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10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026

WOV – SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER pg. 46

Prelude – “Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ” – setting, Mark Sedio

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 761 EVENING AND MORNING

GREETING

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

Cong – And also with you.

DIALOG – pg. 46

You are the treasured people of the Lord.

Cong – a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Cong – talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and
when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

Cong – but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG – pg. 47

I – Women & Children II – Men



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



|| Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

III For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All

na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,

for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

Cong – And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Kathy Conley, Worship Assistant

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have 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 carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline 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. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, 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.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

(The Psalm will be spoken alternatively, beginning with Leader)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**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

Kathy Conley, Worship Assistant

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

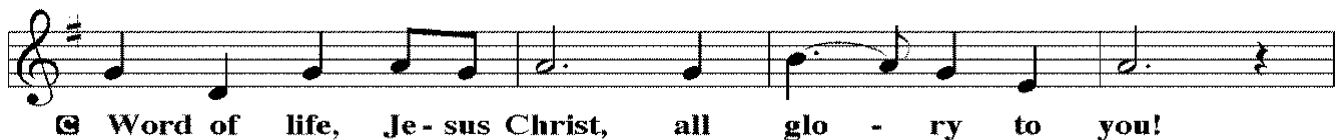
¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, 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 them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

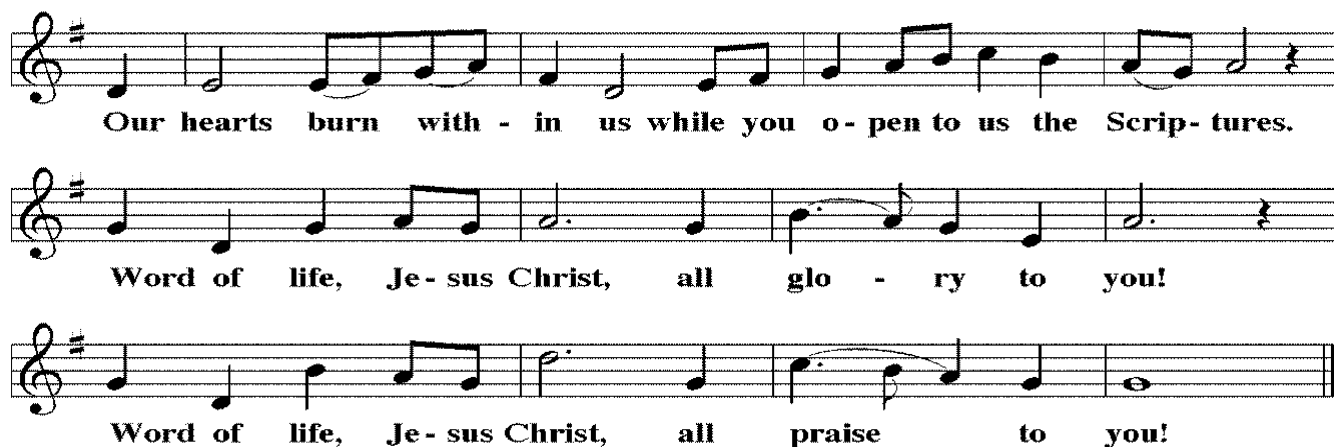
Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – pg. 48





Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Pastor Kelly Reagan

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kelly Reagan

(Please rise)



HYMN OF THE DAY – ACS 966 LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD – pg. 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

Cong – We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Eph. 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

Cong – 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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

Cong – Pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

Cong – Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Cong – Everything old has passed away; Behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

Cong – Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

Cong – Amen.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – pg. 50-51

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER – pg. 51

Let us pray. God, our Creator,

Cong – you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor – Merciful God,

Cong – receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong - Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Cong – Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 674 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Pastor - Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

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MEASURE OF LOVE – July 26, 2026

Attendance – 54

Total Deposit - \$1721.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	August 2, 2026
<u>SUNDAY</u> Service of Word & Prayer WOV – 9:30 a.m.	<u>THURSDAY</u> Al-Anon – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u> AA – 8:00 p.m.
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY – August 9, 2026</u> Holy Communion Setting 1 – 9:30 a.m.

2nd QUARTER FINANCIAL OFFERING STATEMENTS

The 2nd Quarter Financial Offering Statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Al Lutz.



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!
that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.
af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.
gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing:
hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



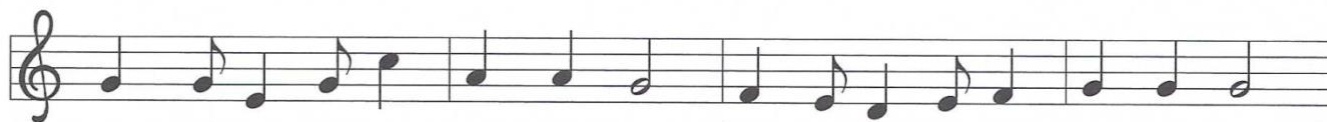
your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;
these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.
all I com - mit - to your fa - ther - ly hand.
when in your man - sions you grant me a place.
and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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