

PRAYERS

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Blessing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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!

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We leave this house of worship to share HISTORY!

Please be seated for the Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG Days of Elijah

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠



TOGETHER, we are Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Early Learning Center.

Called into faith, as baptized and beloved children of God,

TOGETHER we:

- + worship one God: Father, Lord, Spirit
 - + joyfully celebrate our unity
 - + willingly submit to our Creator
 - + lovingly care for one another
 - + seek to serve our community
 - + walk in hope toward heaven
- And all God's people said: AMEN!

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me;
and may I gladly do my part to win that soul for Thee. Amen!

CONNECT CARDS Guests and members, please:

- + fill out a Connect card, or
- + scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!



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LUTHERAN CHURCH-Missouri Synod



20th Sunday Pentecost | October 11, 2026 | 10:45 AM

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

SONG SET *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team*

Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.

A Mighty Fortress
Run and Run

P = Pastor C = Congregation L = Lector

INVOCATION *Pastor Ben Oesch*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

SONG Psalm 23

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

Travis Jarvi, Lector

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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Philippians 4:4-13

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,

ALL: Rejoice!

L: 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 and sisters, 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.

ALL: I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

And 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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code. You may also add prayer requests to your information. The cards may be put in the offering plate. Thank you!

Children’s Bulletins are available on the table as you enter the Gym.

FAITH MILESTONE Susan Shoaf

Something important is happening here. These families are passing on a legacy of faith as a part of the Faith Milestone Series. We are here today to bless these children and their families as they learn about worshiping God. The parents met during the Sunday School hour to make Worship Bags and received a devotion book to teach their children about worship.

CONGREGATION SPEAKS A BLESSING

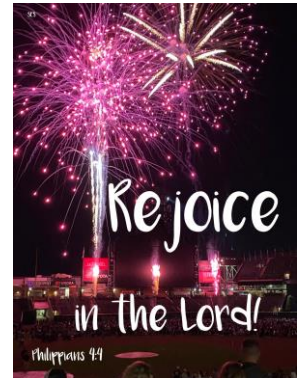
P: Shepherd of the Hills, it is our turn to bless these children. You may reach out your hands in blessing as we read together:

C: God first loved you, so you can love Him. So we bless you. Love God with all your heart. Love God with all your soul. Love God with all your mind. Love God with all your strength. Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

SONG Shepherd

MESSAGE “A Little Chapter on Joy” text: Philippians 4:4-13



STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES’ CREED

ALL: 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!