

Pentecost 10

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12 (Year B)

God’s steadfast love has been exhibited to humanity repeatedly. He chose Noah and his family to enter the ark before the floodwaters raged, and as they reached dry land, God promised never to destroy the earth that way again. Through Jesus we see the truest, deepest love of God. Jesus healed the sick and restored relationships. In Jesus Christ we are rooted and grounded in God’s sacrificial love.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 **God’s Covenant with Noah**

When the floodwaters subsided, Noah and his family landed on dry ground. Noah built an altar to the Lord and made a burnt offering. God said to Noah, “I establish my covenant with you.” God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign that he would never again destroy the earth by the waters of a flood.

Psalm 136:1-9 **His Steadfast Love Endures Forever**

The psalmist sang praises to the Lord for all God’s wondrous works: creating the heavens, making the stars and sun, the moon and everything that exists. All of these wonders demonstrate God’s steadfast and eternal love.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 **Rooted and Grounded in Love**

Paul prayed for the Christians in Ephesus that they would be strengthened in the Spirit so that Christ might dwell in their hearts. He reminded them that they were rooted and grounded in the love of Christ to help them understand the depths of God’s great love for them.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:45-56 **Jesus Heals as People Touch His Coat**

Right after the miraculous feeding, Jesus went to a mountaintop to pray. The disciples’ boat was making some headway in the wind as they sailed to reach him on the other side of the sea. In the dark of night, Jesus walked on the water to reach them. This terrified the disciples greatly as they thought Jesus was a ghost. When they made it to the shore, Jesus’ healed those who touched his coat.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles’ Creed
- God made a covenant with Noah after the flood had subsided. In the waters of Baptism, God makes an even more profound covenant with his people. The Noahic covenant promised the end of a watery destruction. The waters of Baptism, connected to God’s holy Word, promise forgiveness of sin and new life in Christ. In Martin Luther’s “Baptismal Booklet” of 1529, he called the waters of Baptism “this saving flood.” God takes what once killed and uses it to make us alive in him!

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	333	---	722	767	249	249
O Love that Will Not Let Me Go	324	---	---	---	---	---
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	458	---	743	775	39	39
Father, We Thank You	---	704	652	478	---	---
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	---	---	---	---	---	web
What Wondrous Love is This	385	---	543	666	254	254
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus	---	---	---	---	212	212
Sweet Hour of Prayer	---	---	---	---	9	9
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	356	---	---	658	197	197
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	---	711	641	484	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

- Praise Song Titles:**
- Still
(CCLI# 3940963)
 - Flood the Earth
(CCLI# 7090425)
 - What a Beautiful Name
(CCLI# 7068424)
 - In Christ Alone
(CCLI# 3350395)
 - God So Loved
(CCLI# 7138599)

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