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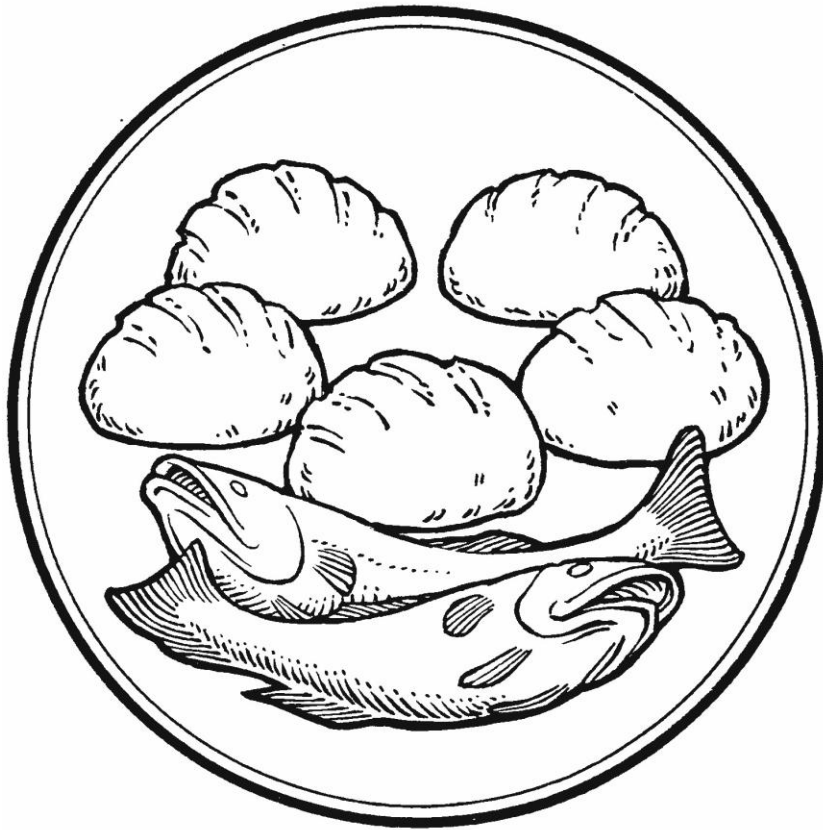
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, July 30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 2 – 9:00 a.m.

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EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

EGL WHY Statement: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament."

Children in Worship

"Let the little children come to me." Jesus delights in faithful parents bringing their children to hear His Word. EGL gladly joins Christ in that joy! Thank you for bringing your children with you to worship! You are welcome to sit wherever you want. While some find it best to sit in the back with their children, for easy access to the cry room, others find their children are better behaved when sitting near the front so that they can see what is happening in the chancel. If your child needs a moment to settle down, ask an usher to point you to the nursery or cry room. But please bring your child back soon so that he or she can be with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we collectively raise our voice in prayer and song. Be sure to sing the hymns and join the liturgy's responses so that your child learns from you what should be done in church. If you are without children, encourage parents with little ones and offer assistance as needed.



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee – Jan Bender

Opening Hymn

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Divine Service 4

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Introit

Psalm 105:39-43; antiphon: v.1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

P He spread a cloud for a covering,

C and fire to give light by night.

P They asked, and he brought quail,

C and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

P He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

C it flowed through the desert like a river.

P For he remembered his holy promise,

C and Abraham, his servant.

P So he brought his people out with joy,

C his chosen ones with singing.

**All 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.**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹Come, 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.

²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

P For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 9:1-13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I 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 brothers, my kinsmen 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 their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now 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." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And 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.

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

"The LORD Provides for His People" (Matthew 14:13-21)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face – Kevin Hildebrand

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to go to our online giving site.

(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

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O Living Bread from Heaven – John Eggert

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ALTAR PARAMETERS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Terry and Linda Hoffmann for blessings received.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Skovgaard

Organist

Christal Hopfensperger

Elder

6:30 John Wolck; 9:00 Jason Krueger

Chancel Assistant

6:30 Doug Grelk; 9:00 Kirk Midtbo

Usher Team

6:30 Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard,

Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

9:00 Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,

Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

Altar Guild

6:30 Meg Grelk, Sherri Bond; 9:00 Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Andrew Alles

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 3: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner,
Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

USHER TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart,
Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

EGL in the Word (Tenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

One of the most intimate expressions of family, friendship, and fellowship in Bible times especially was sharing a meal together (often termed “table fellowship”). It’s a primary reason why, for example, Jesus gets judged for eating with Matthew and his friends (Matthew 9:9-13). It’s also why meals or invitations to a meal frequently occur in the Old Testament, and when God is the one doing the inviting, it speaks volumes about His grace and fellowship with us. Notice how often the invitation “come” pops up in these five verses. There’s no VIP line, no early bird pricing for this meal. This meal is “without money and without price,” provided exclusively by Yahweh (55:1). All Yahweh asks for in return is a listening ear that shows a heart inclined to Him (55:2-3), signs of those incorporated into the “everlasting covenant” of David. We find the fulfillment of this everlasting covenant of love and fellowship in David’s Son and David’s Lord, Jesus Christ, who glorifies not only Israel but all those who hear his voice (55:4-5).

Epistle Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Right on the heels of the promise-laden chapter of Romans 8 comes the second part of Romans (ch.9-11), largely focusing on the relationship between Jew and Gentile in the Church going forward. In one sense, the Jews have all the advantage in this relationship. They have “the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises...and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ” (Rom 9:4-5; see also Rom 3:1-2). And yet, as Paul concludes, they aren’t exempt from the Law’s demands and judgments. Every tongue is stopped under the law of God (Rom 3:19-20). And the fact that some Jews have refused Yahweh’s invitation to table fellowship (see our OT reading) fulfilled in Christ grieves Paul to his heart, to the point that Paul desires his own name be blotted out of the book of life for the sake of his Jewish kinsmen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Our verses from Matthew follow right on the heels of John the Baptist’s execution at the hands of Herod (see Matthew 14:1-12). It is because of this that Jesus and his disciples withdraw for a time (14:13). However, that plan doesn’t go according to plan, not by a long shot. Instead of solitude, a massive crowd surrounds them. And yet, Jesus doesn’t dismiss them in frustration. Rather, we see a beautiful moment of Jesus seeing people (recall last week’s focus). He “had compassion on them and healed their sick” (14:14), even going so far as giving them a miraculous meal (with leftovers to boot!). Notice how this connects with our OT reading especially. The instances of feasting and invitations to table fellowship find their fulfillment in the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, who invites sinners to feast with him in his kingdom, to the point that they partake of his very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. We see here also another example of Jesus’ superabundant grace. He doesn’t just meet the needs of the crowd; he far exceeds them. Such is his mission: to give life and give it in abundance (see John 10:10).

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: As the work of our various callings begins anew this week, we remember that, before Jesus provided abundant food for the 5,000 men and their families, he had withdrawn to a solitary place to mourn the death of his cousin, John the Baptist. But even there the crowds pressed in on him with their needs. Have you ever felt the need to withdraw from the pressures of work and life, only to find that there was no getting away from your duties? Do you see God at work in those situations molding you ever more into the image of his Son?

Tuesday: Matthew tells us that what prompted Jesus to heal and care for the crowds that pressed in on him was compassion. In the Greek, that word comes from the word for “guts.” So, when the crowds pressed in on him, he had a visceral reaction. Despite his own grief, he was overcome with emotion for them. Have you ever seen a great need people have for something and been moved by compassion to do something to fix the situation?

