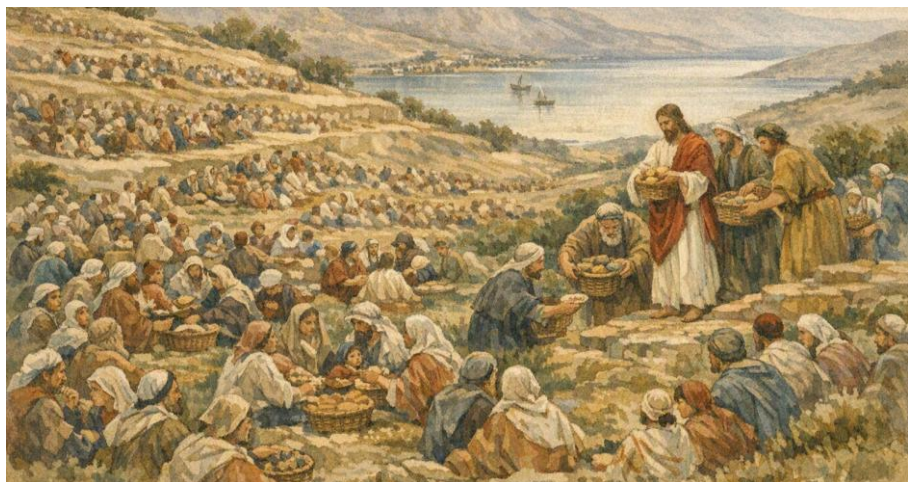




Sunday, August 2, 2026
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme
CHRISTIANS TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE

The hardest times to trust God are the times we need Him most. It is easier to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days? When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. God has graciously chosen and adopted us as His dear children, given innumerable spiritual blessings, and promised us everlasting peace and joy. If we recognize those spiritual blessings, how can we doubt that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.



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549 Across the Lands

CW 549

1 You're the Word of God the Fa - ther from be - fore the
 2 Yet you left the gaze of an - gels, came to seek and
 3 With a shout you rose vic - to - rious, wrest - ing vic - t'ry

world be - gan. Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry plan - et has been
 save the lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the
 from the grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, lead - ing

fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
 an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
 cap - tives in your way. Now you stand be - fore the

geth - er by the pow - er of your voice. Let the skies de -
 hun - gry, with a word you calmed the sea, yet how si - lent -
 Fa - ther, in - ter - ced - ing for your own; from each tribe and

clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re - joice!
 ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go free!
 tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners home!

Refrain

You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry
 man, and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

The Service
Setting Seven

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

1021 Gloria (Brit) - EBENEZER

CW 1021

Tune: EBENEZER

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who

those he loves so well. On the earth let
takes our sin a - way, now with him in

all his peo - ple speak his grace, his won - ders tell:
tri - umph seat - ed— for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray:

Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry, might - y
Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly, Sav - ior,

Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
you are God a - lone in the glo - ry

ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:1–6

In dark times with a wicked king, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.

¹Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³“Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there.”

⁵So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

136C We Thank You, LORD, for You Are Good *Psalm 136C*

1 We thank you, LORD, for you are good; your
 2 You, Lord, a - lone did won - drous deeds; your
 3 You made the star - ry lights to rise; your
 4 You res - cue us from ev - 'ry foe; your

mer - cy lives for - ev - er. Your kind - ness from of
 mer - cy lives for - ev - er. From you a - lone all
 mer - cy lives for - ev - er. Your glo - ries shine in
 mer - cy lives for - ev - er. You feed your crea - tures

old has stood; your love will keep us ev - er.
 good pro - ceeds; your love will keep us ev - er.
 ra - diant skies; your love will keep us ev - er.
 here be - low; your love will keep us ev - er.

O God of gods, O sov - 'reign Lord, we bless you
 Your wis - dom made the heav'ns to be; you formed the
 Your glow - ing moon en - hanc - es night; your sun brings
 We give you thanks, Cre - a - tor, Lord; we sing the

now with one ac - cord: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
 earth a - bove the sea: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
 forth each morn - ing's light: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
 glo - ries of your Word; your love is ev - er - last - ing.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–10

God provided for our eternal needs by choosing us to be his beloved children.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

⁴He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

⁷In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. ¹⁰This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:32

Alleluia, alleluia.

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

Jesus graciously provides for the needs of a great multitude.

¹³When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷They told him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he replied. ¹⁹Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. ²¹Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

603 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603

1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy
 3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O
 4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give

all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
 he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning
 hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -
 gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their
 praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -

love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
 shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the
 deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
 rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols

balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
 king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and
 thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
 moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen
 un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 me: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

Sermon

Matthew 14:13–21

Our Compassionate Christ

1) Invites Us To Seek Him

2) Calls Us To Trust Him

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.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

1027 Sanctus (Brit) - LANCASHIRE

CW 1027

Tune: LANCASHIRE

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
 your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
 Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
 How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!
 in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

1030 Agnus (Brit) - ROCKINGHAM OLD

CW 1030

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

509 Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

CW 509

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners
poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the
food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,
may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in
heav'n - ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

August 2 – Simon / August 9 – Matthew

Church Picnic and Corn Boil

Mark your calendars! The annual church picnic and corn boil is August 9th after the service. This year we have the added treat of ice cream catered by AY Ice Cream (12–2). There will also be fun games and great fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice ‘friendship evangelism’. Invite your friends for worship at 9:30 and then the picnic. Hope to see everyone there!

Flower Donations to Beautify the Altar

Congregational members are encouraged to donate cut fresh flowers and/or potted flowering plants to beautify the altar for special occasions such as: anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, birth of a child, in memory of a loved one, etc. Please notify your intention to donate and the date to Judy Bellefeuille (judy.bellefeuille@gmail.com).

Free Online College Course!

Want to be involved with spiritually caring for the aging? There is a “Geriatric and Care Facility Ministry” course, a three-credit online class offered with “on-the-job training” through Martin Luther College in behalf of WELS Special Ministries. The training is available to lay men and women (pastors, teachers and staff ministers too!) as an elective in the Chaplain Certificate Program. You do not need to become a chaplain to take the course. The class begins in late August (August 24–December 11, 2026) but register as soon as possible. Online instruction offers flexibility with weekly study, assignments and discussion. For more information contact the instructor, Dan Krause at (920)203-7570 or KrauseDE@mlc-wels.edu The tuition (over \$1000) is provided by Martin Luther Elder Care Ministries. Register at mlecm.org or MLC-WELS.edu .

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (2)** **9:30 am** **Worship** (with Communion)
 10:45 am Brief Bible Study
 3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
 4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore
- Th (6) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor
- Sa (8) 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
- Su (9)** **9:30 am** **Worship**
 11:00 am Church Picnic
- Fr (14) 6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship
- Sa (15) 10:00 am Communicating Christ Bible Class
- Su (16)** **9:30 am** **Worship** (with Communion)
 10:45 am Brief Bible Study
 3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
 4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore