

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bible Stories:
Covenant with Israel

August 1/2, 2021

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment. Activity sheets and bags for your child are available from the ushers as well.

WORSHIP SERIES: BIBLE STORIES

This summer, we're going back to the Old Testament to study some Bible stories you might not have learned as a kid. We'll see prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jonah being called into service and serving with the power of God's Word. We'll see how God's people react to tragedy as we explore the lives of David at the loss of his son and Job after the loss of almost everything. We'll see Jesus, present in the lives of his people every step of the way. Ultimately, these are the stories of God's people and God's sweeping plan of how to rescue them.

TODAY'S FOCUS: In Exodus 24:3-11 we hear the Israelites shout with voices united their commitment to God. Is it too much of God to ask that you be as committed to him as he is to you? Remember that the two of you are **Bonded by the Blood** of Jesus.

OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Eternal Love Lutheran Church views the Lord's Supper as a powerful disbursement of Jesus' grace. We receive it with joy and treat it with respect. Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Christian Worship #538

Please stand for verse 5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
 5 Mid - toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
 with her to the end. Though there be those that
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

ORDER OF SERVICE

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear brothers and sisters loved by Jesus Christ, St. John writes in his first letter:

C: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

M: I ask you, therefore, before God who knows our hearts: Do you confess the sins which you have committed in desire, thought, word, and deed? Do you repent of them, believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? Then answer: Yes.

C: Yes.

ABSOLUTION

M: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

Adorn yourself with these attitudes. They cheer and encourage those around us. They reflect our noble status as members of Christ's body.

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.

Sit back and enjoy as Jesus creates a problem by keeping a crowd engaged in hearing God's Word. Then watch him solve the problem through this marvelous miracle of the feeding of the 5000.

After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).² A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick.³ Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples.⁴ The 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?"⁶ But 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."¹³ So 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.

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Young children may come forward for a brief devotion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Christian Worship #353



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

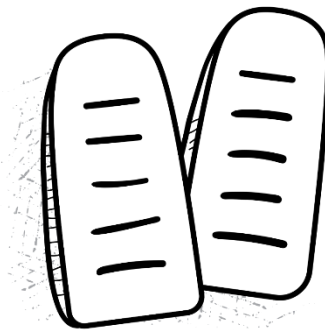
³Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. ⁷He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey.”

⁸Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, “Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words.”

⁹Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

Bonded By the Blood



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Those who wish to give an offering today may place it in the offering plates near the door when exiting the chapel after worship.

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshipping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship or scan the provided QR code to do so now.



OFFERING SONG

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table
From "Hymns for Him"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the leaders of our synod and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this entire Fox Valley, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For Joyce Payne, who is praising God for a successful surgery this past week, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

C: Amen.

STAND

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Christian Worship #486



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f' rings Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 of - f' rings Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.
gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

STAND

M: We give thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. Grant that we may live as your people now and as your guests forever at the marriage feast of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Ephesians 3:14-18

M: Go in peace. May the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name, strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, and that you may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

C: To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

There Is a Redeemer
Christian Worship Supplement #747



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son,
names,
face;
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

Refrain



Ho - ly One.
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my
In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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