# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
## August 2, 2026

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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love – we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone
feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship–red hymnal*

**PRELUDE**

Welcome, Birthday/Anniversary Bank
*(money given to Bethany's Human Concerns Fund)*

# We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

*(Please Stand)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
**C: Amen.**
P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,
**C: 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.**
P: 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.
**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" **ELW Hymn 461**

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

# We Listen to God's Word

*(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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *(read responsively)* **Psalm 145:8-9, 14-29**

L: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**C: LORD, you are good to all,**
**and your compassion is over all your works.**
L: The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
**C: The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,**
**and you give them their food in due season.**
L: You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
**C: You are righteous in all your ways**
**and loving in all your works.**
L: You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
**C: You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;**
**you hear their cry and save them.**
L: You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
**C: 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 14:13-21**

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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

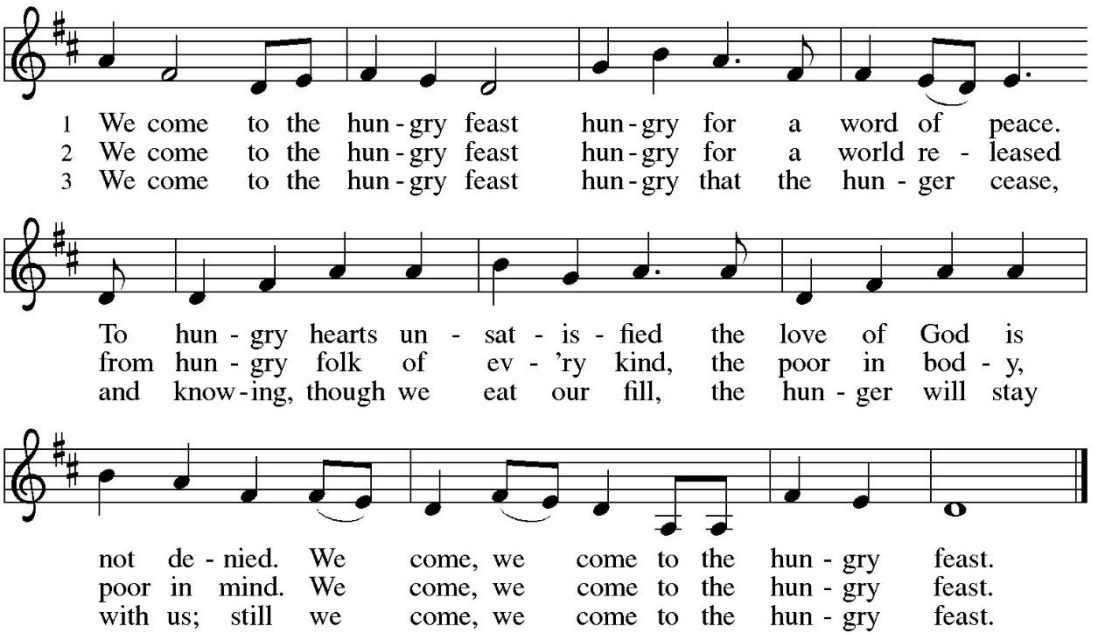
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** ***Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock***

*(Please Stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"* **ELW Hymn 479**



# We Respond to God's Word

**APOSTLES' CREED** ***(unison)***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

(*Please be seated)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:*
P: Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please Stand)*

