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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.



Before Service Prayer: Dear God, if only we were as diligent to pray, at least with a longing in the heart, as You are in coaxing, bidding, commanding, assuring, and constraining us to pray. Unfortunately, we are too lazy and ungrateful! Forgive us, dear Lord, and strengthen our faith. Since I cannot pay the penalty, and my name has no prestige, let satisfaction be made in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Luther's Prayers)

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Today's Theme: The readings for this Sunday move us to this response, that we strive to imitate Christ by seeing ourselves as his agents in helping one another in their time of need.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 496 "Glorious in Majesty"

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking for forgiveness in Jesus' name.
Almighty God and Father,

People: we confess to You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You and one another. We cling to the things of this world for meaning. We search for security in things that are here today and gone tomorrow. We crave things that are physical and ignore the eternal, as well as the needs of those around us. O God, for Jesus' sake, forgive us for our failures and faithlessness. Renew and restore us by the power of Your Spirit, leading us to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

Pastor: People of God, we come into this world with nothing, and we leave it in the same way. Everything we have in this life is a gift from God, especially God's forgiveness and acceptance which brings us here today. At the command of Christ and through the power of His cross, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, Your ears are always open to the prayers of Your humble servants, who come to You in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to Your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings You have promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: 2 KINGS 4:42-44 (God is so generous that sometimes He has even preserved His people miraculously. But notice that even then He used the efforts and gifts of people to show their eagerness to help as well as His eagerness to bless.)

⁴² A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said.

⁴³ “How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: ‘They will eat and have some left over.’” ⁴⁴ Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of

the LORD. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 84 (selected verses)—Read Responsively

P: How lovely is Your dwelling place,

C: O LORD Almighty!

P: My soul yearns, even faints,

C: for the courts of the LORD;

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

C: they are ever praising You.

P: Better is one day in Your courts

C: than a thousand elsewhere;

P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C: than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: O LORD Almighty,

C: blessed is the one who trusts in You.

The Second Lesson: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-11 (God is generous to you so that He might be generous through you. Who will thank God today for His gifts through you? Everyone gets rich in this scheme of things; and God enjoys the rich thanksgiving of His people, who thank Him for His gifts to them and the opportunities He gives for other people to benefit from His gifts through them.)

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: JOHN 6:1-15 (Jesus creates a need so that He can satisfy it. It did not just suddenly occur to Him that the thousands would be in danger since they had stayed with Him so long. No, He let them stay until there was a problem. And then He solved the problem. He does that wondrous thing in our lives countless times. But often in rescuing He gives His disciples an opportunity to help Him by serving those who were now in such obvious need. The boy shares. The great apostles become traffic cops and then waiters and then clean up men. And when it is all over Jesus makes sure that what He has done will not get in the way of His march to the cross!)

¹ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed Him because they saw the signs He had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with His disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered Him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, He said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: CWS 750 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer



1 Hal - low - ed be Your name. Fa - ther, hear our prayer.
2 Keep us from ev - 'ry ill, from the e - vil one.



Let Your good will be done here and ev - 'ry - where.
Grant us grace bought for us by Your ho - ly Son.



Fa - ther who art in heav'n, let Your king - dom come.
You a - lone have the pow'r and the glo - ry, Lord.



Ev - 'ry day, give us bread; thank You for the sum.
 You a - lone reign as King, ev - er - more a - dored.



And for - give us our sins as we, too, for - give.
 Hear us call on Your name here on earth be - low.



Lead us from all that tempts all the days we live.
 Now we sing Your a - men; yes, it shall be so!

P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 487 vs. 1, 4, 7, 8 “O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea”

**O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea,
 To You all praise and glory be!
 How can we thank You properly
 Who gives us all?**

**You did not spare Your only Son,
 But gave Him for a world undone,
 And freely with that blessed one
 You give us all.**

**We lose what on ourselves we spend;
 We have as treasures without end
 Whatever, Lord, to You we lend,
 Who gives us all.**

Dear Lord, from You we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our pow'r to give.
Oh, may we ever with You live,
Who gives us all!

The Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / James

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Tuesday—VBS Craft Night at 7:00 PM

Wednesday— Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday— Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Church Council at 10:45 AM

The Church Council will have its August meeting NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH, after church at 10:45 AM.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 6-10. The theme for VBS this year is "Written in Stone: A 10 Commandments VBS." Sign-up your child today at www.new-life-wels.org. At the present time we have 57 children registered.

A VBS Craft Night will take place this coming Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. Help is needed to put together the crafts that will be done each day at VBS. Many hands make for light work!

During the summer months, New Life will offer a mid-week Bible class on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 PM. Wednesday night Bible class will take up a nine-part study of the Old Testament book of Esther. Make it part of your summer schedule to study a book of the Bible with fellow members on Wednesday nights this summer! This week Bible class will study chapter 8.

VBS posters of various sizes are located on the table in the Café. Please help promote VBS by taking a few and hanging them at your place of work or at establishments you frequent such as coffee shops, restaurants or grocery stores.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—40