



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11th, 2026 - Divine Service 3 - LSB 184ff

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He "will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth" (Is. 25:8). Therefore, "let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made "for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine" (Is. 25:6). It is the royal "wedding feast" of the Son of God, "and everything is ready" (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, "both good and bad," to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the "wedding garment" of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," and "rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4–6).

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Announcements

Opening Hymn | 510 "A Multitude Comes From the East and the West"

Please stand.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [Matt. 18:20; 28:19b]

Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Heb. 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

[Psalm 124:8 32:5]

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

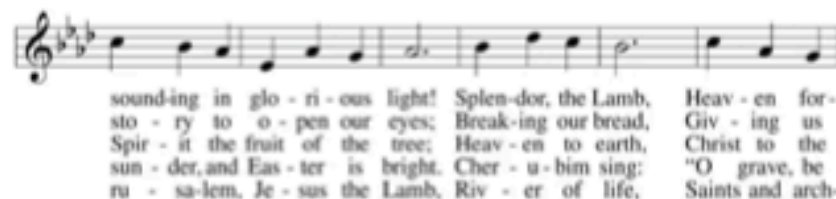
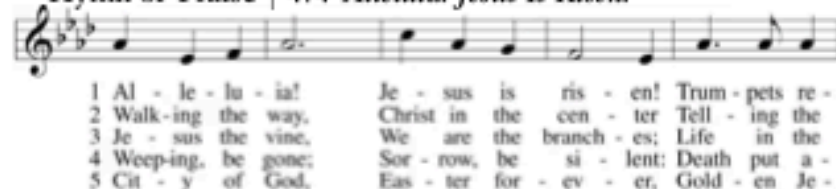
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor, miserable sinner** confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

Hymn of Praise | 474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen:"



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

[2 Timothy 4:22]

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

Please be seated.

Today's Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah 25:6-9

“On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

“And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

“He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

“It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God;

we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading is from Philippians 4:4-13

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

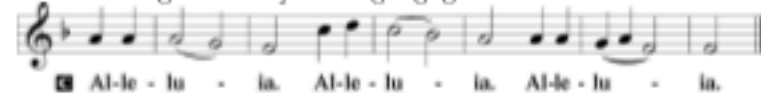
“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

“I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 22:1-14

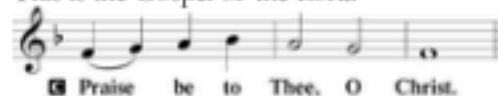


“Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,” and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. “Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. “The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. “Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’” And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. “And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. “Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Our Confession of Faith

Together we confess the Nicene Creed. (Inside Back Hymnal Cover)

Please be seated.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward for a message by Pastor Fitch.

Sermon Hymn | 435 “Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain”

Sermon

1. Jesus is the bridegroom who comes to m His bride, the Church. He w her clean of all her sins, and c her in His own righteousness.
2. You who hunger & thirst for r, come to the wedding-feast!
3. Polite ones i Him. ~ “Thanks for the offer, but I’ve got more important things to do.”
4. Not-so-polite ones become a at the Christ, His claims & His church, and persecute Him.
5. God blessed I with the Gospel of the coming Christ, showering her with His f, delivering her from her enemies and blessing her with His holy word.
6. When Christ came she r Him.
7. With tears Jesus l Jerusalem’s coming destruction in Matt. 23:37, “How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not w?”
8. Then there are those who outwardly c faith, but don’t believe it.
9. The man without a wedding garment attaches himself to the C, yet trusts in h and not in Christ for salvation.
10. H & u will be cast out into outer darkness where there is no peace, forgiveness or hope.
11. When you d Jesus’ blood & righteousness, you d every word God speaks.
12. Jesus says, “I am the w and the t and the l; no one comes to the Father except by m.”
13. We who c the wedding garment that covers our sin and presents us spotless before our heavenly Father also c every word He teaches us, for His words are l.
14. What greater t do we have in this life than the G of our dear Lord Jesus that gives us f of all our sins, makes us s, and brings us to h?

Offertory Hymn | 955 "Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Please stand.

Prayers of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*After each petition, the pastor will say, "... Let us pray to the Lord;"
the congregation responds "Lord have mercy."*

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

[2 Timothy 4:22]

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

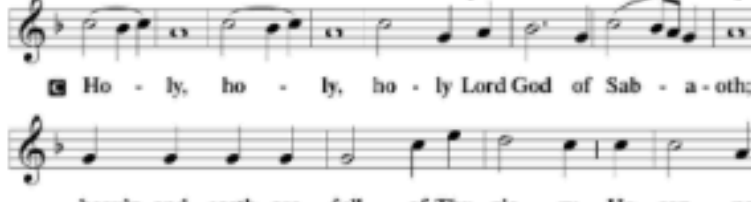
It is meet and right so to do.

[Psalm 136]

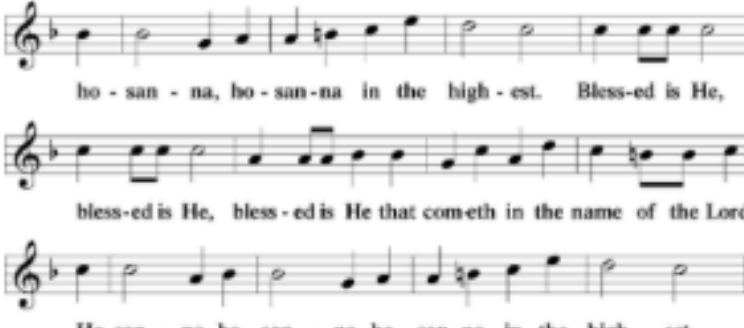
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

[Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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

[Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 22:23-25]

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

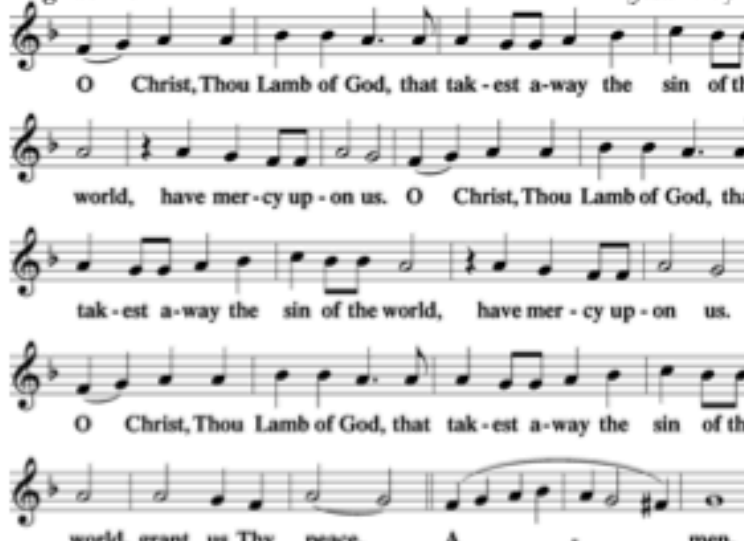
[John 20:19]

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

[John 1:29]



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink, for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. [Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29] Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith confessed at this altar, any who have not been instructed, in doubt, or holding a different confession from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. [1 Cor. 11:17-34]

Dist. Hymn | 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Dist. Hymn | 973 "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wait - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

Refrain

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When all have communed, please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

[Luke 2:29-32]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father an

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the begin -

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and his mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn | 643 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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