

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (10:00) (Please see below to prepare.)	
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PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because Holy Communion is an expression of our oneness in faith, we request that each person desiring to commune with us examine him/herself on the basis of these points of faith:

- I believe that:
- + I am a sinner in need of God’s forgiveness.
 - + Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
 - + Jesus Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and
 - + The bread and wine I receive are also the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
 - + All my sins are forgiven through this Sacrament.
 - + As God enables me, I pledge to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.

Those who hold in common these teachings are invited to join us at the Lord’s Supper. If you are visiting us for the first time, or have questions or reservations about these points of faith, we invite you to speak with the Pastor before the service.

The lighter colored wine is non-alcoholic for those with special needs. Gluten-free wafers are also available on the small table as you approach the railing.

Hymns during Distribution — Please join in singing:	
• “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”	#618
• Special Music	
• “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”	#684
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THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN — “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”	#917
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THE POSTLUDE

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

***WELCOME!** Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. St. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist’s martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.*

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THE PRESERVICE MUSIC AND PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL AND PASTORAL GREETING

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

THE OPENING HYMN – “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”	#584
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THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (taken from D.S. I—p151)

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
- P: If we say that 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.** *1 John 1:8-9*
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
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.**

THE KYRIE

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house, for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE— “This Is the Feast”

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
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.
All: Amen.

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-5, ESV Pew Bibles p 731

In this Old Testament reading, God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all people, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

“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. Why 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. Incline 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. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, 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, for he has glorified you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING — Romans 9:1-5, ESV Pew Bibles p 1123

This reading begins a new section in St. Paul’s letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God’s saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel’s heritage and legacy include being God’s children, having God’s covenants, being given God’s law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

[St. Paul wrote:] I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For 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. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

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Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL READING – Matthew 14:13-21, ESV Pew Bibles p 974

Now when Jesus heard this, 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. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now 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.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then 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. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And 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.

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THE SERMON HYMN –“Lord, ‘Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”

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THE SERMON

✠ THE RESPONSE ✠

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

#774

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS-
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#712

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER (8:00)