

August 1 - 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah

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.

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.
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.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ—
I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—
I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own siblings, my own flesh and blood.
They are Israelites,
and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law,
the worship, and the promises;

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Now 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 Jesus on foot from the towns.
When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd,
and had compassion for them and cured their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus 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.”

Jesus said to them,
“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”
They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”
And Jesus said, “Bring them here to me.”
Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
And all ate and were filled,
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.
And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

***Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.