

“Take Heart”

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. When we approach the altar, we publicly declare our unity in faith. God's Word tells us that Jesus' Body and Blood are REALLY PRESENT in the bread and wine. The bread and wine do not merely "stand for" Jesus' Body and Blood, for Jesus said, "This is my body and this is my blood," and we accept this mystery (Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-33). In the LORD's Supper, God gives, as a gift to us, His love and forgiveness and strengthens our faith.

Jesus calls us to prepare for the LORD's Supper by believing what the Bible says with regard to sin, by repenting of our sins, and believing Christ's real presence in the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). We ask both members and guests to examine the questions below before taking Communion:

1. Do I believe that God's Word is entirely "inspired" and without error?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and blood?
5. Do I believe that my sins are forgiven and that my faith is strengthened in Holy Communion?
6. Is it my intent, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in this Sacrament, to live a Godly life?

If you have any doubts or do not understand our beliefs about Communion, please refrain from participating at this time. Call our pastor. He would be happy to help you understand the meaning and blessings of this special "Means of Grace."

Our church is a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, an international church, bold to share the love of Christ with all nationalities.
Our Common bond is loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the only guide in matters of faith and life.

SERVICE SIGN-UPS: The sign-up sheets are on the back table. All members are encouraged to sign-up to help in some way for any service.

TODAY'S **ELDERS:** Doug Jerke & Brent O'Bryan
 GREETER: Marsha Kapp
 READER: Stephen Heidenreich
 ACOLYTE: Elijah Wold

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP: We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Please fill out the record of fellowship in the Red Book in each pew. We ask that each person check all the appropriate boxes and fill out their information on one line of the sheet and pass it on to the next person in the pew. For families, place each member on a new line. It is our hope that we will be able to better care for you with this information.

GREETING - *The peace of the Lord may be shared according to local custom.*

OPENING HYMN

BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

LSB 904

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

△ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Stand

INVOCATION

based on John 3:16; 8:36; Romans 5:1

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8-9

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: **Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.**

Pastor: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

People: **Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

People: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Pastor: Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark beginning at the sixth chapter.

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

Sit

GENESIS 9:8-17

the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ

MARK 6:45-56

he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Sit

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON HYMN

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

LSB 725

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

SERMON

"Take Heart"

Mark 6:50

OFFERING

Stand

CATECHISM

The Second Article

Pastor: We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB, p. 215

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN **ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE**

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.

3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Sit
LSB 717

COMMUNION HYMN**THE LAMB****LSB 547***Refrain*

Worthy is the Lamb
 whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price!
Refrain

On our behalf the Law to fill.

Refrain

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies,
 He takes my sin and wretchedness.
 He lives, forgives,
 He gives me His own righteousness.

Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
 So still, His will

5 He rose, He rose,
 My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong
 Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

*Refrain***Stand****POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Stand**CLOSING HYMN****ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS****LSB 919**

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
 Among us with Your grace
 That Satan may not harm us
 Nor we to sin give place.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
 Among us, precious Light;
 Your truth direct and keep us
 From error's gloomy night.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
 Among us with Your Word
 And thus now and hereafter
 True peace and joy afford.

4 Abide with richest blessings
 Among us, bounteous Lord;
 Let us in grace and wisdom
 Grow daily through Your Word.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR GUEST PASTOR today is Rev. Matthew Wurm from Mt. Calvary, Brookings, SD We ask God's blessing upon him and the message he brings.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UP-DATE: If you were unable to get your picture taken for the directory we still encourage you to submit a photo for the photo wall. You may submit a hard copy (secretary's office in orange envelope on table) or digital photo to Dorothy Bassingthwaite at bassjido@iw.net and please put names as people appear on the picture. We plan to redo the photo wall in September so would like photos by Sept. 10th. Lets fill the Wall!

LIFE QUOTES: July 28 "Let's get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord's work as a faithful servant." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life* –

ENHANCE YOUR WORSHIP: Mt Olive has large print versions of the service folder and bulletin to aide anyone with enjoying their time of worship. There are also several hearing devices to aide in hearing as we share God's word. If you or someone you know have need of either of these during the church service please speak to an usher.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES: Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ..." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His Word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do everything far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at His Word and live according to it.

MAINSTREET LIVING: is broadcast Sundays on KDLT-NBC at 10:30 AM CST and PAX at 11 AM CDT You may also view the program at mainstreetliving.com. Click on the "Watch Main Street Living" tab. The program is also available on YouTube. The Message for **July 21, 10:30:** Rev. Micah Bauer, pastor at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD presents a message titled "Bread from Heaven." This sermon is based on John 6:22-35.

August 4: "The Sound of Doors Closing" - A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3.
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SCHEDULE THE WEEK OF

JULY 28 -AUGUST 4, 2024

Today

- 9:00 AM Worship w/communion
- 10:00 AM Fellowship

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Work Day

Wednesday

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

- **5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline**

Next Sunday

- 9:00 AM Worship
 - Greeter: Marsha Kapp
 - Reader:
 - Acolyte: Nora Pownell
- Fellowship: **Feel Free to Sign up!**

Attendance: (7/14)

Sunday Worship:106