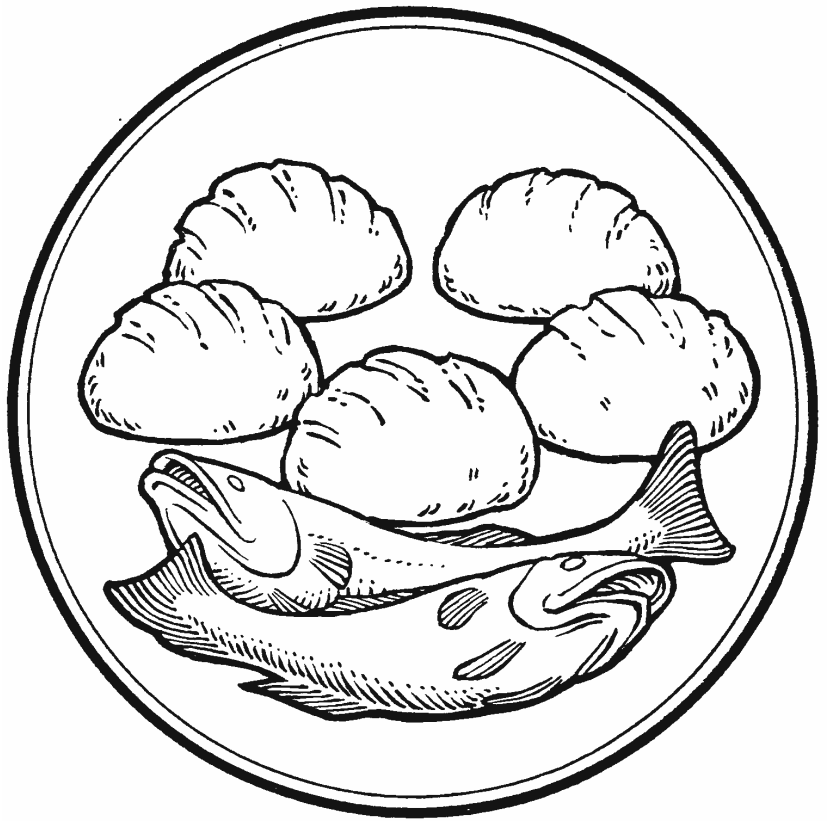


They said to him,  
"We have only  
five loaves here  
and two fish."  
*Matthew 14:17*



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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Aug. 6, 2023

# Welcome

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	Aug. 6	Aug. 13
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Judi Reeder	Kandi Null
Lector	Judi Reeder	Mason Tippett
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Musician	Dcn. Arica Demme	Rose Keller
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Offering Counters	Ken Hollinger/ Fred Lepley	Sandy Tippett/Lee Mills
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Communion Prayers	Fred & Crystal Lepley	Marianne Burkholder/ Claire Tito

**July 30, 2023**  
**ATTENDANCE - 50**

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.**

### **“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”**

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

***Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.***

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

P: 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.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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**

P: 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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C: Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

F B $\flat$  Am $^7$  Dm F B $\flat$  F

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till - your love's re - veal - ing light

F B $\flat$  Am $^7$  Dm F B $\flat$  F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,

F C Dm C Dm B $\flat$  maj $^7$

We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B $\flat$  F Gm $^7$  Am Gm $^7$  F

Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.  
 Stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

## GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al-might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the

Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-

lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; 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 assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>“Come, 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. <sup>2</sup>Why 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. <sup>3</sup>Incline 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. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>Behold, 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

**Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26**

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> **Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- <sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>4</sup> **to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- <sup>5</sup> to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>6</sup> **to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- <sup>7</sup> to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>8</sup> **the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>23</sup> **It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>25</sup> **he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
<sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans

### **Second Reading: Romans 9:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. <sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup>This 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. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though 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 him who calls — <sup>12</sup>she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*



The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of several notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, with each word aligned under its corresponding note.

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands (if able).*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I Love to Tell the Story**

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

The image shows the first system of musical notation for the hymn. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a common time signature. The melody is written above the staff, and the lyrics are written below it. There are three lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different vocal part or arrangement. The bass line is also visible below the lyrics.

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

The image shows the second system of musical notation for the hymn. It continues the melody from the first system, with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staff, and the bass line is also visible.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

*Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911*  
*Tune: William G. Fischer, 1835-1912*

HANKEY  
 76 76 D and refrain

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**C:** 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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,                   **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph 4:1-3*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.                   **C: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

Ps. 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; 1 Cor. 5:7



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: 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.**

# PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER**

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.*

*HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.*

*If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.*

*The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.*

## **BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.                      **C: Amen**

# POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray,

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

## O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926  
 Music: Irish tune, arr. John Barnard, b. 1948  
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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

**Prayer Chain participants** are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

## STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippet (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at <https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/>.

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## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

### Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

### Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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