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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 10

Appearances Are Deceiving  
July 11, 2021 – 10:45 AM



### AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### HYMN

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” *LSB* 908

1 **Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.**

2 **Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.**

△ 3 **To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.**

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#### INVOCATION

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

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 85:1–13*

Pastor: Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;  
People: **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**  
Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;  
People: **You covered all their sin.**  
Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath;  
People: **You turned from Your hot anger.**  
Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

**People:** and put away Your indignation toward us!  
**Pastor:** Will You be angry with us forever?  
**People:** Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?  
**Pastor:** Will You not revive us again,  
**People:** that Your people may rejoice in You?  
**Pastor:** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**People:** and grant us Your salvation.

**We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.**

**Pastor:** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;  
**People:** but let them not turn back to folly.  
**Pastor:** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
**People:** that glory may dwell in our land.  
**Pastor:** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**People:** righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
**Pastor:** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**People:** and righteousness looks down from the sky.  
**Pastor:** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**People:** and our land will yield its increase.  
**Pastor:** Righteousness will go before Him  
**People:** and make His footsteps a way.

**Pastor:** The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

## HYMN

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” *LSB* 582

1 God’s Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

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## KYRIE

*Ephesians 1:4, 11; 13–14*

**Vicar:** In peace, “holy and blameless before Him,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**People:** Lord, have mercy.  
**Vicar:** For peace from God’s blessing us in Christ, choosing “us in Him before the foundation of the world,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**People:** Lord, have mercy.  
**Vicar:** For the peace of the whole world, in which all things work “according to the counsel of His will,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For this holy house and all places where people hear “the word of truth, the gospel of Your salvation,” let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Vicar: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord, until we acquire possession of our inheritance.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets” *LSB* 583

**1 God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world’s despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal;  
God the first, and God the last.**

**2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father’s glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
He reveals our God to us.**

**3 God is speaking by His Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
God the first, and God the last.**

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### **SALUTATION**

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Vicar: Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.

**People: Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;**

Vicar: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Amos 7:7–15*

(Amos boldly speaks for the Lord against Amaziah and Jeroboam.)

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able

to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL**

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Vicar: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Vicar: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

### **EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

(God made our salvation certain before the creation of the world.)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE**

*Matthew 5:10*

**People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Vicar: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:14–29*

(Herodias gets John the Baptist’s head.)

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the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Thy Strong Word” *LSB 578*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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## SERMON

“Chosen By God  
Ephesians 1:3-14”

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Vicar: Lord, in Your mercy,  
People: hear our prayer.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” *LSB* 955

1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.

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## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Vicar: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Vicar: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Vicar: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Vicar: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Vicar: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *LSB 621*

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav’nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *LSB 806*

**Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

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### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Vicar: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

Vicar: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Vicar: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *LSB 922*

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.**
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.**
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit’s power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.**

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