

WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE

THE BIBLE – We believe that EVERY word in the Bible is inspired by God, and therefore the whole Bible is the true, unalterable Word of God, clearly teaching the way of salvation. (2Ti. 3:15-17).

GOD – We believe that God is ONE (Dt. 6:4) and that He has revealed Himself in three distinct Persons (Mt. 3:13-17), the Father, our Creator and Preserver; the Son, Jesus, Who is both God and Man, and our only Saviour; the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts and enables us to live a God-pleasing life.

MAN – We believe that God created man with body and soul, in His image, but man of his own free will lost this image through sin. (Gn. 1:27; 2:7; 3.)

SIN – “Sin is the transgression of the Law.” (1Jn 3:4). There are two kinds of sin: original (inherited) sin (Ps. 51:5) and actual sin (sin in thought, word and deed) (Mt. 15:19). Man is subject to death and eternal damnation by reason of the guilt that attaches to sin.

REDEMPTION – We believe that God out of pure love and mercy redeemed mankind from sin through the all-sufficient sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus, and His resurrection shows that God was satisfied with the work of Christ. (Jn 3:16; 1Jn 2:2; Ro. 4:25).

FAITH – We believe that the sinner must personally receive the merits of Jesus for salvation and trust that, “Jesus died for me.” (Jn 17:3; Ja 1:21; Ps. 31:14).

THE CHURCH – We believe that the church, established by Christ is the whole number of believers in Christ, for only believers are members of the church. Jesus Christ is its one and only foundation (Ep. 2:19-22). The church is found wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached and the Sacraments are administered according to Christ’s institution.

SACRAMENTS – We believe that Christ instituted two sacraments, and when Baptism is administered to infants and adults, according to the command of Christ, God offers His grace and forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16). In the Lord’s Supper communicants receive in, with and under the bread and wine also Christ’s body and blood. Believing communicants receive this for the forgiveness of sins (1Co. 11:24-25).

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST – We believe that Christ will return visibly to earth (Acts 1:11) on the Last Day (Mk. 13:32) to judge the world (Acts 10:42). The believers will go to heaven, to be with God forever (1Th. 4:13-18). The unbelievers will go to hell, eternally separated from God (Mt. 25:32, 46).

RESURRECTION – We believe that on the Last Day believers in Christ will rise from the dead, their souls reunited with their earthly bodies and glorified by Christ (Jn 14:19; 17:24).

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13 A)

August 6, 2023

INTROIT

Psalm 105: 39-43; Antiphon: Psalm 105:1

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

*He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.*

*They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.*

*He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.*

*For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.*

*So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.*

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

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *Heavenly Father though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

G **Amen**

GRADUAL

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSE FOR PRAYERS

After each petition:

P *Lord, in Your mercy*

G **hear our prayer.**

Isaiah 55:1-5 (ESV)

“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.
² 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.
³ 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.
⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.
⁵ 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.

Romans 9:1-13 (ESV)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am
not lying; my conscience bears me
witness in the Holy Spirit—² that 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
brothers, my kinsmen according to the
flesh. 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 their

race, according to the flesh, is the
Christ who is God over all, blessed
forever. Amen.

⁶ But it is not as though the word of
God has failed. For not all who are
descended from Israel belong to Israel,
⁷ and not all are children of Abraham
because they are his offspring, but
“Through Isaac shall your offspring be
named.” ⁸ 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. ⁹ For
this is what the promise said: “About
this time next year I will return, and
Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰ And not
only so, but also when Rebekah had
conceived children by one man, our
forefather Isaac, ¹¹ 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—¹² she was
told, “The older will serve the
younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “Jacob I
loved, but Esau I hated.”

Matthew 14:13-21 (ESV)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, 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. ¹⁴ When he
went ashore he saw a great crowd, and
he had compassion on them and healed
their sick. ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They
need not go away; you give them
something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him,
“We have only five loaves here and

two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ 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.²⁰

And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 13A

Isaiah 55:1–5

Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)

Matthew 14:13–21

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God.

By the Gospel of “*the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever*” (Rom. 9:5), we are “*the children of God*” (Rom. 9:8), “*not because of works but because of His call*” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “*listen diligently,*” and “*hear, that your soul may live.*” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood He has made “*an everlasting covenant*” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “*said a blessing,*” broke the loaves, “*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very Body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

Next Week’s Readings from God’s Word:

August 13: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:4-18; Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16) (v.46);

Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33