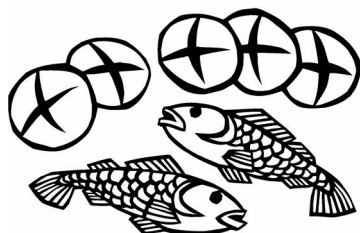


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, [†] one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, [†] Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

Praise Songs

Bless the Lord, O my Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
He has done great things. He has done great things.

He has done great things. Bless His holy name.

Bind Us Together

Refrain:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
Bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why I sing.

Repeat refrain

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

First Reading ***Isaiah 55:1-5***

If you are thirsty, come and drink water! If you don't have any money, come, eat what you want! Drink wine and milk without paying a cent. Why waste your money on what really isn't food? Why work hard for something that doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and you will enjoy the very best foods.

Pay close attention! Come to me and live. I will promise you the eternal love and loyalty that I promised David. I made him the leader and ruler of the nations; he was my witness to them. You will call out to nations you have never known. And they have never known you, but they will come running because I am the Lord, the holy God of Israel, and I have honored you.

...This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms ***145:8-9, 14-21***

⁸You are merciful, LORD! You are kind and patient and always loving.

⁹**You are good to everyone, and you take care of all your creation.**

¹⁴When someone stumbles or falls, you give a helping hand.

¹⁵**Everyone depends on you, and when the time is right, you provide them with food.**

¹⁶By your own hand you satisfy the desires of all who live.

¹⁷**Our LORD, everything you do is kind and thoughtful,**

¹⁸and you are near to everyone whose prayers are sincere.

¹⁹**You satisfy the desires of all your worshipers, and you come to save them when they ask for help.**

²⁰You take care of everyone who loves you, but you destroy the wicked.

²¹ I will praise you, LORD, and everyone will respect your holy name forever.

Second Reading ***Romans 9:1-5***

I am a follower of Christ, and the Holy Spirit is a witness to my conscience. So I tell the truth and I am not lying when I say my heart is broken and I am in great sorrow. I would gladly be placed under God's curse and be separated from Christ for the good of my own people. They are the descendants of Israel, and they are also God's chosen people. God showed them his glory. He made agreements with them and gave them his Law. The temple is theirs and so are the promises that God made to them. They have those famous ancestors, who were also the ancestors of the Christ. I pray that God, who rules over all, will be praised forever! Amen.

... This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel ***Matthew 14:13-21***

After Jesus heard about John, he crossed Lake Galilee to go to some place where he could be alone. But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw the large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick.

That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This place is like a desert, and it's already late. Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food."

Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?" But they said, "We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish." Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him, and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and handed it to his disciples, and they gave it to the people.

After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.

There were about 5,000 men who ate, not counting the women and children.

...The Gospel of the Lord.

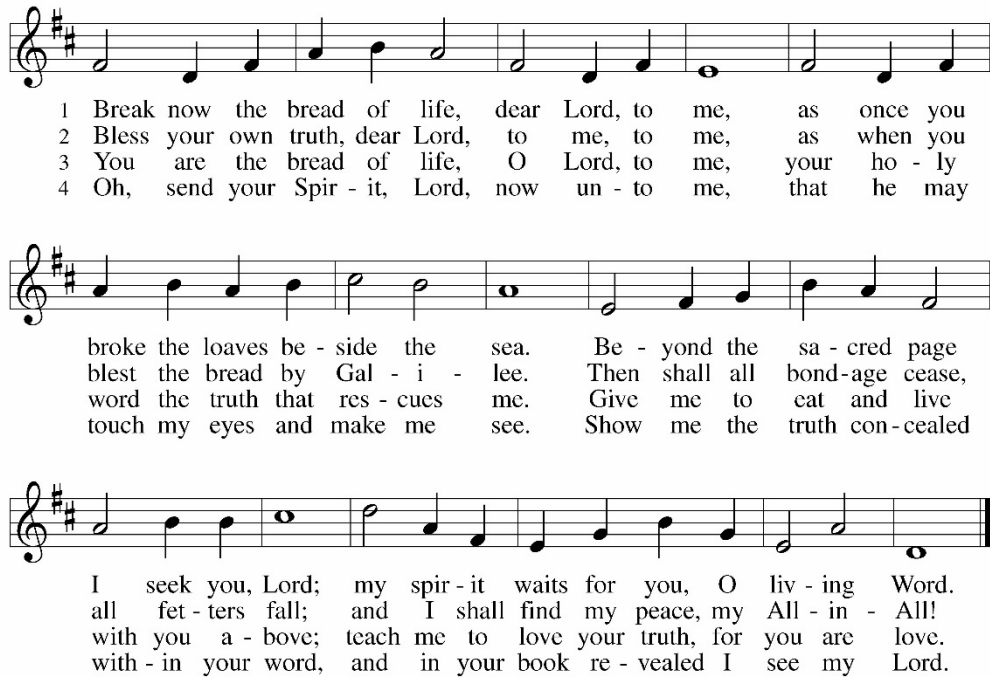
(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Glenda, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshiping community, that we bear faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

