Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Covenant and Creation

August 2, 2026

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GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

(+) Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy and gracious God,

We have ignored your call to do the hard work of justice. In our fears of not having or being enough, we have sought easier, more comfortable ways in life. We have neglected the needs of our neighbors. We have closed our ears to the cries of creation. We have thrown in our lot with the wealthy and powerful at the expense of the widow and the orphan. Forgive us for the times our natural instinct for self-preservation has become self-absorption, where our sacred call to self-love has become self-obsession. Make us new in the image of the one who gave all for the redemption of creation. Amen.

The God who formed you in the womb and knew you before you drew breath also loves you beyond comprehension, and forgives you all your sin. In wholeness and joy, go forth to proclaim the good news of redemption for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend. **Amen**.

(+) Gathering Song *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* ELW 608

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

(+) 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.

(+) *Glory to God* p. 121

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

3 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

(+) Prayer of the Day
God of compassion,
You welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. Help us to live more fully into our baptismal promise to care for others and the world you made, that all of creation may thrive. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1st Reading Leviticus 26:3-22, 34-35, 40-45

26:3 [The LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying…] "If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, 4 I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 Your threshing shall overlap the vintage, and the vintage shall overlap the sowing; you shall eat your bread to

the full and live securely in your land. [6] And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. [7] You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. [8] Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. [9] I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will maintain my covenant with you. [10] You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make way for the new. [11] I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you. [12] I will be your God, and you shall be my people. [13] I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

[14] "But if you will not obey me and do not observe all these commandments, [15] if you spurn my statutes and abhor my ordinances, so that you will not observe all my commandments and you break my covenant, [16] I in turn will do this to you: I will bring terror on you, consumption and fever that waste the eyes and cause life to pine away. You shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. [17] I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down by your enemies; your foes shall rule over you, and you shall flee though no one pursues you. [18] And if in spite of this you will not obey me, I will continue to punish you sevenfold for your sins. [19] I will break your proud glory, and I will make your sky like iron and your earth like copper. [20] Your strength shall be spent to no purpose: your land shall not yield its produce, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

[21] "If you continue hostile to me and will not obey me, I will continue to plague you sevenfold for your sins. [22] I will let loose wild animals against you, and they shall bereave you of your

children and destroy your livestock; they shall make you few in number, and your roads shall be deserted…

34 "Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbath years as long as it lies desolate, while you are in the land of your enemies; then the land shall rest and enjoy its Sabbath years. 35 As long as it lies desolate, it shall have the rest it did not have on your Sabbaths when you were living on it…

40 "But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their ancestors—their treachery against me and also their continued hostility to me, 41 so that I in turn was hostile to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if, then, their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, 42 then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; I will remember also my covenant with Isaac and also my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. 43 For the land shall be deserted by them and enjoy its Sabbath years by lying desolate without them, while they shall make amends for their iniquity, because they dared to spurn my ordinances, and they abhorred my statutes. 44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them or abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break my covenant with them, for I am the LORD their God, 45 but I will remember in their favor the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, to be their God: I am the LORD."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 124

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Luke 15:11-24

P: The gospel according to Luke…

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15:11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. [12] The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. [13] A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. [14] When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. [15] So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. [16] He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. [17] But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! [18] I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ [20] So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. [21] Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ [22] But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one —and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23] And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, [24] for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song *Our Father, We Have Wandered* ELW 606

1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

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

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Peace

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings. Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.

Offering Song *We Are an Offering* ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 129

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.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
… we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

O God triune, how majestic is your name…
...we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer…
...we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus…
On the night in which he was betrayed…
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table… unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds…
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen and amen.
Amen and amen.

(+) The 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 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.

Communion

We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar. The cups in the center contain grape juice; the others have wine.

We can bring communion to you at your seat if that is helpful – just let the usher know. Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to commune that way.

Lamb of God p. 135

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.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,
through the gift of bread and wine,
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us through this holy meal,
that we 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.
Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

(+) Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

(+) Sending Song *Amazing Grace* ELW 779

1 Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound –
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

(+) Dismissal

Grow in faith. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 2, 2026

This week at CTV

Today **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

8/3-9 Pr. Becky on vacation; in case of pastoral emergency, please contact Pr. Matt Short (Resurrection Lutheran Church, New Berlin) at 262.309.5454.

Coming up…

8/9 **11th Sunday after Pentecost** – Worship, 9:30 AM
Re-creating the World – Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 7:37-39a
We welcome Pr. Andrew Nyren as our guest pastor!
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

8/11 Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

Our summer sermon series on the Ten Commandments begins August 16!

August Food Pantry Wish List

Spaghettios with Meat	Cooking Oil
Ravioli With Meat	Coffee