

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Faith Lutheran Church
Steadfast Love Forever
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As We Gather: *Lutheran Service Book: Concordance* contains an alphabetical listing of key words in the texts of the hymnal. Although it might seem to be structured for church professionals choosing hymns for services, it has value for all people in the church. Paging through the book, it is easy to discover what words are frequently repeated in hymns—words that are important to singers of Christian songs. Among frequently repeated words are “eternal,” “forever,” “everlasting,” “endless,” “eternally,” and “eternity.” There is no time limit to the relationship God has with His faithful people. This makes it easy for us to begin a hymn by singing confidently “Thine forever, God of love” (LSB 687:1) or to conclude a hymn with the words that affirm what God in steadfast love has done for us: “You had mercy so that we might be saved eternally” (LSB 559:5). God is with us through time and beyond it as well—a great reason for us to rejoice endlessly!

PREPARATION

The peace of the Lord may be shared according to local custom.

Opening Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness #809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8–9

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- C** Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.
- P** Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.
- C** Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your

good Spirit lead me on level ground!

- P** The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** **The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
- C** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

- P** Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

- P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins

in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**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.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Hymn of Praise O Blessed Spring #595 sts. 1–2, 5



1	O	bles-	ed	spring,	where	Word	and	sign	Em - brace	us	
2	Through	sum-	mer	heat	of	youth-	ful	years,	Un - cer -	tain	
5	Christ,	ho -	ly	Vine,	Christ,	liv -	ing	Tree,	Be	praised	for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 9:8–17* (God makes a covenant with Noah.)

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God

said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 3:14–21* (Paul writes concerning the love of Christ.)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Mark 6:45–56* (Jesus walks on the Sea of Galilee and heals the sick people.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Catechism

The Second Article

P We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together

the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

C I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,


just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Sermon Hymn From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee #607 *sts. 1, 3, 5*



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord, And not in
5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His
bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it
nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort
Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?
and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

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Sermon "The Everlasting Covenant of God" - Genesis 9:8-17

Offering and Contemporary Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the whole family of God in Christ Jesus, that we may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being; that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that we may be rooted and grounded in love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that our Lord, who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, would be glorified in His Church and in Christ Jesus; that He would ground us in love; and that He would give us a faith rooted in Christ's promises and strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses all knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P To the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He would bless our families even as He blessed Noah, bringing forth new life under His promises, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all marriages, especially this week we pray for those members who celebrate their wedding anniversary, we remember [_____], that God would make them strong and fruitful according to His will; and for every home, especially we pray for the families made up of [_____], that God's Word would rule there, uniting it in forgiveness and causing Christ to dwell in every heart through faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our country, that the Lord of might would spare us and future generations from wickedness; for our leaders, that by God's blessing they would rule according to His good pleasure; and for God's protection over our armed forces, police and all public servants, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are sick, recuperating from surgery, or facing other trials, we remember [_____ *and*] all those in need, that they would trust the One sent to heal and make whole,

receiving from Him health for body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Other Petitions. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

P For all who commune, that God would not allow our hearts to become hardened by indifference or frustration in this world, but would lead us to His blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith to receive forgiveness and confidence according to Christ's New Testament, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Father in heaven, You name every family in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Preserve us in the faith so that Christ might dwell in our hearts richly until that day when we join them around Your throne; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SACRAMENT

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we may receive the blessings

of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above #766



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his
 out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
 ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And let us all be clothed and fed.
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
 In plague and famine, spare our life,
 That we in honest peace may live,
 To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
 That they may trouble us no more;
 We, too, will gladly those forgive
 Who hurt us by the way they live.
 Help us in our community
 To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
 Where our grim foe and all his horde
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
 Help us resist, help us to stand
 Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
 The times and days are perilous.
 Redeem us from eternal death,
 And, when we yield our dying breath,
 Console us, grant us calm release,
 And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
 Make strong our faith in You, that we
 May doubt not but with trust believe
 That what we ask we shall receive.
 Thus in Your name and at Your Word
 We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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Christ, the Word of God Incarnate #540



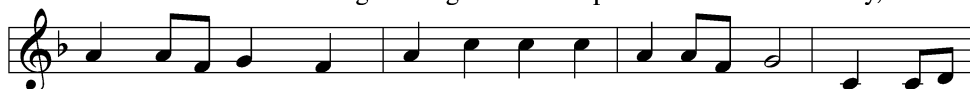
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unailing
 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father,
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
 There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
 Christ, the life and resurrection,
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:
 Praise and thanks and adoration
 And unending worship be
 To the Father and the Spirit
 And to You eternally.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
 Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on me
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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