Wednesday: St Paul in our Romans 9 epistle builds on the theme of compassion by expressing his gut-wrenching sorrow over the fact that so many of his Jewish brethren according to the flesh were cut off from faith in Christ Jesus. Out of love for them and their eternal destiny, he wishes, contrary to fact, that he might be cut off in their place, if only they would believe. Do you have any family members or friends who illicit the same heartfelt reaction in you? Has such compassion moved you to do anything in particular?

Thursday: The appointed Psalm for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost returns us over and over again to the theme that the steadfast love of the LORD endures forever. Everything in this created world ultimately fades away, but the love of God remains unchanged forever and forever. The LORD’s compassion for his fallen creatures is new every morning. Knowing that God’s attitude toward you never changes, how might you interact differently with those around you? Perhaps you have reason to hold a grudge against another person, but what is God calling you to do?

Friday: There is a German expression, “Gleich und gleich gesellt sich gern,” meaning, birds of a feather flock together. But the Old Testament reading from Isaiah 55 challenges that assumption. It ends with a recognition that nations we know nothing about will flock to the church, precisely because of what God in Christ has done in our midst. How might last Sunday’s baptism of a Chinese man in our Divine Service relate to Isaiah’s prophecy? Besides the wonder of it all, how ought we to respond to those who want what God is offering in our midst but who have very different life experiences?

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Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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WEEK OF AUGUST 2

- S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. AA (FH)
- M Have a wonderful day!
- T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BC)
6:30 p.m. TLCHS Board (228)
- W 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
- Th 6:30 p.m. Divine Service
- F Office closed

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
(call first)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **136** people that attended services last week in person and **103** households streamed the services for a total of **239**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

GIVING UPDATE: There's good news and bad news. Shortly after I returned from South Africa this past March I appealed to your Christian stewardship, mentioning that we had fallen behind in our anticipated offerings. You responded promptly and generously, making up the difference (and then some!) by the end of April, so that by the time we went into the May 17 Voters Assembly we could legitimately say that we had done what we had promised to do together over the past fiscal year. That's

the good news. The bad news is that since that point in time offerings have dropped off. The summer months are always low-offering months, but the bills continue nonetheless. Sadly we finished out the 2025-2026 fiscal year \$4,468 under budget in regular receipts. This position is complicated by the fact that the May 17 Assembly approved a budget which calls upon us to stretch in this new fiscal year. Let's pull together and not get stuck far behind our commitments to the ministry of the Gospel. -- Pr Skovgaard

ACCOUNTING-FINANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Board of Directors has asked me to put together a team of 2-3 individuals with accounting or finance experience to do an internal review of EGL's finances for the year that ended June 30. Experience with audit practices, financial oversight, internal controls and governance are helpful. Contact Sue Wilcox, EGL Comptroller, at suew14237@gmail.com or 262-444-3875.

THRIVENT CHOICE OPPORTUNITY: Did you know? Everyone who has a Thrivent Policy now gets \$25 to donate to a charity of their choice (not just certain policies anymore). If you haven't designated your funds, please consider donating them to Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Funds will be used to cover general operating expenses first, then to fund certain enrichment activities such as field trips to theater and the arts, supplies for the winter drama, art supplies, and more. Thanks in advance for your support!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL UPDATE

From Headmaster Melvin Beversdorf: For this coming year, I plan on working with the teachers and the leadership team/board of directors to review our strategies for marketing and outreach. I have plans to connect to a local homeschool group during our break after lunch on Tuesdays to build Christian connections and community. I am open to working with any homeschoolers that you may know if they want to connect to Trinity and what we have to offer in some form or capacity. This year, due to size, we will be a ONE House team with reward incentives scheduled to help balance out the rigor and effort that the students put forth every day. We have some dress up days and service projects identified. Furthermore, we will try quarterly CLUB days where teachers and volunteers/ special guests can complement our learning with special talents and activities. This is where the Motor (Automobile) Club, Woodworking Club, Drama Club, Sports Club, (insert YOUR idea here) may find its place in our school year. Please contact me at 262-221-7885 (cell) or head@trinitylutheranclassical.org if you have a CLUB or SERVICE idea/interest to share.

