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The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00



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- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- C: **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**
- P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
- C: **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**
- P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service* #712
Featuring **John Eastlund & Jim Spiegle**

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

A: A Reading from Exodus

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"

¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

A: A Reading from Ephesians

¶I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

Bach

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

(Petition Response to “Lord, in your mercy”: **Hear our prayer.**)

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY *Nocturne No. 2*

Chopin

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: *And also with you*

P: Lift up your hearts

C: *We lift them to the Lord*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Pastor)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. **Follow the instructions of the ushers.** Children who have not yet received first communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. Come forward as indicated by the Pastor. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time that is completely understandable.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Variations on "Come to the Table"*
Hymn #481

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response after the Prayer **C: Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

#793

Featuring John Eastlund & Jim Spiegle

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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We Welcome all visitors to our services. Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and **in memory of sister and Aunt Carol Veltri**, by the **Hasteadt & Scibelli Families**.

Serving Today

Lector: Roxanne Toomey
Altar Guild: Doris Ohlander, Joan Drake, Norma Mantay,
Regina Coons
Counters: Roger Ohlander, Bill Henderson, Michael Soethout,
June Fahey
Usher: Hans Vogel

*Nicole Nicholson, Director of Music
Christopher Sahar, Organist
Christian DeRuiter, Church Business Administrator
Roxanne Toomey, Deacon*

Announcements for the Week of August 1, 2021

Our Christian Nursery School is now offering open enrollment for our 2021 fall classes! Following Covid safety guidelines to keep your child safe, our nursery school is the perfect learning environment for your child. They will be sure to love our academic classes, music classes, arts & crafts, library, computer room and Science lessons. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child(ren) please contact the Nursery School Director, Dana Antonette, at (516) 679-8425 for a tour appointment.

The following people are on our prayer list ~ we especially remember them in our prayers today ~

Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Debbie Becker, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Donna Chillemi, Ann Curtis, Marge Dahlberg, Mike Dauth, Travis Gentile, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, Gary Proce, Barbara Proce, Eunice Rischan, George Steele, Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Saul Wein, Kathy Wicks, Karen Klose, Jimmy, Kay Charon, Jerry Fitzgerald, Suzanne Marshall, Elise Sheridan, Bob, Helga Richert, Carol Gallagher, George Kremer, Alex & Meg Edwards, Charlie Fisher, Janet Veltri.

We would appreciate your keeping us updated and let us know of any changes. If you have any changes or if you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please call the church office at 516-221-3286.

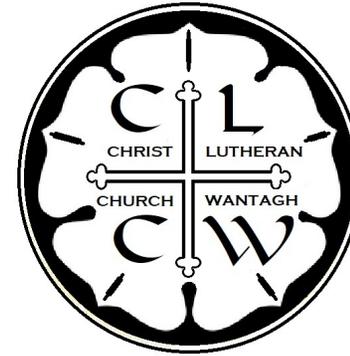
An in-person AAA Driver Improvement class, to be held on **Saturday, August 28**, in **Room 2000**, from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, with a **one-hour lunch**. The \$30 fee for this course includes all materials. Checks should be made payable to "AAA New York" and brought to class. Please see Regina Coons for more information.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Facial tissues, juice, Dish soap, cookies, coffee, egg noodles, wide, canned tomatoes, cooking oil (48 oz), stew, chili with beans, salad dressing, mayonnaise.

Please check the expiration dates on the packaged foods before you donate the item!

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
THANK YOU!**



Weekly Calendar

Sun.	9:00am	The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ Worship Service
Tue.	8pm	AA Meeting
Thurs.	10am	TOPS Meeting
Fri.	9am - 3pm	THRIFT SHOP
	7 & 8:15pm	AA Meeting
Sat.	7:45 & 8:15pm	AA Meeting
Sun.	9:00am	The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost ~ Worship Service

Reminder ~ Thrift Shop Hours:

Friday ~ 9am - 3pm