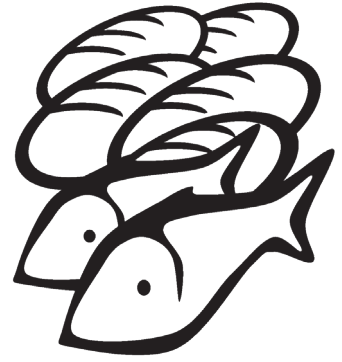


Pentecost 10

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13 (Year A)

God's love and devotion for his people are seen clearly in the Scripture lessons for this Sunday: invitations to banquets, covenant promises, a passionate reminder that it is God who calls and adopts. Jesus provides a meal made from meager provisions that overflows into abundance, pointing to God's incredible care for the hungry. As we gather at the Lord's Table, we get to eat, drink, and be renewed again



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Come to the Waters

God invited Israel to a grand banquet at which all would eat at no cost, promising an everlasting covenant with the entire nation that included promises previously extended only to kings and their descendants. In response, Israel would serve as a witness to all nations concerning the glory of God.

Psalms 136:1-9 (23-26)

God's Love Endures Forever

The psalmist thanked God for his steadfast love by enumerating myriad ways in which God has displayed his love for his people over time, concluding that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)

God Calls His Chosen

Paul tackled the issue of Israel's place in God's saving plan, focusing on their identity as God's chosen covenantal people. He declared that they are recipients of adoption, the Torah, the promises and legacy of the patriarchs, as well as the Messiah through which God is redeeming creation. The word of hope for Israel, and for all who believe, is that it is not up to us to deserve the call; God calls those whom he chooses simply because it is his choice.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

Jesus fed five thousand followers using five loaves of bread and two fish and ended the meal with an abundance of leftovers. The miracle serves as both a witness to Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the Son of God, and as a foreshadowing of the Last Supper.

Liturgical Color: Green

- In Ordinary Time use either the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed.

Consider baking the bread for communion this Sunday. A change from wafers once in a while can be a reminder of the importance of the Sacrament. You can find a whole-wheat recipe on Sola's worship resource site. This is a great activity to do with young people, as well — use it to teach them about the Last Supper.

Jesus gives us our "daily bread" and supplies all our spiritual needs, too. Who around you is in need of food? Who is in need of spiritual sustenance?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
O Living Bread from Heaven	197	---	642	542	---	---
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	423	---	848	712	---	---
Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer	343	---	918	618	---	---
Praise and Thanksgiving	409	---	789	689	---	---
I Love to Tell the Story	390	---	---	661	265	265
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness	---	---	849	843	---	---
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	290	---	---	587	186	186
We Come to the Hungry Feast	---	766	---	479	---	---
Take My Life, and Let It Be	406	---	783	685	233	233
O Christ the Same	---	778	---	760	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

This I Believe (The Creed)
(CCLI# 7018338)
Come to the Table
(CCLI# 675056)
Take to the World
(CCLI# 3957949)
We Believe
(CCLI# 6367165)
O Come to the Altar
(CCLI# 7051511)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.