

How I love your
laws!

I meditate on them
all day.

PSALM 119:97

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Plugged In: Life in Christ Is A Mature Life of Service

July 29, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We strive to imitate Christ by seeing ourselves as his agents in helping one another in their time of need.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Savior, fill my heart with your compassionate love for all people. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Organist

Usher

Pastor Erich Westphal

Sasha Schallert

Russ Wyman

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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Kings 4:42-44

Life in Christ is displayed in our willingness to help and God's willingness to bless.

⁴²A man came from Baal Shalishah and brought the man of God some bread from the first ripe grain, twenty loaves of barley bread, and some new grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Set it before the people so that they can eat."

⁴³His attendant said, "How can I set this before one hundred men?" But he said, "Set it before the people so that they may eat, for this is what the LORD says: They will eat and have some left over." ⁴⁴So he set it before them. They ate, and they had some left over, just as the LORD had said.

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SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Life in Christ is displayed in attitudes that cheer and encourage those around us.

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. ²Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

³Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. ⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

⁷But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ.

¹¹He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, ¹²for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order

to build up the body of Christ. ¹³This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 6:68

Alleluia. Lord, to whom will we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6:1–15

Life in Christ is displayed in opportunities to help him by serving those who are in obvious need.

After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). ²A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. ³Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little."

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men.

¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted.

¹²When the people were full, he told his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, "This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Find instructions for **mobile giving** in the card slot next to the hymnal rack.*

Please help us help you by recording your visit on the Connection Card in this bulletin. This is also where we register for Holy Communion.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Linnea Madsen

This rite is intended for the reception of members (including baptized children) by transfer from a sister congregation or by profession of faith.

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HYMN

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill | 458

CLOSING HYMN

May the Mind of Christ My Savior | 467

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM TODAY *Christopher and Christiana Nyanplu* born on June 4, 2018, will be received into the Lord's Kingdom. *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.* Mark 16:16

NEW BIBLE CLASS starting this Tuesday afternoon. Our next book is titled, *The Hard Sayings of Jesus*. It's not too late if you want to start this new book with us. You can order a copy on NPH.COM.

THANK YOU to Isaac and Stefanie Hill for the altar flowers in celebration of their second wedding anniversary.

IN-FOCUS MAGAZINE new editions are in the Information Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL *"Let the little children come to me, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* (Mark 10:14) You can serve a vital part of Christ's mission to children by serving in rotation as a Sunday School teacher. We already have three teachers but are looking for two more. Can you give one Sunday a month, with minimal preparation, to teaching our children?

NNO WIN WIN Want to help with a donation for National Night Out? Why not purchase a gift card from our Scrip program and donate it to NNO. A gift card is always a great prize!

HELPING HANDS are on the bulletin board for items needed for our preschool.

Calendar Week

Today

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Monday

Men's Softball	9:20 pm
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Tuesday

NEW! Bible Class	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Lawn Mowing	6:00 pm
Steve Deuth & Larry Gens	

Next Sunday

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Serving In The Lord

Ushers

Today:	Russ Wyman
Next Sunday:	Chris Schallert

Organist

Today:	Sasha Schallert
Next Sunday:	Janice Budach

August Money Counter

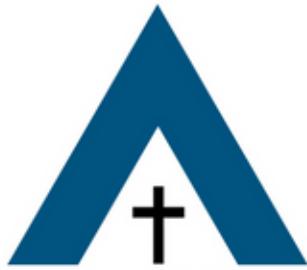
Brian Larson

Blessings From The Lord

Attendance

Bible Study – 14
Sunday Service – 54
Tuesday Bible Class – 0

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