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Tenth Sunday of Pentecost August 2, 2026



In today's first reading, God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink...without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God.

At the eucharistic table, we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Welcome + Announcements + Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Righteous God,

**ALL: ...we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Greeting + Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 55:1-5**

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have 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 carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Psalm *Congregation reads **BOLDED** verses* **Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
- ¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
- ²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**



Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

- ¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—
I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—
- ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
- ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.
- ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
- ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

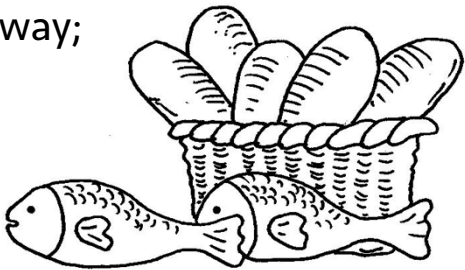
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation + Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 + Homily

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

- ¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
- ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
- ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."
- ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."



- ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
- ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me."
- ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.
- ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.

Offering + Peace + Prayers of the People
The Great Thanksgiving + Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks...

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



*Leader: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...
And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:*

Holy, Holy, Holy


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 Hymn *By Your Hand* **ELW 469**

Post-Communion Prayer + Blessing

Sending Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* **ELW 535**

Dismissal *Go in peace! Share the harvest!* **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



August 2, 2026, Remember Jesus Christ,
Raised from the Dead 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of new life, it can be easy to be pulled in so many directions, even within the life of our faith community. Draw us back to the foundational truth that Jesus' death and resurrection redeemed all of creation, and that as Easter people, we, too, are raised to new life in his name each day. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. (2 Timothy 2:14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul calls us to remove the obstacles that we put in the way of the Gospel, and encourages Timothy to recenter in the most visceral, foundational convictions of his faith and call his followers to join him.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How confident do you feel when disagreements about the Bible come up? Are you good at 'wrangling over words'? Why does the meaning of scripture matter?
- How do you come to terms with scripture passages that go directly against your fundamental beliefs about God?
- For the littles: What's your favorite Bible story? Can you tell it?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God ground you in your faith and call you to love others. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

With a partner, choose a Bible passage you find challenging or even evil. Research its origin and various interpretations. Ask your pastor to weigh in with their understanding of it.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, *The Word of God is Not Chained*
Tuesday, 2 Timothy 2:14-15, *Wrangling Over Words*
Wednesday, 2 Timothy 2:16-21, *Special Utensils*
Thursday, 2 Timothy 2:22-26, *Shun Youthful Passions*
Friday, 2 Timothy 3:1-9, *Distressing Times Will Come*
Saturday, 2 Timothy 3:10-13, *Persecution of the Righteous*