

WELCOME

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. OCTOBER 11/SUN. OCTOBER 12, 2025



“GUIDED BY FAITH”

AS WE GATHER

In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi’s difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/ow1oPV2NR3c?si=lKaRFjhUti5x5Ais&t=23>

**1 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**3 Praise to the Lord,
who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**4 Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness
and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

5 Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 111:1–8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

People: **He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

Pastor: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;

People: **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Kyrie

<https://youtu.be/Dl2zN9JZUNQ>



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Every Morning Mercies New”

Sts. 1, 4: *TLH* 537

<http://lutherantacoma.com/hymns/537.mp3>

**Ev’ry morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Ev’ry morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day;
For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure,
Thy compassion doth endure.**

**As the morning light returns,
As the sun with splendor burns,
Teach us still to turn to Thee,
Ever-blessed Trinity,
With our hands our hearts to raise,
In unfailing prayer and praise.**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ruth 1:1–19a* (*Ruth's loyalty to widow Naomi*)

1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. **2** The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, **5** and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. **7** So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. **8** But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. **10** And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” **11** But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, **13** would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake

that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 2:1–13 (A good soldier of Jesus Christ)*

2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

<https://youtu.be/IsTHg6eL9gU>

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19 (Jesus cleanses ten lepers.)*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying,

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”
LSB 846

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/fFlyp-HfAF0?si=omW8Z7Rr3fYFPQe5>

**1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death,
O'er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.**

**2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as before, In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes' ret's shore.**

**3 O be our great deliv'rer still,
The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise You evermore**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has risen from the dead. For our condition of sin, He took on our sin; for our suffering, He endured suffering and shame; for our salvation, He endured the cross for our forgiveness; and by His glorious resurrection, He opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (Sts. 1 & 5: *LSB* 940)
https://youtu.be/jeoWDE1_4qw?si=uKeliFAEGKMbfBPB&t=25

**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.**

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

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

(LSB, page 198)

<https://youtu.be/jHbU0FS3mQA?si=knJaL9D-akk2BLfA&t=10>

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed

- believe Christ's words

- repent of their sins

- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion

- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol

- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

LSB 739

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/lbf9R4a4ZmQ?si=T_D_oODz9wpUpu24&t=19

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,**

**At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *(LSB 806)*

<https://youtu.be/cgEBehLCNuk?si=ohRtAaCi9vNOAGFm>

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son,
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus through His true body and blood that has been received. Strengthen us by grace, amid suffering, to remain in faith toward You and show fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13*

Pastor: Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

People: **Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.**

Pastor: Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

People: **Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.**

Pastor: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

People: **Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB 733*

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/mHEuXuJbkM?si=4Dt7LRXFZ7GjCoul>

O God, our help in ages past
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
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known to others”**

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- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey,
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **Thank you for your show of appreciation for me and the gift you gave. I look forward to the possibility of being more of a part of your ministry when the other part of my life (my house building comes to an end). God Bless! Pastor Lind**
- **Interested in a small group setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.**

Hope is again participating in Operation Christmas Child. See the narthex display for boxes and information. The deadline this year is Sunday, November 16.

- **Beginning this month, the Sharing Center will be distributing holiday foods. If you would like to donate canned goods/side**

dishes, Gail will deliver. Also needed are frozen turkeys, which can be delivered directly to the Sharing Center, 25700 Wilmot Road, Trevor between 9 - 1 Mon-Wed, and Friday between 8 - noon.

- **Hope will need a new TREASURER as soon as possible. Please talk to Pastor if the LORD might be moving your heart to serve in this important role.**
- **CONFIRMATION:** Any parents who have children that you would like to see catechized and go through the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Pastor Tim. If any members have family or friends who might be interested in this even though they are not members, Pastor Tim would gladly reach out to them; just let him know and pass their contact info on to him.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Erna Wishnew
Communion: Mike Gomski
Ushers: Dave Peschke & Gary Schaetten
Fellowship: Rita Estes
Altar Guild: Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader: (Sat.) Cathy Viau
(Sun.) Dawn Oswald
Communion: Mike Gomski
Ushers: (LWML Sunday)
Fellowship: Carol Trettin
Altar Guild: Phyllis Klen

BIRTHDAYS

10/15 Kelly Fragassi
10/15 Iris Muur
10/18 Sue Robinson

ANNIVERSARIES

10/15 Ken & Judy Kelley
10/17 Justin & Xinyu Wilks

Calendar of Events This Week

10/13/25 – 10/19/25

Monday:	11:00am	Twin Lakes Seniors
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday:	11:30am	Ladies' Luncheon-Local Folks
Wednesday:	6:00pm	Bible Study "Selected Stories from Genesis"
Thursday:	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Friday:	8:00am	Men's Breakfast
		Elders Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Worship Service-LWML Sun.
	10:20am	Bible Study &
		Children's Sunday School
	7:00pm	AA Meeting