

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2026 -5:00 PM

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people

WELCOMING WORD

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.



WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles.

We are committed to being an anti-racist community.

*By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend
God's grace, love, justice, and dignity.*

You belong here; you are seen. Your story and your life are valuable.

In Christ's love, we welcome, support, and love all children of God.

MINISTERS
PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
KAREN HOFSTAD



ORDER OF WORSHIP

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Ruth Heinecke

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

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.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN # 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (vs. 1,2)

+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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline 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. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now 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.

Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

+L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 14.

+C: Glory to you, O Lord.

+GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about 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. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

+C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #712 *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*
(vs. 1,3,4)

+THE NICENE CREED pg. 104

+THE PRAYERS pg. 152

The leader concludes each petition with the words: "Merciful God..."

The people respond: "Receive our prayer."

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY #186 *Create in Me*

+OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 154 (right hand column)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.**

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

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

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #689 Praise and Thanksgiving

+DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

*"I am God's child, deserving of love and respect,
and God will use me to change the world."*

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29, God's Goodness/Our Ingratitude

Tuesday, Acts 2:36-47, The First Converts

Wednesday, Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35, Bread from Heaven

Thursday, Psalm 85:8-13, Prayer for Restoration

Friday, Acts 18:24-28, Ministry of Apollos

Saturday, 1 Kings 18:41-46, The Drought Ends

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

*Jesus said to them, "They need not go away;
you give them something to eat."*

-- Matthew 14: 16

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

- Looking back, when have you spent time and resources on things that do not satisfy? (Isaiah 55:2)
- Paul lists the many things God has already provided for the Israelites. What legacy has been provided for you in your life of faith? (Romans 9:4-5)
- Why does Jesus tell the disciples to feed the crowd when he knows they lack supplies to do so? (Matt 14:13-21)

PRAY: O 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.

BLESS: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

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