

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - July 28, 2024



God's steadfast love has been exhibited to humanity repeatedly. He chose Noah and his family to enter the ark before the floodwaters raged, and as they reached dry land, God promised never to destroy the earth that way again. Through Jesus we see the truest, deepest love of God. Jesus healed the sick and restored relationships. In Jesus Christ we are rooted and grounded in God's sacrificial love.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

LBW - DIVINE SERVICE ONE

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ HYMN - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LBW #439

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen**

▲ GREETING

▲ LITANY - Adapted from **Psalm 1 (NLT)**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

**Or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.**

But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

**They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.**

Their leaves never wither,

**And they prosper in all they do.**

We worship you dear Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

▲ OLD TESTAMENT READINGS **Genesis 1:26-31 and Exodus 16:1-10 (NLT)**

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

**Genesis 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." <sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." <sup>29</sup> Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. <sup>30</sup> And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened. <sup>31</sup> Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

**Exodus 16:1-10**

Then the whole community of Israel set out from Elim and journeyed into the wilderness of Sin, between Elim and Mount Sinai. They arrived there on the fifteenth day of the second month, one month after leaving the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> "If only the LORD had killed us back in Egypt," they moaned. "There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death." <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they will gather food, and when they prepare it, there will be twice as much as usual."

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "By evening you will realize it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> In the morning you will see the glory of

the LORD, because he has heard your complaints, which are against him, not against us. What have we done that you should complain about us?" <sup>8</sup> Then Moses added, "The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and bread to satisfy you in the morning, for he has heard all your complaints against him. What have we done? Yes, your complaints are against the LORD, not against us."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Announce this to the entire community of Israel: 'Present yourselves before the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup> And as Aaron spoke to the whole community of Israel, they looked out toward the wilderness. There they could see the awesome glory of the LORD in the cloud.

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▼ MESSAGE - **THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: In The Beginning...**

▲ HYMN - "It is Well with My Soul" (Insert)

▼ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

▼ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▼ THE LORD'S SUPPER

▼ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▼ LORD'S PRAYER

**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 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**

▼ AGNUS DEI (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 OF COMMUNION

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG - "Amazing Grace" LBW #448

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE