

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✝Ill/Hospitalized: Diane Losielle
Denise Potter
- ✝Birthdays: Dale Walls – 81 on August 14th
Nancy Preuss – 88 on August 15th

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

- Today: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
- Monday: Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Elders 6:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
- Tuesday: Little Lambs 10:00 a.m. (Youth Room)
- Wednesday: Trustees 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: Divine Service 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Service Opportunity Gathering 10:45 a.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher: Rev. Michael P. Speckhard
- Liturgist: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
- Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
- Soloist: Mr. Brad Hubbell
- Acolytes: Ethan Smith (6:30pm); Brinley Sullivan (9:30am)
- Videographer: Scott Neumeyer



Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord’s Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“A Life of Faithfulness, Not Luxury”
August 14 & 17, 2025

† Tenth Sunday after Pentecost †

Introit *Psalm 55:1, 12-14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

**Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!**

**For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;*
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could
| hide from him.**

**But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.**

**We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;,*
within God’s house we walked | in the throng.**

**But I | call to God,*
and the Lord will | save me.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Collect of the Day

☞ O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☞ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:16-29*

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading *Hebrews 11:17—12:3*

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. *(Continued on insert...)*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING
☞ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING
☞ Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL
**☞ Glory to You, O Lord.
☞ Praise to You, O Christ.**

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SERMON
Text: Luke 12:49-53
Theme: “**A Life of Faithfulness, Not
Luxury**”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
☞ Lord, in Your mercy,
☞ Hear our prayer.

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