

10th Sunday after Pentecost - Praise
August 2, 2026 - 9:00 am

Accompanists

Praise Band

ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† indicates stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

† Opening Litany

We gather today to worship our God. We worship the God of Joseph who was given the great gift of interpreting dreams. Joseph's story shows us that God has equipped us with unique abilities that can be used for God's glory when we remember...

I can share my gifts!

We worship the God of Esther who placed her as queen for such a time that she could save her people from an evil plot. Esther looked to God for courage when she faced a big challenge and showed us...

I can be brave!

We worship the God of a poor widow who gave everything that she had as an act of praise. Jesus acknowledged her gift and instructed us to be like her as she showed us how...

I can give my all!

We worship the God who sent Jesus to earth to be our savior. When Jesus was feeling worried about his challenge ahead, he

got connected with the Father and showed us that no matter what we're feeling...

I can pray!

And we worship the God of Peter and John who met a man who could not walk. They healed him. The man's celebrations spread hope. Now, we know that whatever challenge we're facing...

I can hope!

† Call to Worship: We Are Called

We are called, we are claimed,
we are loved, by the holy name.

We are healed, we are whole,
the Savior ransomed our souls. We're singing,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

We are here to proclaim,
God is here, calls us each by name.
We are here to give praise,
the Love of God will not change. We're singing,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

† Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive

your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

† Song of Mercy

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness
that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, oh mercy,
we're calling on you Lord
for us to be restored.

Oh mercy.

† Gathering Hymn: *Romans 8:28*

We know that in everything, God works for all our good.
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For those who are called according to God's purpose, we know
that our God works for good.

[Philippians 4:13]: I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me.

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Liturgy of the Word

† Greeting

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

† Prayer of the Day

God our strength, you empower us to face life's challenges, and
you never leave us on our own. Help us to be brave, to share our
gifts, to give generously, to pray, and above all to put our hope in
you, through our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading: *Philippians 4: 13*

¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: *Isaiah 40: 9-11, 28-31*

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead the mother sheep.

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Vacation Bible School Skit

† Hymn of the Day: Standing in the Need of Prayer

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me oh Lord
Standing in the need of prayer
Not my sister, not my brother, but it's me oh Lord
Standing in the need of prayer

It's me, it's me, O Lord

Standing in the need of prayer

It's me, it's me, O Lord

Standing in the need of prayer

Not my neighbor, not my teacher, but it's me oh Lord

Standing in the need of prayer

Not the people, not the preacher, but it's me oh Lord

Standing in the need of prayer

It's me, it's me, O Lord

Standing in the need of prayer

It's me, it's me, O Lord

Standing in the need of prayer

† Apostles' Creed

**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.**

† Prayers of Intercession

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. We pray especially for your protection over all who are deployed in our armed forces. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit especially Luke. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God, **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.
Amen.

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Words of Institution

† 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.**

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn: *Everybody's Got Something To Offer*

Chorus:

Everybody's got something to offer

Young and old, the prince and the pauper

Everybody's got something to offer

in the name of the Lord

To the lost and the lowly ones

the message it is clear

we have all got a gift to give

our hands, our hearts, our tears (*Chorus*)

To the believers gathered here

the message it is true

we have all got a gift to give

in all we say and do (*Chorus*)

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

Blessing of Animals

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. Maker and ruler of all that lives, your animals provide us with sources of food and clothing, guidance and rescue, income, companionship, research and medicine, recreation, and so much more. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love.

Gracious God, we grieve the death of our animal friends and companions who are no longer with us. We offer gratitude for the blessing they were in our lives, and for the joy and love they brought to us. Continue to bless us with memories of their life and affection. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Creating God, in your love you created us in your image and made us stewards of the animals that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea. Bless us in our care for our pets and animals. Help us recognize your power and wisdom in the variety

of creatures that live in our world, and hear our prayer for all that suffer overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment. Protect your creatures, and guard them from all evil, now and forever. **Amen.**

Each pet (or picture of pets who remained home this morning) may be brought forward by its owner to receive an individual blessing. Please respect the personal space of other animals & people as you bring your pet forward.

† Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

† Sending Song: Go Now

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Go now with God, go now with God

Into the world as a servant

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

Offering a hand to a stranger

Go now with God, go now with God

Trusting in the risen savior

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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