AUGUST 8 SERVANT EVENT: Our youth group (open to junior high and high schoolers) will begin the year with a servant event on Saturday, August 8. From 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., we'll meet at and be helping The Economy Center (a thrift store run by Lutheran Counseling & Family Services) to help them organize and prepare for a busy fall season. After that, youth and families are invited to stop by the Teggatz house a few miles away for lunch and ice cream. Please let Pastor Teggatz know if you're planning to attend or have questions!

YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Weekly youth group Bible study will begin on Sunday, August 9 from 10:45-11:30 a.m. in the youth room. This Bible study will be offered weekly on Sunday mornings. Pastor Teggatz will begin the year with a short-term study titled "The Gospel in Seven Words."

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026, 2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives! Every donation creates a ripple of hope. Make a lifesaving difference today—schedule your appointment: <https://sl1nk.com/jx8e6lf> or contact Rick Ewert: BloodDrive@egl.org / 262-289-9333.



BINGO: Mark your calendar! EGL is having a Bingo Night on Saturday August 15 with food, fun and prizes. Dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall with games to follow. Please watch for Signup Genius online or signup sheet in the back of the church. Hope to see you there!

PICKLEBALL: Please join us for our fall slate of eight dates for pickleball open gym! We'll gather in the gym at 3:30 p.m. on August (16, 30); September (20); October (4, 18); November (8, 22); and December (6). Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend, play, and/or watch to enjoy some fellowship and see what pickleball is all about.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is *The Miracle Among Us – How God's Grace Plays a Role in Healing* written by Dr. Marc Siegel. Cases of patients that have recovered and survived are explored where science and the medical teams cannot explain. Dr. Siegel points to God who is healing as faithful believers pray to Him. We look forward to an interesting discussion. We welcome new members.

KNITTERS WANTED: LWM is in the process of knitting newborn baby hats for the Manitowoc County Pregnancy Center. Patterns and yarn are at the back of the church. Hats are due by September 24. Please sign the sheet so we know who has a bag. Thank you, Linda Hoffmann

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will be packing these boxes in October. Your help in gathering the items needed (many are on sale now) would be greatly appreciated. New items for boys and girls ages 2 to 14 include school supplies (pencils, crayons, folders, etc.); hygiene needs (toothbrushes, washcloths, combs); and small toys, stuffed animals, games, etc. Please place items in the bin near the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance. Any questions please call Carole Braun at 262-781-1494. Thank you!

COLLEGE-BOUND? Often the Fourth of July marks the start of the countdown to move-in day. Before those young people pack the last box and pull out of the driveway, they need something more than a dorm checklist. They need a church home. Historically, up to 70% of college students stop attending church regularly while away at school. The pressures of a secular university academically, socially, and spiritually can be relentless, and Satan strives to be in their faces during this time. Many students face the first serious challenges to their doctrine, their ethics, and their biblical worldview with little support around them. LCMS U, the official campus ministry network of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, exists precisely for this moment. With over 200 chapters nationwide, LCMS U connects students to Word and Sacrament ministry, surrounds them with fellow Lutherans, and provides the theological "home away from home" they need to not just survive college — but thrive in faith. I invite you to take one simple step: visit <http://swd.lcms.org/campus> and complete the form.

ALTAR FLOWERS: As a congregation we greatly appreciate having flowers to adorn the altar each week. We currently have openings on August 9, 23, 30, September 20, and October 18 for altar flowers. The cost of the arrangements we receive from Welke's in Elm Grove is \$35. Please contact the church office (info@egl.org or 262-797-2970) if you would like to provide flowers this summer.

COFFEE DONATIONS: The money that is donated during the time of fellowship after Church on Sundays is being donated to the signage project. So, be generous!

NOTES

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