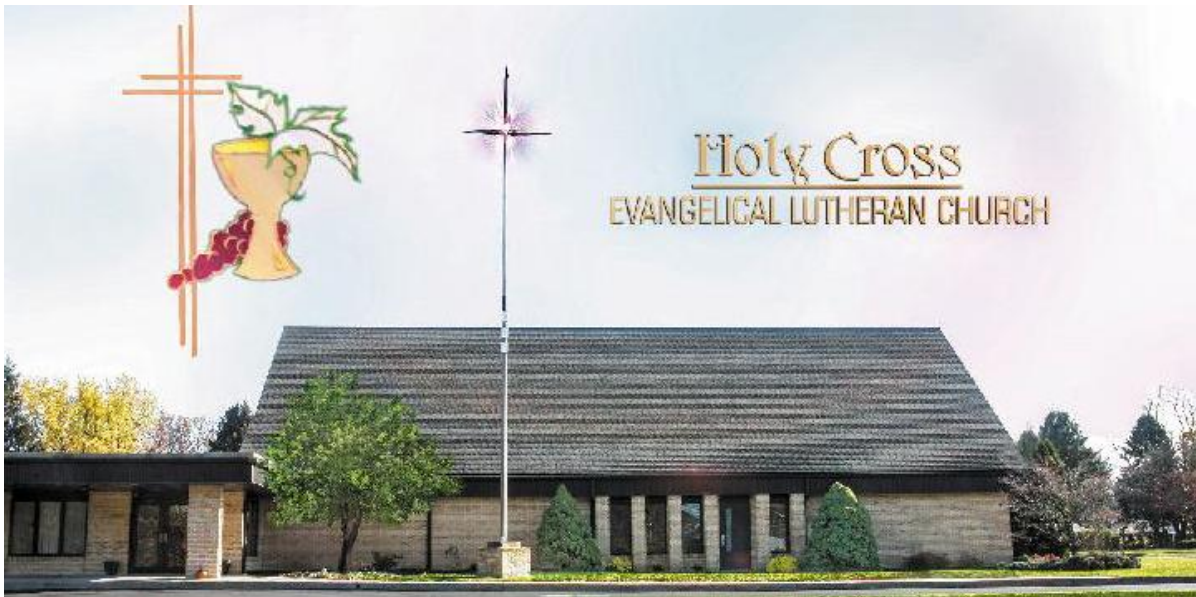


# Full Service Bulletin



## **HOLY COMMUNION AUGUST 6, 2023 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

#### **PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

#### **CHILDREN**

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*Life is a struggle. But it is better to struggle with God than without Him. In our first reading God changes Jacob's name (the deceiver) to Israel (he struggles with God). It is not easy serving God, but it leads to profound blessing. Don't let go of God until He blesses you and makes your life a blessing for others. Sometimes we just want to be alone, but God has ministry for us to do instead. Even Jesus experienced this, but as always He had compassion on the multitudes.*

#### **WELCOME AND MEDITATION**

## GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

*“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens” .....Majesty # 50*

## INVOCATION *( = All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: AMEN.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: AMEN.

P: 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. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)*

P: Most merciful God, C: **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. AMEN.**

P: 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.

C: AMEN.

## C: GREETING *(Please rise.)*

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.**

# WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

## HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" (ELWp140)

*Refrain*



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*




☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together:      **C: Gracious Father, Your  
blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true  
bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread,  
that He may live in us and we in Him, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 17:1-7, 15

*(congregation reads indented)*

Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry.

**Give ear to my prayer—  
it does not rise from deceitful lips.**

May my vindication come from You;

**may Your eyes see what is right.**

Though You probe my heart and examine me at night,

**though You test me, You will find nothing;**

**I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.**

As for the deeds of men—by the word of Your lips

**I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held to Your paths;

**my feet have not slipped.**

I call on You, O God, for You will answer me;

**give ear to me and hear my prayer.**

Show the wonder of Your great love,

**You Who save by Your right hand**

**those who take refuge in You from their foes.**

And I—in righteousness I will see Your face;