**DIALOGUE**

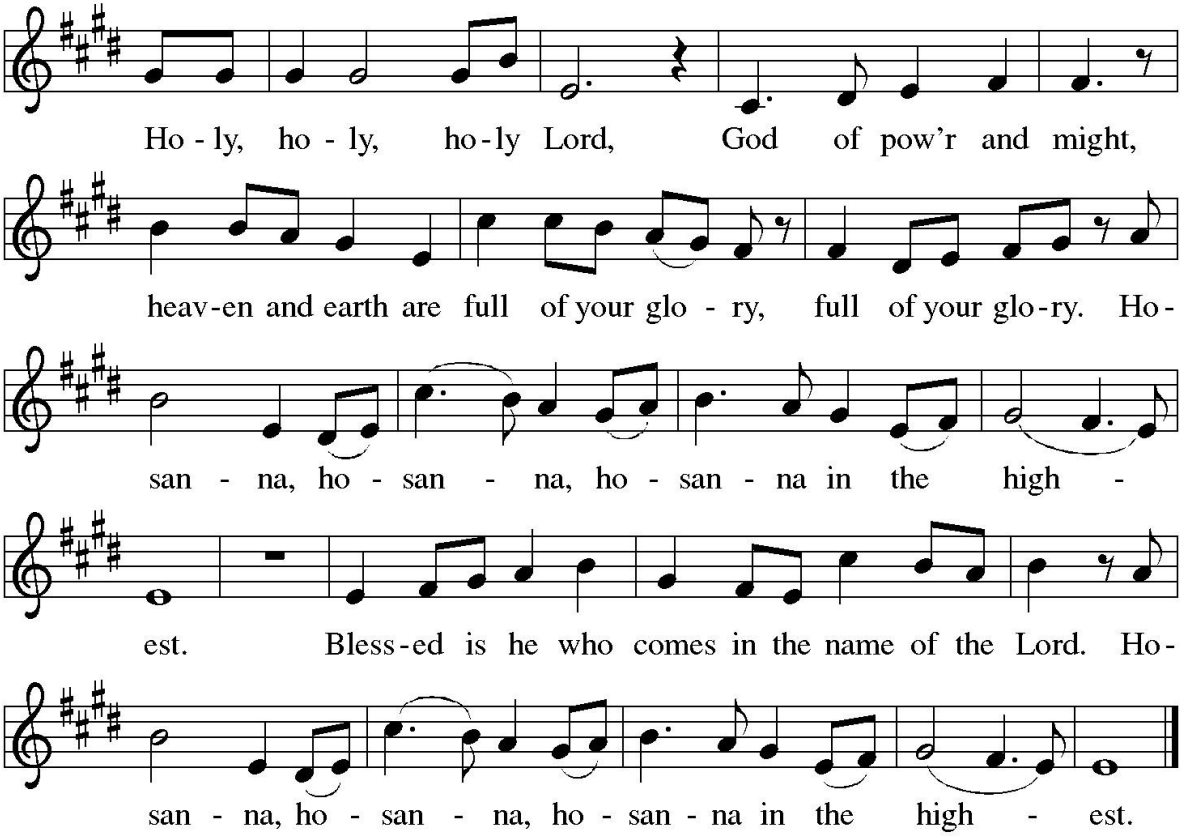
P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy….

…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** ***(unison)***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

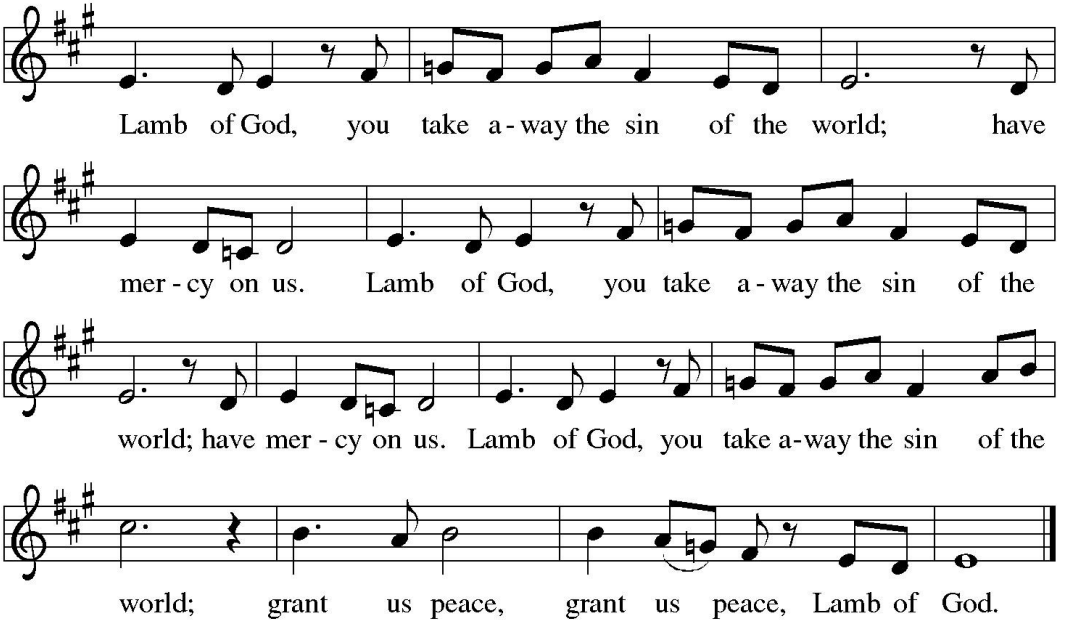
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*(Please be seated)*

