10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Pastor John Stiles ~ Reader: Lynne Z

PRELUDE *Spirit Alive*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

GATHERING HYMN *'Great Things'* *Spirit Alive*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:1-5*

Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

HYMN *'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service'* *ELW 712*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 14:13-21* ~ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard of the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to

him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of our Lord. ~ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC *Shelia Soma*

OFFERING PRAYER Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

APOSTLES 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 THE PEOPLE Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Congregation Choice!

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

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Sunday (2nd)
8am Prayer
9am Worship
10am Coffee & Fellowship

Monday
9:00 am Quilting
5:30pm COJ Board
7:30pm A.A

Wednesday
7:30am Men's Breakfast
9:00am Sewing Group

Thursday
8am Sonrisers
1pm Grief Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Join us after service for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!

CHURCH OFFICE: Becca will be out of the office August 6 & 7.

NEW COUCIL MEMBER: ORLC Council is seeking a new member to join council. What a great way to serve your church! Have questions? Please reach out to Pastor John or Lyndon Hagestuen. *We thank Kathryn Lentz for her time and service on council. We wish you good luck and all the best with your move from the area. You will be missed!*

RAINY DAY COMMITTEE: We have had some interest in forming a new team to serve on the Rainy Day Committee at ORLC and are looking for one more person. If you are feeling called to serve your community through your church please connect with Pastor John or Becca in the office.

VIA DE CRISTO: There is a Via de Cristo retreat close, Forest Lake.
Metro Co-Ed Weekend #695
August 13-16, 2026 ~ Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake
Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge. Proverbs 30:50
With questions or interest in participating in a Via De Christo Retreat call Lynn Drewa, 612-275-5502, Callie Nordahl, 612-369-0148, or Lynne Zack, 320-260-9701. All are welcome to attend at no expense to you.

RITE OF INSTALLATION: Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery of the NEMN Synod Saturday, Sept 12th at 2pm at First Lutheran in Duluth. Invitation information is on the door of the main office if interested. RSVPs request by QR code but not required.

BACKPACK PROGRAM: We are beginning our monthly food collections again for the upcoming school year. We will post what we are looking for each month in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin. Thank you for all your contributions to this program that feed so many in our community.
August Needs: Individual oatmeal packets, Pudding cups and/or individual snack packs such as teddy grahams, animal crackers etc.

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kevin & Mary Anderson.
Note: When taking your flowers please do so by taking the vase around to the back side of the altar space. Remove the flowers from the plastic insert & place them in the bags we have there for your convenience.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP: Kevin & Mary Anderson

CREATION CARE: August 2
"You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare."—Isaiah 55:1-2
When we choose whole, unprocessed foods over highly processed foods we are generally choosing a smaller carbon footprint. We can buy a piece of fruit without plastic packaging, but buying an individual fruit-flavored "leather" or "gummies" includes wasteful packaging and a lot more energy used in it's manufacture and production. Although highly processed foods at first bite might be more appealing because of their high sugar, fat, or salt content, ultimately they leave our bodies less satiated for what they really want and need. We don't need to limit our diets to bread, wine, and milk, but this week, can you be more thoughtful about putting food in your body that is better for your health and the health of our ecosystem?

HEALING PRAYER TEAM

"Do not worry. Tell God what you need with a thankful heart. His peace will guard your mind." Philippines 4:6-7. Martin Luther viewed prayer as an essential, daily conversation with God rather than a chore. He advised engaging with scripture, starting each day with prayer.

Dear Father, Thank You, for giving me the ability to do all things through You today. I look to You and Your strength. Thank You for helping me to be the person that You created to be. Remind me in in times of frustration, when I feel like I've missed the mark that You have given me the ability to do everything I need to do. In Jesus name, Amen.

ORLC PRAYER LIST: Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.

<u>TO PRAY FOR:</u>

Heesook K (friend of Larry G), Carolyn M, Ray W, Nancy W (daughter of Judy B), Kinsley K, Lois B, Eric J (son of Sherwood & Marietta J), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)