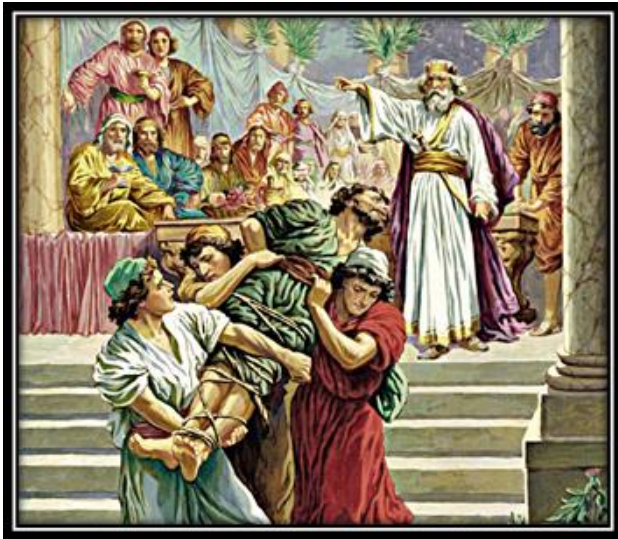




The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, A+D 2026



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

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).

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Stand

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

- [P]** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
[C] **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
[P] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
[C] **my soul shall exult in my God,**
[P] for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
[C] **he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**
[P] as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
 headdress,
[C] **and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**
[C] **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as**
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
[P] I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
[C] **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Kyrie

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- [A]** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- [C]** Lord, have mer - cy.

- [A]** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- [C]** Lord, have mer - cy.

- [A]** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- [C]** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



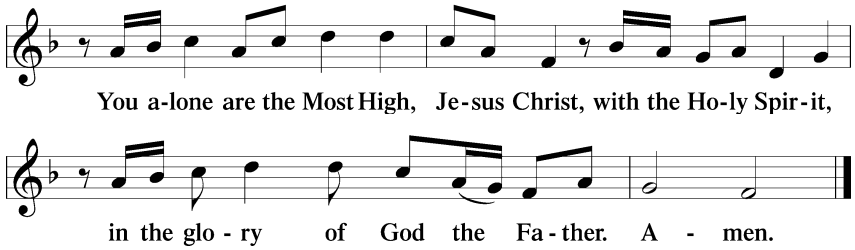
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

A The Old Testament Reading for The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost is from the twenty-fifth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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.

⁹It 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

A The Second Reading is from the fourth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And 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.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how

did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

Ektene Responsive Form

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P 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

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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

P 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 Ic 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."

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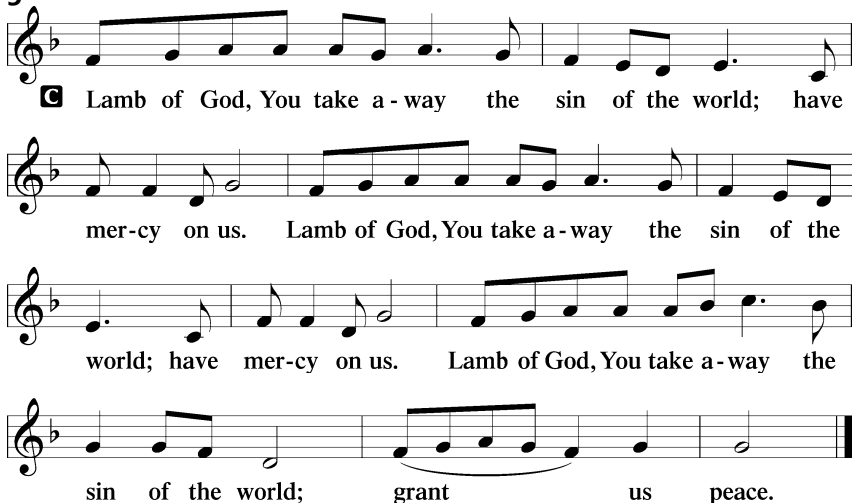
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and

blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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.



Benediction

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P 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.



643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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 Dana & Kevin Krieger
 Kaylee Krieger
 Hope Krieger
 Marge Loitz

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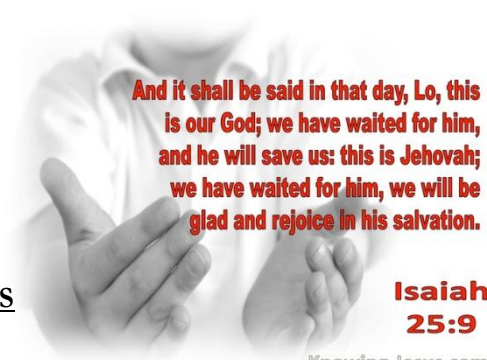
Dana Krieger, 10/11
 Richard Reichert, 10/11
 Ray Zander, 10/11
 Diana Carr, 10/12
 Edward Hoeksema Jr., 10/14

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Andrasco, Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Pastor Fluechtling, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Marge Loitz, Beverly Oaks, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Pastor Simon, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Harrison & Arianna Cromeey, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.



**And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this
 is our God; we have waited for him,
 and he will save us: this is Jehovah;
 we have waited for him, we will be
 glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

**Isaiah
 25:9**

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NEWS UPDATE



We are starting a card ministry here at the church. We will be making the cards. This is why we would like to extend an invitation to join us on this journey. We will be starting in November, meeting at the church on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 am to 12 pm.

Casey Stonerock and Sandee Bodza are the co-leaders of the ministry. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact us at cards@splcms.org



We continue to help those in need with gift cards for food during the year and during the holiday season. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated and much needed. Please help us help

others by contributing to Social Ministry marked on your Offering Envelopes.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and time seems to speed up this time of year. At the present time we are currently assisting 5 families. We try to get the gifts cards out to the families a week or more before the holiday, so they have time to plan and shop.

In the Church is a box marked OPERATION KINDNESS! Food donations of canned goods, Boxed meals, Snacks, Kleenex, Soap, Toothpaste are also collected to be passed out to Stock the local Micro Panties. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.



In The Zoom Room

Let's Discuss



Monday – Friday Devotions

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

For the Link:

Call or Text Church Cell: 312-533-1896

Email: letsdiscuss@splcms.org

Saturday Bible Study

8:00 am – 9:00am Women of the Bible

Contact Co-Hosts for more info:

Casey or Deb: biblestudy@splcms.org



St. Paul Book Club

Will meet on Tuesday October 13th at 10:00 am, to review *Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.



Christ for You on KFUE.org the Week of October 11th

We're wrapping up our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) and beginning a brand-new series!

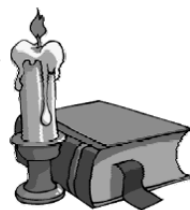
Issues, Etc. The Week of October 11th Theology For White Collar, Blue Collar, And Clerical Collar... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.



The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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 OXEN
 DINNER



GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

October 4th Attendance 20, 20 Communed, 20 Online

Current Exp.	\$991.00	Weekly Missions	\$10.00
Basket	121.00	Church Maint	20.00
Budgeted Total	1,112.00	Social Ministry	65.00
Offering Needed	-1,342.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$ 95.00
Short	(\$ 230.00)		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday	10:00 am	Book Club
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Oct 11, 9:30 AM	Sun, Oct 18, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Klein	Pastor Stumpf
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