

Wisdom From Above

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost | August 2, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

We are given, by Jesus, a reminder to not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure. What great wisdom from above.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CALL ON GOD

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

WE SING

“Hello My Name Is”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: As we hear God's Word and His promises to us in Christ, it becomes impossible not to recognize that we are dependent on His merciful forgiveness to us through our Savior Jesus. We sin in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. We sin when we don't think, say, or do the things that should flow from our lives as God's children.

We cannot set ourselves free from our sins. But God has placed the punishment of our sins on Jesus Himself. He promises forgiveness to all who confess their sins and trust in this Good News of rescue through Jesus.

C: Almighty God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and give to us the assurance of everlasting life!

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

WE SING

“But The Cross”

WE PRAY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to Him?

⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, "Listen to Me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"

¹⁷After He had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples asked Him about this parable. ¹⁸"Are you so dull?" He asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'?"

¹⁹For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")

²⁰He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.'"
²¹For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"Grace From Above"

Pastor Doug Slavens

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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.

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

WE SING "Hymn of Heaven"
"Goodness of God"

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE SING "This Is What We Live For"

CLOSING BLESSING

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!
We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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