{P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

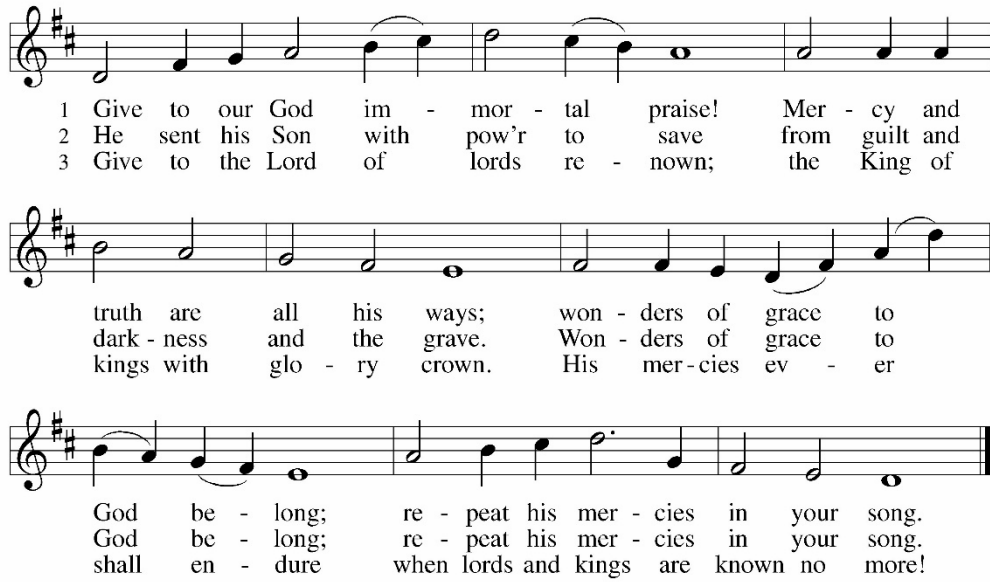
A Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (see next page)

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of
truth are all his ways; won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time here with us.

Thank you: To Charlie Schmidtke, for leading us in worship today. We look forward to your message, Charlie!

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Pr. Lynn Scarpine.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran) or on your smartphone.

Mission for August: The mission for August is ELCA Disaster Response: Venezuela. In the aftermath of two catastrophic earthquakes. Marked envelopes are available in the narthex, or mail your donation to the church office indicating the funds are for Disaster Relief: Venezuela. Donations can also be made through tithe.ly.

Pastoral Care: During the month of August, if you are in need of Pastoral care or assistance, please contact Pastor Johanna Andritz at 716-870-8518 or email her at jandritz@aol.com. For any general questions, please contact Nancy in the church office, and she will refer you to the proper person.

Calling all Crafters and Bakers: We need your help! **On Saturday, September 19 from 10 am -4 pm**, we will hold our 3rd Annual Craft show/Basket Raffle/Baked Goods sale. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board to help with the various tasks. You are invited to join us **following worship today** as we finalize our plans for the day. If you have an idea for a craft, please share with us. If you have a basket or items for a basket, or a gift card, to donate for the basket raffle, please drop them off at church any Sunday.

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, next on **Tuesday**,

August 4. The summer meetings will be Zoom only. Please see Charlie or Diane Schmidtke for a Zoom link. The meetings begin at 10 am until 11:30.

Church Council Meeting at TOL: Council members, there will be an important meeting with Pr. Adam Arends here at TOL on **Tuesday, August 18 at 1 pm.**

Worship and Picnic in the Park: On **Sunday, August 30** at 10 am, enjoy spending time with families and friends from TOL, Augustana and Good Shepherd at Veteran's Park, Shelter #2, in the City of Tonawanda. There will **not** be a service at TOL that day, so we're hoping everyone will be able to come to the picnic for worship, followed by fellowship and lunch. Carpooling from TOL will be available!

Adult Education Fall 2026 through Spring 2027: Classes begin on **Monday, Sept. 11**, and the focus will be on Religious Leaders. Details coming soon!

Adult Retreat: Please see the article in the August Tidings about the upcoming Adult Retreat which will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. There is a display in the narthex with photos and memories of last year's retreat. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet on the main bulletin board.

Ken-Ton Closet and Operation Christmas Child: These are the two ministries which were identified at our last Tri-Congregational meeting as missions which our three churches will support in the months ahead. Please see page 12 of this bulletin for items needed and deadlines. Thank you.

Devotionals: If you would like a "Christ in Our Home" devotional for **July through September 2026**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Grocery store gift cards for individuals in need.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.
- Peanut butter and jelly – for Sandwich Team Ministry.

This week's calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly.</i> <i>Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i>	Sun	8/2	9:30 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Craft Fair Planning Meeting Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	8/3	10 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Yoga AA
	Tues	8/4	10 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Grief Support on Zoom Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	8/5		
	Thur	8/6	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	8/7	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	8/8		
	Sun	8/9	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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Supply List for School Backpacks

Below is a list of school supplies that we are collecting for Ken-ton Closet. We need to have donations by 8/23/2026 at the latest so they can be delivered to Ken-ton Closet on 8/25. They will use our donations to pack the backpacks.

Backpack
Crayola crayons
Crayola markers
Dry erase markers
Mechanical pencils
Pink erasers
Pencils
Pencil sharpeners
Loose leaf paper
Colored folders
Kleenex

Operation Christmas Child

One of TOL's outreach programs is packing shoeboxes for children around the world who don't receive Christmas gifts. It is an expression of God's love for children.

If you would like to join us on this mission, contact Debbie (716-946-2683) or the TOL church office (716-836-4868).

You can use your own plastic shoebox or we can provide one for you. The boxes may be filled with a variety of items that are appropriate for boys or girls, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. The biggest need is for boys ages 10-14.

Some ideas are dolls, soccer balls with pump, small stuffed animals, crayons, pencils, markers, note pads, glue sticks, combs, brushes, hair bands, toothbrushes, wash cloths, and card games. Also, books, play dough, jewelry, hats, gloves, sunglasses, puzzles, jump ropes, and yo-yos.

Unacceptable items are: candy, toothpaste, food, war-related toys, liquids, glass items, and soap.

If you are able to include \$10 for shipping, that would be appreciated.

Boxes can be brought to TOL on Sunday, November 15th which is a joint Veterans service for all three churches.