God’s steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.



FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“All Who Are Thirsty”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse)

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**All who are thirsty, All who are weak,
Come to the fountain Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy. As deep cries out to deep**

Holy Spirit, come....

Come, Lord Jesus, come...

WELCOME

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

I will go to the altar of God,

to God my exceeding joy.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.**

They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

**He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.**

For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

**So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

(Please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE

“Greatly To Be Praised”

*(Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus , Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1, Chorus 2,
Bridge, Chorus 1, Chorus 2)*

**Lift your eyes, lift your eyes to the One
Who’s reigning over us, for He has overcome
Fill the skies, fill the skies with a song
As heaven sings along, to glorify the Son (Pre-Chorus & Chorus 1)**

Pre-Chorus

**Who is like You, none compare
There’s no one like our God**

Chorus 1

**Great and greatly to be praised
Name above all other names
Powerful and strong to save
Hallelujah, our God reigns
Our God reigns**

**Tell the world, tell the world of the love
He's lavished over us, His daughters and His sons
Made alive, made alive, now we're free
Rescued and redeemed, the victory is won (Pre-chorus, Chorus 1 & 2)**

Chorus 2

**Glory in the highest place
King of mercy, God of grace
Together let the earth proclaim
Hallelujah, our God reigns
Our God reigns**

Bridge

**We lift our eyes up, behold the Son
Lift our voices, and sing as one
Hallelujah, our God reigns (repeat bridge, then Chorus 1 & 2)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

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.

²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For 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. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she

was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13–21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now 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.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE MONTH: "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me"

(sing twice)

"Take up thy cross and follow Me," I heard the blessed Savior call;
How can I make a lesser sacrifice, When Jesus gave His all?

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"Everlasting God"

(repeat once)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

MESSAGE

OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you)*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder.)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
give us Your peace.**

(Please be seated)

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"I Surrender to You"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

**Lord, You live in me, You're my best friend.
You're the King of Kings, the beginning and end.
Now that You have my eyes,
I see Your Spirit inside of me.**

Chorus:

**All that I am is for You, my Savior.
I live by Your Word and surrender to You.
Here where I stand in this moment, Father,
My spirit has been renewed.
I surrender to You.**

**You hold the key to my life in Your loving hands.
Always by my side, I offer all that I am.
So glad I realize You are the truth
and the light in my life. Chorus:**

Bridge:

Ev'rything I need, I find in You.

I believe Your promises are true.

I will lift my burdens up to You;

Your loving grace will see me through. Chorus:

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“Bread of Life, Make Me Whole”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse)

Bread of Life, make me whole.

Lamb of God, heal my soul.

Living Word alive in me,

Shed Your blood to set me free.

We praise Your name. We praise Your name.

We praise Your name. We praise Your name. (repeat)

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKS

Amen

BLESSING

(Please be seated)

SONG TO DEPART

“Blessed Be Your Name”

(Verse, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Ending)

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,

Where your streams of abundance flow,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,

Though I walk through the wilderness,

Blessed be Your name.

Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your glorious name.”

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name. Chorus**

Bridge:
**You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, Blessed be Your name."
You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, Blessed be Your name."**

Ending:
**"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."**

LEAVING

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