

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

BENEDICTION

SONG “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” [CCLI Video]

DISMISSAL
Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!

NOTES



Reformation Sunday/
Friendship Sunday
Bring a friend(s) to church!
We’re having special Polka
Music for the service. Then
we’ll have our German
Dinner to follow hosted by
Congregational Life Team.

Reformation Sunday, October 26

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 23

We’re On A Mission From God – Friendship Fever Catch It! – October 12, 2025

AS WE GATHER
In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi’s difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, who has given us a mission of proclaiming him to world. Today we will learn who we can share the message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with.

PRESERVICE SONGS “Gratitude” (CCLI Video)
“Good, Good Father” (CCLI Video)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” [REC 11 vs. 1 & 4]

INVOCATION
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Pastor: We silently confess our sins unto our Heavenly Father.

(Reflection)

Pastor: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

People: Gracious God, You have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known Your amazing grace. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus’ sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As surely as Jesus was born with Moabite Ruth in His human family tree, as certainly as the Samaritan leper was saved through his faith, and as confidently as Paul assured Timothy of “the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory,” I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ **WORD** ☩

SONG OF PRAISE “In Christ Alone” [CCLI Video]

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ruth 1:1–19a*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 2:1–13*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “Friendship Fever – Catch It!” *Matthew 13:4-8*

SERMON HYMN “Catch the Vision” [TOSB 75 sung to LBW 143]

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *2 Timothy 2:8, 13*

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of everlasting mercy, You offer Your salvation and redemption to all people with forgiveness assured through faith in Your Son. As You did for Your people of old, including Ruth and Naomi, grant us trust in Your provision and direction, even amid trials we may face. Help us to endure and to also point others to the help and hope You offer and sustain by Your grace as we go on your mission. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

People: hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

Pastor: Ever-sustaining Lord, who strengthens by the grace that is in Jesus Christ, encourage us by Your servant Paul. As he endured persecution and prison for the sake of Your Gospel for the salvation of the world, sustain us in our faith and in our witness. Grant strength to endure the trials and sufferings in this world, and to remain firm in faith when we bear Your name as Your baptized and redeemed people. Soften hearts of those who reject Your Word and grace and pour out Your Spirit that many more may come to know Your mercy, which is known and shown through Your Son. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

People: hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

Pastor: Healing Lord, out of compassion, Jesus healed the ten lepers afflicted by disease. Be with those who suffer in body and mind with disease, diagnosis, and despair. We especially lift up to You those who have asked for our prayers, including . . . and those we name in our hearts in this moment of silence. For those afflictions and ailments known only to You, grant the comfort of Your presence and healing according to Your will. We thank You for the healing of our greatest afflictions faced against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. Through hardships, as we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

People: hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

☩ **SACRAMENT** ☩

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: