



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Classes have resumed, and students, families, faculty, and staff have settled into the routine of a new school year. In our worship during these early-autumn months, we focus on Jesus as teacher, explaining life in the Kingdom of God. *This is Part 8 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 514 *"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" (v. 2: choir, 8:00 am)*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 32:5*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

P 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.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *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.

GLORIA PATRI | Glory to the Father *For text and tune, see page 186.*

- C** (sung) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47*

For text and tune, see page 186.

- C** (sung) Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text and tune, see pages 187–189.

- P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY *For text and tune, see page 189.*

- P** (sung) The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P 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 Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *James 3:17–18*

C The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

ANTHEM *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” arr. David von Kampen (Joyful Sounds, 8:00 am)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9*

The prophet Isaiah depicts the eternal future for the people of God as a lavish banquet. It is a joy-filled celebration of the fact that God destroys death forever.

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4–13*

Rejoice in the Lord always.

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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.

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus tells the parable (story) of the wedding banquet.

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.** 12**And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.** 13**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.’** 14**For many are called, but few are chosen.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON HYMN 646 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

SERMON *Glimpses of God’s Kingdom: “Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen”*

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10–12; for text and tune, see page 192.*

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering (8:00 am):

SOLO “A Multitude Comes from the East and the West” (See hymn 510.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

*The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,
and Closing Hymn 830, “Spread the Reign of God the Lord.”*



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 194 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

HYMN 803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (You may remain seated for v. 3.)

HYMN 631 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Bendicamus, and Benediction on pages 199–202.

CLOSING HYMN 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

This week's takeaway: God's invitation to His Son's wedding feast goes out to everyone, including sinners like us. Remember your Baptism, resist the distractions that pull you away from God's Word, and come gladly to receive the forgiveness and righteousness Christ freely gives.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*
Seminararian Nathanael Poppe, *Preacher*
Kathryn Oetting, *Organist*
Elaina Rankin, *Soloist and Accompanist*
Owen Wasson, Jace Heins, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*
Jonah Virus, Truman Eckhoff, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*
Stan Oetting, *Greeter (8:00 am)*
Joe & Janice Blackburn, *Greeters (10:30 am)*
Tim Bauer, Mark Heins, Russ Kruse, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Natalie Young, Christopher Hess, Daniel Schwiegert, Chet Fiene, Gloria Driver, Brenda Frerking, Rebecca Camp, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Arleen Fiene, Annette Kirchhoff, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Hudson Kloos, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos

Ongoing: Kevin Crawford, Nicole Maxwell, Ann Wolters, Susan Reeves, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhous, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Nation and World: the people Yemen; those affected by earthquakes, wildfires, and flooding

Partners in Mission: King of Kings Lutheran Church; Kansas City, MO and Rev. Frank Greene, III; Lutheran Women in Mission

Birthdays: (10/11) Steve Denton, Ruth Fischer, Laurel Kammeyer, Beth Kruse, Andrea Kueck, Abigail Visentin, Karel Vogelsmeier; (10/12) Jim Beerman, Barbara Bushman, Chloe Fahrmeier, Eddie Kammeyer, Stanley Kirchhoff, Ross Meyer; (10/13) Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, Frances Nold, Shirley Rolf; (10/14) Maddyn Denton, Karen Scott, Ronald Stuenkel; (10/15) Lane Hass, Josiah Kunkel, Jordan Schlueter; (10/16) August Frerking, Elyse Leubbert, Ezekiel Mills, Ashlynn Smith; (10/17) Stephen Moyers, Elaina Rankin, Karen Schuette, Brecklyn Wiskur, Saylor Wiskur

Anniversaries: (10/11) Stanley & Debra Kirchhoff, Ryan & Katie Maggert, Harry

Jr & Helen Rehkop; (10/14) Kevin & Laura Eckhoff; (10/16) Robert & Valerie Frerking; (10/17) Allan & Rachel Hentges, Fred & Lorraine Inman

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

I was talking to a dear friend last week after Bible class. Whenever she and I talk, we usually end up with tears in our eyes because we end up sharing heartfelt things. It's not because we are sad by any means, but because we both end up seeing how God's provision has been multiplied in our lives many times over. My prayer for you is that you have a friend (or several) like this that you can share stories with and then see how God has abundantly blessed you. Sometimes it's looking from the backend after the fact, and sometimes it's in the knowing that God is going to use that situation for your good and His glory even though you haven't seen it to the full completion. My friend was sharing a story about how when her child was in Kindergarten, the teacher asked him to draw the best part about his day, and he drew a picture of bread with butter on it. I loved this! It made me laugh out loud. I pray that you are blessed by God's bread and butter daily and that you find joy and provision in the small things in life. "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Isaiah 45:1–7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22
Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 822, 525, 781, 782, 732, 549



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