**LAMB OF GOD**



## DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

***(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)***

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"* ELW Hymn 658

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* **ELW Hymn 484**

*(Please Stand)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* **ELW Hymn 843**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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| Remember in prayer: | Eleonore Benninghoven; Genieve Hingst; Julie Chubb; Mel Craven |

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*A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right. There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week. Ask our usher for help.*

*Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall following the worship service. We would like to get to know you and offer our friendship.*

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Today: | **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| | 10:55 a.m. | Lutheran Church of Hope Service |
| **Tuesday:** | **Office Open Late by 2:15 p.m.** | |
| **Wednesday:** | **6:30 p.m.** | **Joint Exec. Mtg. @ Messiah** |
| **Thursday:** | 9:30 a.m. | Bible Study @ Messiah |
| Next Sunday: | **Service of the Word for Healing- Lotegeluaki Lengai will be preaching!** | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship – **No Communion this week** |
| | **10:15 a.m.** | **Church Life & Outreach** |
| | 10:55 a.m. | Lutheran Church of Hope Service |

**PASTOR MISHA AWAY ON VACATION 8/3 – 8/11**

Pastor Misha will be away on vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 11.

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE**

Pastor Misha will be on vacation starting the evening of Sunday, August 2 until Wednesday, August 11. While she is away, Pastor Mark Youngquist will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for any emergencies that arise from the evening of Sunday, August 2 until Sunday, August 9. Pastor Nathaniel Adkins will be providing emergency pastoral coverage from Sunday, August 9 through Wednesday, August 11. Here is their contact information: Mark Youngquist – (319) 631-8564; Nathaniel Adkins – (641) 458-4516.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL INFORMATION**
Ticket sales for this year's Ice Cream Social are now on sale! Adults are $10 and Children ages 10 and under are $5. Sign-up sheets for food items and help needed are also available on the table in the Fellowship Hall! For those that have yard signs, please start posting your signs in your yard. Ice Cream Social is on Wednesday, August 12 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

**OUTREACH DONATIONS**
Food Pantry Donations from now until the end of the year will be anything non-perishable! Thank you for your generosity!

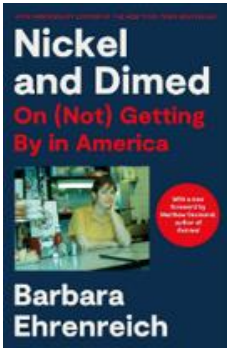
**LUNCH BUNCH**
Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in the month of August! Please stay tuned for where Lunch Bunch will meet again in September!

**WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT**
These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of July 19 – July 25:

July 19-July 25
Income: $1,089.10
Expense: $0

If you have any questions about these numbers, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

**AUGUST PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB**
Our July book club will meet again this Tuesday, August 11 @ 5:00 p.m., here at Bethany. All are invited to join us! For this month, we will be reading "Nickel and Dimed, On (Not) Getting By in America" By Barbara Ehrenreich!



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***Office Hours***
*Monday-Wednesday-Friday – 9:00am-1:00pm*
*Tuesday & Thursday – 1:30pm-4:30pm*

***Pastor Misha's Office Hours***
*Bethany: Monday & Tuesday*
*Messiah: Wednesday & Thursday*
**** Pastor Misha's hours vary in the office from week to week as she may be out of office on visits or other Pastor duties. Please call or text her to make an appointment or to see if she is in the office. ****

***Pastor Misha's contact info: 412-628-6382; damisha.mcfarlandpollock@gmail.com***

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**Our Staff**

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