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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2, 2026

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

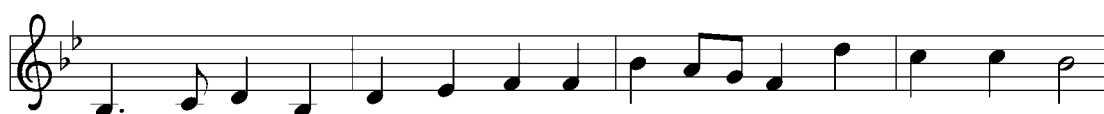
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LBW No. 250

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5

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 peoples, 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and full of great kindness.

⁹**The LORD is loving to everyone**

and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall;

he lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁶**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,**

and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand

and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

¹⁸**The LORD is righteous in all his ways**

and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him,

to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰**He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;**

he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹The LORD preserves all those who love him,

but he destroys all the wicked.

²²**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless his holy name forev- | er and ever.**
Gloria Patri (spoken after the psalm)
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in 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.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I 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 own people, my kindred 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 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/ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Break Now the Bread of Life" LBW No. 235

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, you have made with your Church a sure and steadfast covenant by giving us your only Son. In your great mercy feed your people with the Bread of Heaven; refresh us with the living water of salvation; delight us with the sweet wine of forgiveness; and nourish us with the milk of your loving kindness. Make this congregation called Trinity overflow with faith, kindness, and generosity, so that those around us might be drawn to the living water of salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Saint Paul prayed in anguish and in hope for his fellow Israelites, so we pray for our elder sisters and brothers in the faith, your Chosen People, the Jews. Kindle in the Jewish people a fervent love for your holy Word; protect them from the hatred and prejudice that has long darkened their history; and grant them the joy of welcoming the Messiah when he comes in glory to make all things new. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach the leaders of the nations to incline their ears to you, to rightly lead their people, and to seek the good for all people. Keep this nation under your care, and grant protection to all who stand in harm's way on behalf of others. And to the poor and hungry, the widow and orphan, the homeless and the refugee, give food, clean water, shelter, and all those good things which sustain life and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant refreshment and healing to everyone who struggles with any sort of sickness or adversity. Especially we lift before you the needs of those we have named or remember before you now. Give compassion and competence to all who care for them. Open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of all your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, keep in your merciful care all who have died trusting in your promises. As we journey through this life nourish, sustain, and protect us. And, at the last, may your Son lead us into the feast you have prepared for all your people, that we may eat and drink and gaze upon him forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "God Whose Almighty Word" LBW No. 400**God, Whose Almighty Word**

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*To joyfully share God's Word and Sacrament in order to
 serve our Greater New Haven neighbors with the love of Christ.*