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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 17, 2025
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by Pat Bauman in memory of her mother, Betty Cummins, and the blessing of her grandson, John Wagenman IV, born on July 29th.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN *“Come, Thou Almighty King” LSB #905 (Stand for last verse.)*

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:89–94*

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: **Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

Pastor: By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.

People: **If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**

Pastor: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

People: **I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His

called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

Pastor: Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

People: **Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!**

Pastor: For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

People: **But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.**

Pastor: We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God’s house we walked in the throng.
But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

People: **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.**

Pastor: Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SUMMER SAINT CELEBRATION SEQUENCE

*Johann Gerhard, Theologian, and
Johann Heermann, Hymn Writer*

The name on the list of commemorations in *Lutheran Service Book* for August 17 is that of Johann Gerhard. He is remembered as an important theologian from the seventeenth century whose writings defined orthodox Lutheran doctrine at that time. Gerhard was born in Germany in 1582 and lived out his life in service to the developing Lutheran Church in his native land. His career as a pastor and educator in churches and universities included extensive periods of time given to writing on church-related subjects, including devotional literature, theology, and history. Although his most notable writing project was the composing of a twenty-three-volume series on theology, he became most famous in his era for a book of sacred meditations that was translated into all the major European languages of his era. His sermons, which are known for their piety and expressing his love for Jesus, are still read and continue to inspire Christians to this day.

A contemporary of Johann Gerhard, Johann Heermann, is remembered as a gifted writer of sacred hymn texts. Born in 1585, he began writing Latin poems as early as 1605, and in October of 1608, he was named Poet Laureate of the Empire by Emperor Rudolph II. Despite living in challenging times and facing many personal tragedies, Heermann wrote hymns with conviction and beauty. Among the six texts by Heermann included in *Lutheran Service Book* are “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” (LSB 421) and “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” (LSB 839). One of Heermann’s texts that many people have committed to memory is the one-stanza table prayer “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy” (LSB 774). It is a gentle and genuine expression of trust in the Lord that can be faithfully used wherever a table grace is needed. It is set in chorale form to a classic German melody. Together we sing the hymn.

HYMN *“Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy” LSB #774*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the Lord!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies

in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3*

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy

that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE` *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

People: **Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the Lord? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:49–53 (54–56)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

⁴⁹*[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



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CREED *Nicene Creed*

**People: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB #655*

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: Lord, have mercy.

OFFERTORY *"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB #781, verses 1 & 2*

**We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

† SACRAMENT †

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 proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. We rejoice that the Good News of salvation has reached us and that the message of God's grace continues to be proclaimed and shared. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy now and forever. Together with the blessed saints, with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name.

People: **Amen.**

SANCTUS *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB #940, verses 1 & 5*

**Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that, clinging to Christ our Lord, we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

AGNUS DEI *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB #633 verses 1 & 4*

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Come , O Savior, to Thy Table” LSB #618

“Shout To The North” Martin Smith

**Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness, complete.**

(Chorus)

**Shout to the north and the south! Sing to the east and the west!
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth!**

**Rise up women of the truth; stand and sing to broken hearts,
Who can know the healing power of our glorious King of love?**

(Repeat Chorus)

**We've been through fire, we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name;
We've fallen deeper in love with You; You've burned the truth on our lips.**

**Rise up church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high; by His grace again we'll fly.**

(Repeat Chorus to finish)

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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB #770

Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” LSB #632

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

HYMN *“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” LSB #698*

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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Thursday	Pipeliners Newsletter Articles Due	

For the week August 18-23, 2025

Birthday
08/18 Gage Romano

Baptismal Anniversary
08/22 Jared Moise

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bob Dieterian, Charlene Shroyer and Charles Calloway.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, Cynthia Ratliff, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Eydie Richmond, Henry Cancienne, Mary Jane Kettlewell and Melody Lipner.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & Ezekiel Long, Karoline and baby Cormier, Krista & Braxton Moore, Lei'Lyn and baby Hebert and Toni and Linnen Randolph.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.



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*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service,
Love, Teaching and Fellowship*

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure *all* doors are locked *and* closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.