

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 61:10; ANTIPHON: PSALM 146:2

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

**as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,**

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also 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] Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 25:6-9

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.

GRADUAL

PSALM 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

G **Glory 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.

G **Praise to You, O Christ**

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HYMN OF THE DAY “BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE ” **676**

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ LWML	+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Phyllis Ernst	+ Sonya Clausen
+ Les Parpart	+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Chester Dammann	+ Maya Radtke
+ Atticus Aldrich	+ Elva Kjenstad
+ Cheryl Lueck	+ Andy Birkholz
+ Pastor Arndt	+ Scott Christenson

OFFERING

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ p. 160-164

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus 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. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“IN THE SHATTERED BLISS OF EDEN”	572 (T: 451)
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LWML HYMN “SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS”

TUNE: 662 LSB, 518 LW, 658 TLH PROF. ERNEST LEWERENZ

1. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings, Of His love and grace
Will at last in glory, Meet us face to face.

Onward, then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

2. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” Us He gave command
To proclaim his Gospel Now in every land

So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest:

Leading them to Jesus We can serve Him best

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” Is there greater joy

Than to serve the Master, Deigning to employ

Us to build His Kingdom? Angels, too, rejoice

Over every sinner Brought to heed his voice

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim;

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 172

Bible Study: 27

Sunday School: 41

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. VOTERS MEETING –Plan to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 18th. The meeting is set to begin at 9:15 AM (Between services). All communicant members who have reached legal voting age are welcome to attend! Minutes from the last Quarterly Meeting are available on the table near the elevator for you to review.

2. WINDOWS OF FAITH MATCHING GIFT – We have received a generous offer from a member who is willing to match up to \$5,000 in new donations to the Windows of Faith campaign. To date we have received \$2,475.00 towards this matching fund.

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution so that we can finish off the stained-glass portion of this campaign.

3. DARTBALL – A new season of Dartball has begun. Games will be held on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. Games on Tuesday, October 13th will be at home. Everyone ages 12 and up is invited to join in on the fun. Rides will be available for away games if needed.

4. TRUNK OR TREAT will be on Friday, October 30th from 4:00-6:00 pm in our church parking lot! (This coordinates with the business event downtown.) Sign-up is in the lower narthex, or you may email Jane Holasek at jfholasek@gmail.com by Oct. 18. See more information in the October Lamplighter or contact Jane. We'll help you! Join us for this fun out-reach event on October 30th!

5. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – Our next highway clean-up date will be Sunday October 25. EVERYONE 12 and older is welcome to help with this service project. We will meet at church at 12:30 PM to watch the safety video, then carpool out to our clean-up site. There is a permission slip that needs to be filled out by a parent if volunteers are between 12 and 17. These will be available for you that day. Per MN DOT rules, children under 12 are not allowed to help with ditch clean-up.

6. PUMPKIN CARVING – October 31 Pumpkin Carving—Do you need a Jack-o'-lantern for your front porch? Come to church from 1-3p.m. Families are welcome. We have plenty of pumpkins, but you can bring your own. If you need someone to carve a pumpkin for you we will have extra people willing! We will be judging and revealing on Sunday our top 3 pumpkins

7. PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION – The nominating committee will be contacting members to serve on the various boards/positions. Please give this request prayerful consideration. Thank you from the Nominating Committee.

8. WINTER GEAR COLLECTION – We will be collecting new and gently-used KIDS winter gear (coats, hats, mittens) for the Marie Sandvick Center. A box will in the Lower Narthex until October 15th.

9. APPRECIATION MONTH – Stewardship would like to remind everyone that October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. Please help us show our church workers how much we appreciate them! There will be a table in the upper narthex with a place to put items for Pastor Barlau and our Administrative

Assistant Amanda Streufert. Feel free to leave a note or card of appreciation for them and Stewardship will make sure they get them. Either bring your own card or use the blank ones provided on the table. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people serving the Lord with us!

10. ENDOWMENT – To the Members of St. Paul’s Congregation: It’s that time of the year again when the Church Council begins to discuss how to allocate the undesignated earnings of the Endowment Fund for 2026. If you have suggestions as to how these funds could best be used, please contact a council member by November 1st. (Keep in mind, according to our policy, the proceeds cannot be used for General Expenses.)

11. SCHEDULE – *October 18* ~ Ushers: 1st Service: Paul Logelin, Jim Hoof; 2nd Service: John Lange, Doug Hecksel, Nathan Ide; Acolytes: 1st Service: J. Schauer, E. Christen; 2nd Service: C. Bebo, J. Barlau; Greeters- 1st Service: Jim Klaustermeier, 2nd Service: Chuck & Kim Reed; Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Altar Guild: Erin Herrmann, Christin LaMott; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Oct 11	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM. Sunday School/ Bible Study WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM.
Mon. Oct 12	Noon 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	4 th Grade Release Time Class Board Meetings Council Meeting
Tues. Oct 13	7:30 p.m.	Dartball (Home)
Wed. Oct 14	Noon 2:55 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin 5 th /6 th Grade Release Time Class Confirmation Class
Thurs. Oct. 15	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Winter gear collection ends Sandwich Ministry Preschool Music Class Bible Study
Sun. Oct 18	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Quarterly Voters Meeting No Sunday School/Bible Study WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Trunk or Treat Sign-up deadline