

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## JULY 28, 2024

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

***Welcome to worship!** We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. **We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.***

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

✠ When you see this symbol you're invited to stand as you are able.

**We love to sing!** When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

**Children belong in worship!** We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

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**All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion.** We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

**Join us for fellowship time!** All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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**Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms** are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND GREETING

The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ HYMN *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

#531

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#151

*Trusting in God's grace and mindful of the sin that turns us away from God's love, let us pray honest words and sing the ancient prayer for compassion: "Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy."*

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

O Christ, most gracious giver,  
when hungry crowds surrounded you,  
you took a humble offering and made for them a feast.

**Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace.  
Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.  
Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and transform our lives.  
Empower our generosity and help us recognize  
your surprising power within and around us.**

***Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.***

## ASSURANCE AND PEACE

Jesus Christ, true bread from heaven,  
came to give life to the world.  
As fed and forgiven people,  
may Christ's grace satisfy your soul's hungers,  
and may his love flow through you  
to feed a hungry world. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.*



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.

## OBJECT LESSON

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!*

## FIRST READING

*2 Kings 4:38-44*

When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. A group of prophets was sitting before him. Elisha said to his servant, "Put on the big pot and cook some stew for the prophets." So one of them went out to the field to gather plants; he found a wild vine and gathered wild gourds from it, filling his garment. He came and cut them up into the pot of stew, but no one knew what they were. The stew was served to the prophets, but as they started to eat it, they cried out and said, "There is death in that pot, man of God!" They couldn't eat it. Elisha said, "Get some flour." He threw it into the pot and said, "Serve the people so they can eat." At that point, there was nothing bad left in the pot.

A man came from the hill country of Ephraim, bringing the man of God some bread from the early produce—twenty loaves of barley bread and fresh grain from his bag.

Elisha said, "Give it to the people so they can eat."

His servant said, “How can I feed one hundred people with this?”

Elisha said, “Give it to the people so they can eat! This is what the LORD says: ‘Eat and there will be leftovers.’” So the servant gave the food to them. They ate and had leftovers, in agreement with the LORD’s word.

This is the word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL CHANT *Christ came down as bread from heaven to give us life!* #253

He came down that we may have life he  
came down that we may have life; he came down that we may  
have life; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

✠ GOSPEL READING

*John 6:1-15*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went across the Galilee Sea. A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. It was nearly time for the Jewish festival of Passover.

Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, “Where will we buy food to feed these people?” Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, “More than a half year’s salary worth of food wouldn’t be enough for each person to have even a little bit.”

One of the disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, “A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted.

When they had plenty to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, “This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world.” Jesus understood that they were about to come and force him to be their king, so he took refuge again, alone on a mountain.

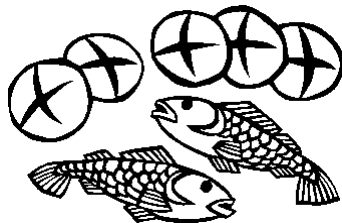
This is the Good News.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

✠ HYMN

*Break Now the Bread of Life*

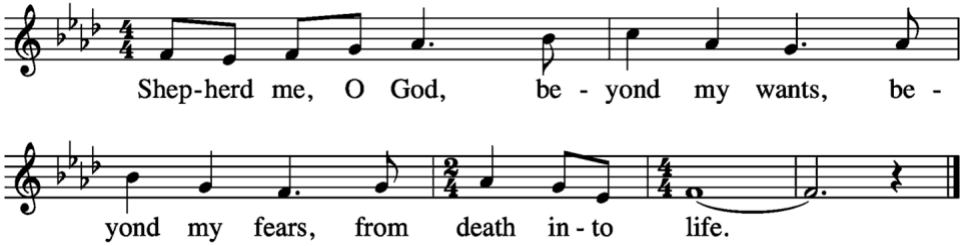
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#780

*Let us pray, trusting our Good Shepherd will guide the world through death's daunting valley to the feast of life.*



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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## ✠ COMMUNION: SINGING THE STORY

#461



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

On the night they all were gathered,  
Jesus blessed and broke the bread:  
“Take and eat, it is my body, given for you to be fed.  
When you eat may you remember  
all that grace has offered you.” *Refrain*

When the supper then was ending, Jesus raised the cup of wine:

“In this cup is a new covenant,  
made to make the whole world mine.  
Shed for you and for all people,  
that all will be as it should.” *Refrain*

✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

Loving God, shaper and sustainer of all life,  
you planted the first fields and made us in your image  
to care for your creation...

*Echo as you are invited:* **Blessed are you, God of love!**

All thanks and praise are yours, O God:  
Creator of sun and soil, Christ, the bread of life,  
Spirit, who bids us come and dine. **Amen.**

With the boldness of the children of God, let us pray...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come.**

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

All who hunger, gather gladly!

Christ has set the table with grace enough for all. **Amen.**





All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.

If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.


As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:

HYMN

*As the Grains of Wheat*

#465

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



## HYMN

*Come to the Table of Grace*

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the  
 ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's  
 not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

## ✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, as you fed your people with manna in the wilderness, so you have fed us at this table. By your loving Spirit, transform us and send us to be Christ's body, bread to bless our neighbors. Amen.**

## ✠ BENEDICTION

*based on Philippians 4:7-9*

As you go in the power of the Holy Spirit:  
 focus on these things: all that is true, all that is holy,  
 all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely,  
 and all that is worthy of praise.

The God of peace will be with you, and blesses you now:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
 keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love  
 of your creator, your redeemer, and your sustainer. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING

Go in peace, forgiven and fed.  
**We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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