THE LORD'S DAY 11:00 A.M. AUGUST 6, 2023 THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preservice Music, Ringing of the Bell, Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1; 39-43

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

- R Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- C He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- R They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- C He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- R For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
- C So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. 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.

OPENING SONG "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood! Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission—Christ on the cross.

For my salvation, He suffered loss, Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His own. Chorus.

Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, trusting His love. Chorus.

Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved! Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise, be to God alone! Chorus. ©Public Domain BoB 24

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1–5

1"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

ecause of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I

have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 8This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." 10 And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad-in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— 12she was told, "The older will serve the younger." 13As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

"You Who Are Thirsty"

You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing.

You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of His holiness.

You who are tired, find rest.

You who are weak, find strength.

You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.

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Repeat all.

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(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13–21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Christ.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own fault. Therefore, I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, peace, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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- P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, peace, and forgiveness of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, O forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN LSB 770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

- Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

 Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 - 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find

SERMON "Supper's Ready. Come and Eat" Isaiah 55:1-5

THE OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying: (prayer by pastor).
- C: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION are said by the pastor.

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

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

" "Come to the Table"

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread:

All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.

Chorus:

Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;

Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb. © 1991 Integrity's Hosanna!Music. CCLI 187269 BoB 41

"Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, If You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain. ©1981 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music CCLI 187269 CH 589

"Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak, And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant. Make me a servant today. Repeat.

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up

His favor upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Step By Step"

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You! O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!

I will seek You in the morning. And I will learn to walk in Your ways;

And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days. Repeat. © 1991 BMG Songs, Inc. CCLI # 187269 Hosanna Bk 13

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