**when I awake,**

**I will be satisfied with seeing Your likeness.**

## PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “Sweet is the Work”

*(SBH # 183 verses 1-2 - Text: Isaac Watts)*

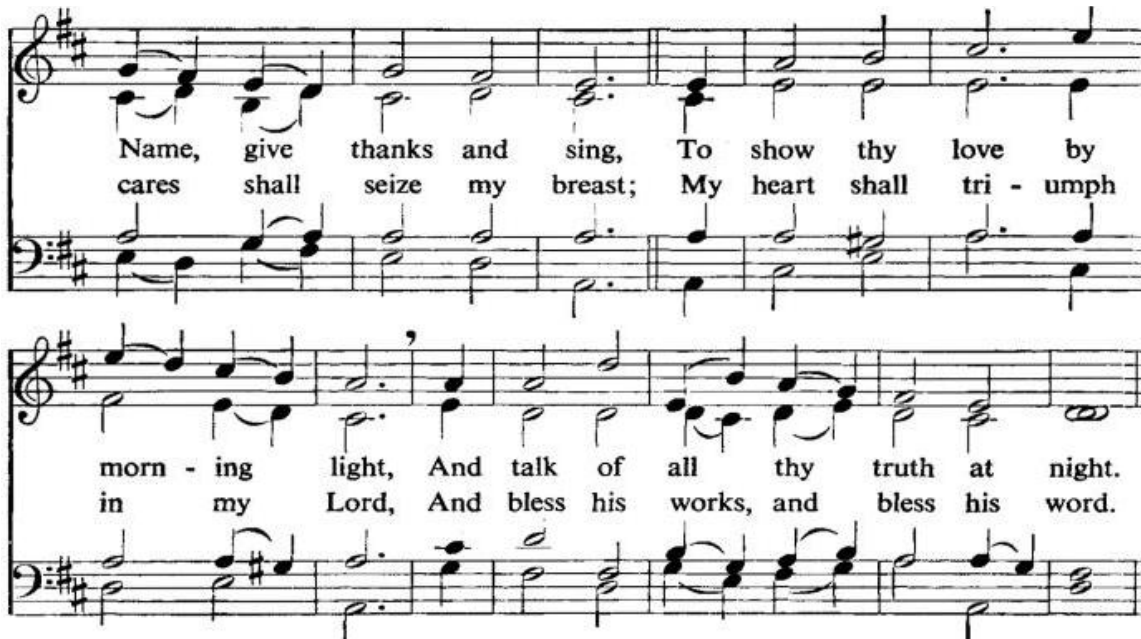
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*Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789*

*With spirit*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the staff, two verses of lyrics are provided. The first verse is: "1. Sweet is the work, my God, my King, To praise thy". The second verse is: "2. Sweet is the day of sa - cred rest; No mor - tal". The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.





Name, give thanks and sing, To show thy love by  
cares shall seize my breast; My heart shall triumph  
morn - ing light, And talk of all thy truth at night.  
in my Lord, And bless his works, and bless his word.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**FIRST READING** ....Genesis 32:22-32.....Pg. 53

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....Romans 9:1-8, 30-33.....Pg. 1758

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please rise.*)

*“Break Now the Bread of Life” (ELW # 515 - favorite) verse 1*



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly  
broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live  
I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt. Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Matthew 14:12-21.....Pg. 1520

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verse 3*

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

## SERMON “Hang on ‘til You Get Your Blessing”

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

#### HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” (SBH # 471, tune ST. CATHERINE,  
Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: H F Hemy, adapt. J G Walton)

1 Come, O thou Trav - el - ler un - known, whom still I  
2 I need not tell thee who I am; my mis - er -  
3 Yield to me now, for I am weak, but con - fi -  
4 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy

hold, but can - not see! My com - pa - ny be - fore is  
y and sin de - clare. Thy - self hast called me by my  
dent in self - de - spair! Speak to my heart, in bless - ing  
whis - per in my heart. The morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows

gone, and I am left a - lone with thee. With thee all  
name; look on thy hands and read it there. But who, I  
speak; be con - quered by my in - stant prayer. Speak, or thou  
flee, pure, un - i - ver - sal Love thou art. To me, to

night I mean to stay and wres - tle till the break of day.  
ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.  
nev - er hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.  
all, thy mer - cies move; thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## OFFERING

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (*WOV p 22*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, Who preached good news to the poor, and Who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.



Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

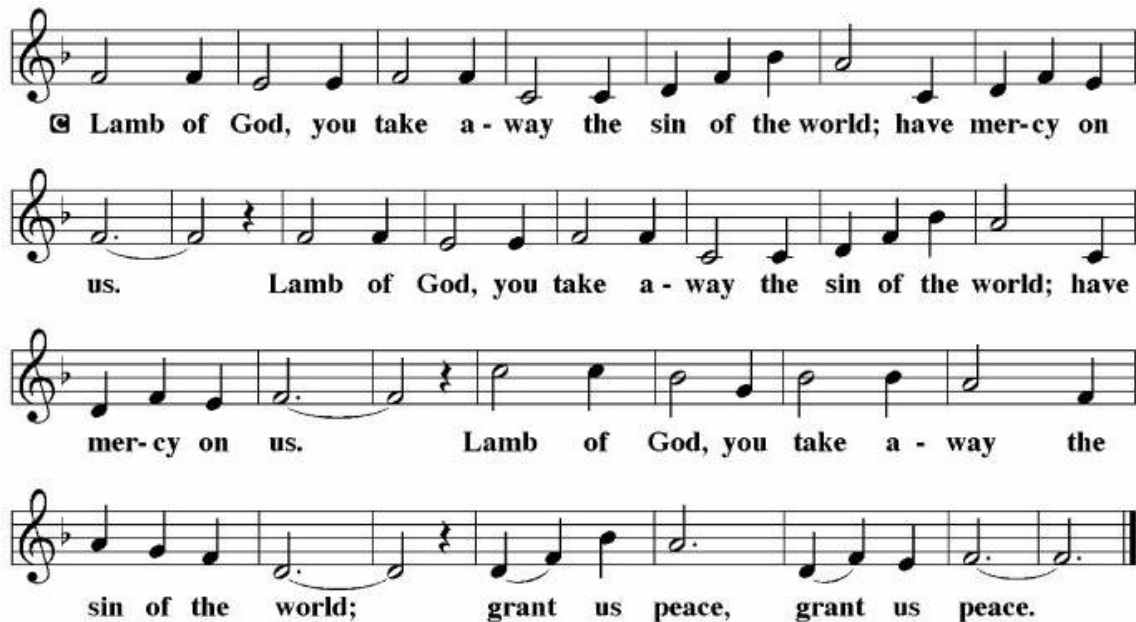
**Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

## COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table and taste of God's goodness and mercy.

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p39)*



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

*(WOV # 754 - Text: Fred Kaan; Tune: Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter)*

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!

*Refrain*

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

*(Please rise. 10:45 - Communion visitors come forward.)*

2. "His Name Is Wonderful" (Maj # 173 - favorite - Audrey Mieir)

His name is Won - der - ful, His name is Won - der - ful, His name is Won - der - ful,

Je - sus, my Lord; He is the might - y King, Mas - ter of ev - ery - thing,

His name is Won - der - ful, Je - sus, my Lord. He's the great Shep - herd, the Rock of all

ag - es, Al - might - y God is He; Bow down be - fore Him, Love and a -

dore Him; His name is Won - der - ful, Je - sus, my Lord. Lord.

1 Repeat optional 2

## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

### SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45)

L: O God of tender compassion, as You healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

### BLESSING

P: God almighty, God most merciful, God ever present, bless us, keep us, and grant us peace. **C: AMEN.**

### SENDING HYMN "I Love To Tell The Story"

(Maj # 650 vs 1,3 - favorite - Text: Katherine Hankey; Tune: William G. Fischer)

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.  
*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry  
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

### PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### POSTLUDE

## FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.  
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.  
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

## AUGUST 6 , 2023 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Sharon Branigan  
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer  
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker  
PROJECTION: 8:30-Karen Brown 10:45-*Volunteer needed*  
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski  
LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker  
LECTOR: 8:30-Don Frankenfield / 10:45-Lyn Stryker  
USHERS: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Sharon Branigan  
COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker  
ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham  
COMMUNION VISITORS: Pastor David, Sharon Branigan  
COUNTERS: Karen Brown / Jan Stryker  
GRASS CUTTERS: Lyn Stryker, Bruce Landis, Melissa Yalch  
PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach  
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski  
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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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