

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 18

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

August 2, 2026

10:00am



Today we welcome Reverend Nancy Jo Kemper as our preacher.

Thanks, Nancy Jo, for your service among us.

Welcome

And thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are a visitor, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

Children Worship and Wonder is a ministry designed to help our youngest members experience worship in a way that is meaningful to them. Using a storytelling format, children hear the stories of God, wonder together about their meaning, and respond through hands-on activities. The worship space is set up to encourage reverence, quiet listening, and creativity, helping children grow in faith as they learn to worship God in their own way. Children are dismissed for CWW after the Gathering Hymn at the 11:00 service. Note: CWW runs September through May and will resume in the fall.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know. After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please: keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation; **silence** all electronic devices; **refrain from talking** during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.

Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

- maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;
- creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;
- engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;
- working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

setting by Daniel Kallman

Drew Sorenson, clarinet

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**



Greeting

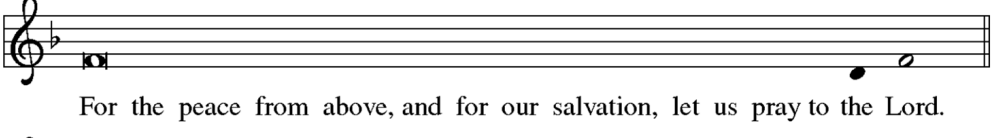
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.**

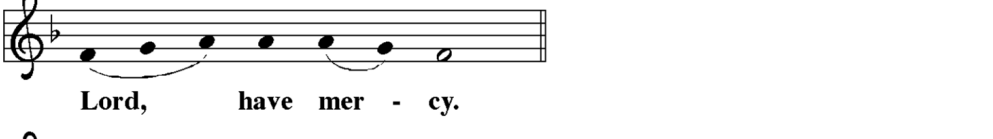
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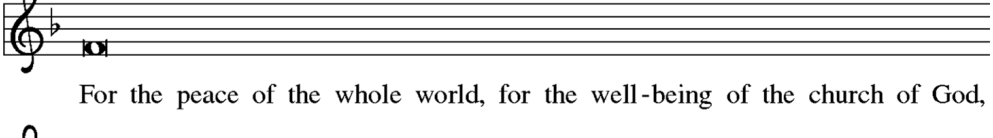
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



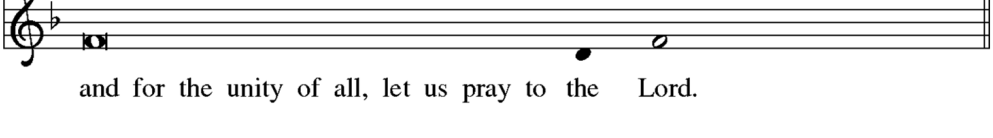
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



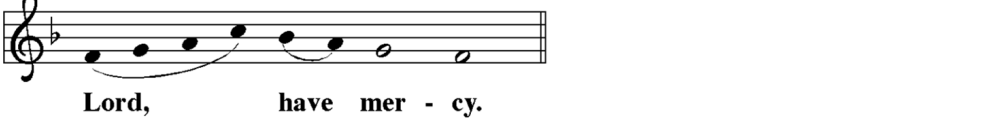
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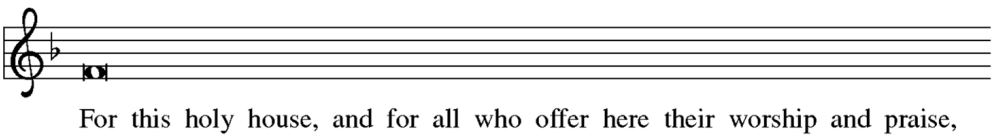
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



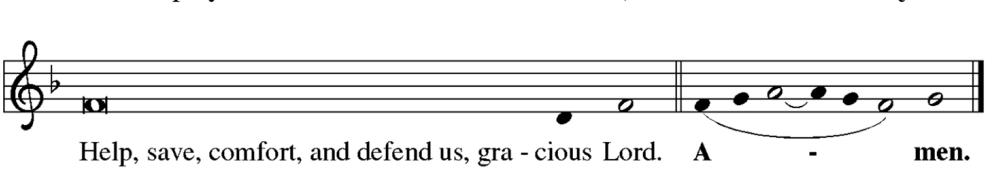
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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



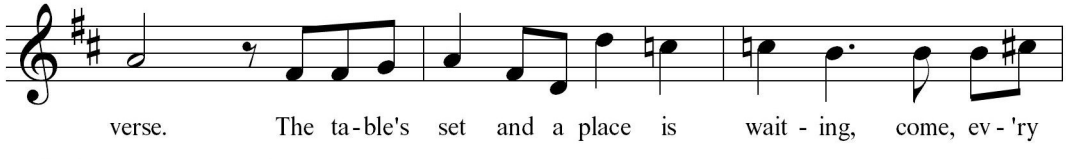
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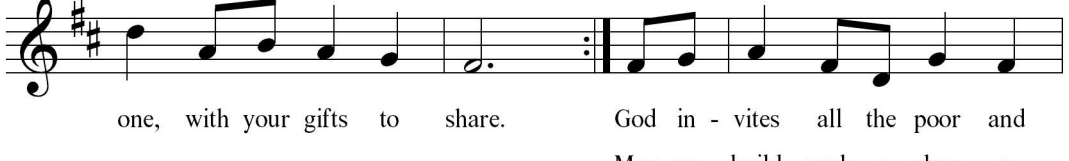
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**



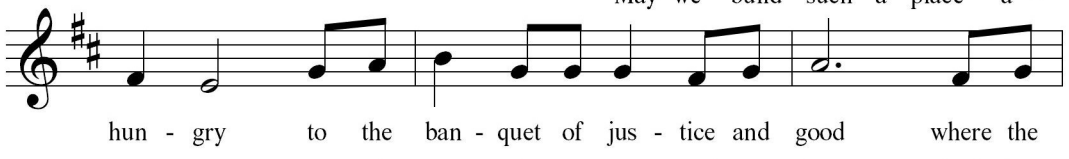
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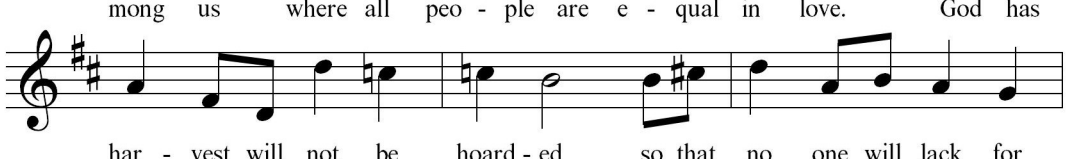
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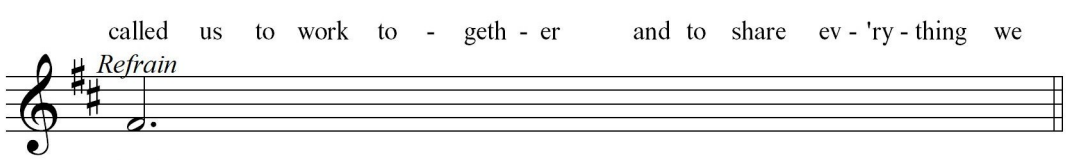
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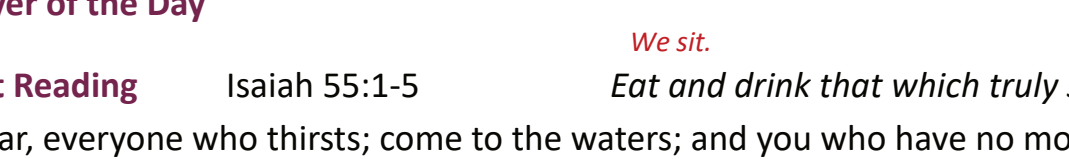
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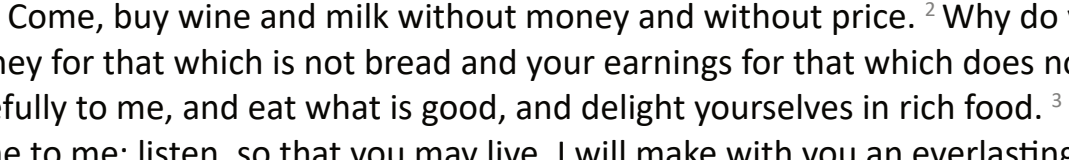
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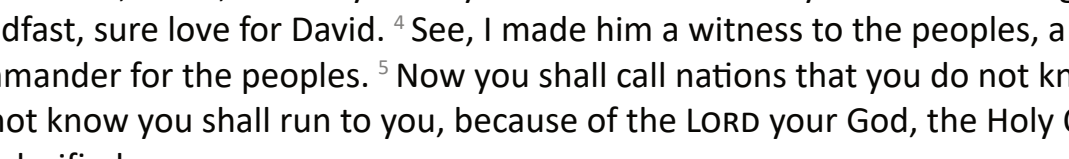
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Refrain
food.



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Prayer of the Day

We sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Eat and drink that which truly satisfies

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline 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. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now 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 or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You o - pen wide your hand and sat - is -
fy the de - sire of ev - 'ry liv - ing thing.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.
⁹ **LORD, you are ¹ good to all,
and your compassion is over ¹ all your works. R**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon ¹ you, O LORD,
and you give them their food ¹ in due season.**
¹⁶ You open ¹ wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every ¹ living thing.
¹⁷ **You are righteous in ¹ all your ways
and loving in ¹ all your works. R**
¹⁸ You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.
¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of ¹ those who fear you;
you hear their ¹ cry and save them.**
²⁰ You watch over all ¹ those who love you,
but all the wicked you ¹ shall destroy.
²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise ¹ of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- ¹ er and ever. R**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5 *The glory of God's people Israel*

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.
The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**
We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

*(cantor) One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
(repeat alleluia)*

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21 *Christ feeding five thousand*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

We sing the acclamation; then we sit.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Reverend Nancy Jo Kemper

We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day ELW 515 *Break Now the Bread of Life*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession Merciful God, receive our prayer.
Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Holy Manna setting by Wayne L. Wold
Offering Hymn ELW 679 For the Fruit of All Creation
Offering Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

Blessing
Sending Hymn ELW 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**
Postlude Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE

Sunday, August 2 10:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship	Wednesday, August 5 6:00pm AA Faith House
Monday, August 3 6:15pm AA	Thursday, August 6 7:15am Men’s Group

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Richard Michel
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Cantor	Teri Applegate
Sacristan	Phyllis Hasbrouck
Ushers	Carolyn & William Holmes
Greeter	Carolyn Carden
Counters	
Livestream Operator	David Templar

Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Victoria Rusk
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Learning Center Director	Courtney Herald
Facilities Manager	Parker Taul



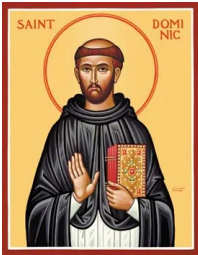
Worship Servants for Next Sunday (August 9)

10:00

Assisting Minister	Josh Yahr
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Cantor	Barbie Moore
Sacristan	Sharon Fegley
Ushers	Chris & LaDawn Reynolds
Greeter	Jim & Judy Knauss
Counters	
Livestream Operator	Helen Born

Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 | Saturday, August 8



Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Please visit our annual Used Book and Art Sale

Please know that ALL of our proceeds this year will be going to support the important work of The Nest in Lexington, Kentucky.

We appreciate your generosity !!



For nearly five decades, The Nest has served Lexington with compassion, care, and commitment to family stability. It is a community nonprofit dedicated to supporting women, children, and families through essential services, advocacy, and care. Their work is grounded in dignity, confidentiality, and hope. Their Mission: To help prevent abuse and neglect of children and adults by supporting families in crisis through education, counseling, advocacy, and resources.

Join the IN-KY Synod

AT A REGIONAL GATHERING

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others from across the synod, share ideas, and grow together in faith and ministry.

	9:30 a.m.	Gathering, Coffee & Donuts
	10:00 a.m.	Opening Worship with Holy Communion
	11:10 a.m.	Breakout Session 1
	12:30 p.m.	Catered Lunch
	2:00 p.m.	Breakout Session 2
	3:30 p.m.	Closing, Spiritual Practice & Sending

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration is \$30 per person. Use code **EARLYBIRD** for 50% off through August 31. **REGISTRATION CLOSING AT MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 14.**

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