

Welcome To  
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)**

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**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

**We welcome all who gather here today!** We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Children:** Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

**Pew Cards:** While we don't have pew cards to fill out during this time, if you have a prayer request please email or write a note to Pastor or the church office.

**If standing is difficult:** Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

**About our celebration of Holy Communion:** We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

## GREETING and SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Peace be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

*(From Divine Service Setting One LSB pg. 151 ff.)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please stand as able*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: 34:1*

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
C: **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
P: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
C: **and delivered me from all my fears.**  
P: Those who look to him are radiant,  
C: **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

P: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
**C: and saved him out of all his troubles.**  
P: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
**C: and delivers them.**  
P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
**C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger  
**C: that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done;**  
P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Job 38:4-18*

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?  
<sup>12</sup> “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
<sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
<sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.  
<sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.  
<sup>16</sup> “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
<sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 10:5-17*

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED**

C: **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as able*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition ends with this response:* P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: **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.**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and give it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Households may commune at the same time together. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.*

*Please stand as able*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS**

**P:** We go to live for Jesus!

**C:** **We go to share His love!**

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