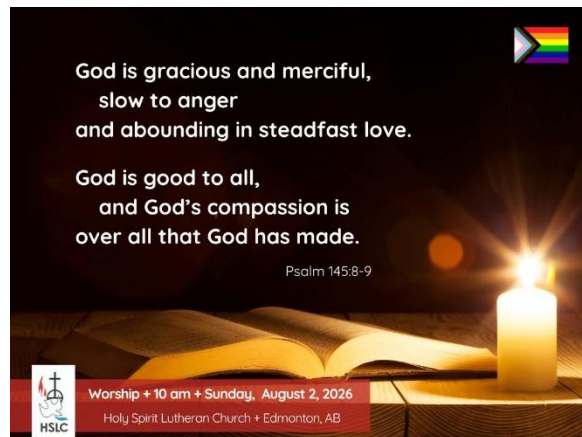




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August 2, 2026 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word

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Welcome

Gathering Song *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* (ELW 689) vs 1,2,4

Greeting

Kyrie – Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Now the Feast - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Prayer of the Day

Children's Time

First Reading 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.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Psalm Tone 1

⁸The Lord is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are ¹ good to all,
and your compassion is over ¹ all your works. R**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon ¹ you, O Lord,
and you give them their food ¹ in due season.**

¹⁶You open ¹ wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every ¹ living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in ¹ all your ways
and loving in ¹ all your works. R**

¹⁸You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of ¹ those who fear you;
you hear their ¹ cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all ¹ those who love you,
but all the wicked you ¹ shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise ¹ of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- ¹ er and ever. R**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

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

Gospel Verse - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When 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.

Sermon

Song of the Day *‘Love Divine, All Loves Excelling’* (ELW 631)

New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Susan K, Dorothea K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Carola U, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Brenda K, Verna L, family of Tom de Jong, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Peace

Offertory *“Come to Me, All You Who are Weary”* Liturgy of the Beloved

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer – Reconciling Works

**Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent,
in whom we move and breathe and have our being,
the hallowing of your name shines forth
in the diversity of your children.**

**May your peace and love, justice and equality,
inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.
Along with ourselves, grant that God's beloveds who have been
marginalized might have their daily needs met—that they might
find gainful employment without discrimination;
that they might have access to medical care without fear;
that they might have their rights and lives protected,
and that they might find a loving community to belong to
and call their own.**

**Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short
and failed so many of your children.**

**Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care;
For the times we laughed or judged unique expressions
of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much,
or failed to hear as we forgive those who might have failed us.**

**Lead us away from the temptation
to be complacent in the face of injustice.**

**But instead give us courage to stand up and stand
with your beloved children.**

**For your love and justice is to be made manifest
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song '*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*' (ELW 535) ref, vs 2, ref

Dismissal

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