



CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members, please:

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

Cards are in the racks in front of you.

These methods also include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors. We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with you!

A **CRY ROOM** is located off the Welcome Center

ACTIVITY BAGS for children to borrow are in the Welcome Center.

DEVOTIONS: *Portals of Prayer* booklets are on the credenza in the Welcome Center for you, and for sharing!

SERVING TODAY...

Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Ben Oesch

Lector:

10:45 John Hoener

Organist:

Gail Black



20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 11, 2026 | 8 & 10:45 AM

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE

P = Pastor C = Congregation L = Liturgist/Lector

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; 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 SINS

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION (FORGIVENESS) OF SINS

John 20:19-23

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.

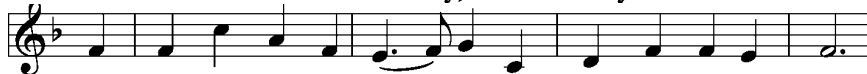
C: Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE TO GOD: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



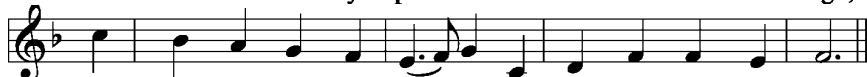
- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart-felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.



Salutation: This greeting has its roots in the Old Testament. See Ruth 2:4 and 1 Samuel 17:37 for examples. The mutual greeting highlights the recognition of God's blessing, acknowledging God's presence, power, and protection among us.

In the New Testament, the greeting took on an added aspect, reflecting Christ's abiding presence and peace with His followers. For examples, see Matthew 28:20 and 2 Thessalonians 3:16.

In Christian worship services, the phrases "The Lord be with you"/"And also with you" (or variations) are a call-and-response, where the pastor reminds us we are blessed by God's presence here, and the congregation warmly responds that he, also, receives this same blessing. God's presence is with all believers, both when alone and when gathered together.

God is actively involved in His children's lives. This greeting reminds us of the covenant relationship we have with God, begun with His promises and fulfilled in Christ.

~Torrey's Topical Textbook

SALUTATION (GREETING)

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We 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!

Please be seated.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code on the card or on the front of this worship folder. You may also add prayer requests to your information.

Please hand the card to an usher or put in the offering plate. Thank you!

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands.

8 AM ONLY ~ FAITH MILESTONE: TEACH ME TO WORSHIP 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 will meet during the Sunday School hour to make Worship Bags and receive 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*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

L: 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,

ALL: "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."

RESPONSE

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, 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 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.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the Alleluia and reading of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 20:31

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

THE 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.”

RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 474:1-3 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory!
Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain:

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain:



The Season of Pentecost

is a Season of growing, called the Time of the Church. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and how they apply in the life of the Church and in our lives. This growing is reflected in the color **green**, the color of life and growth. Bless us, Lord, with courage and with Your Spirit's gift of joy, as we learn, grow, and tell!

The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ’s true body and blood being present in Holy Communion. It dates back to the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. This creed has been in use for 1700 years!



Please stand as, together, we confess our faith and encourage one another. We do not believe alone!

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

You may be seated for the Prayer of the Church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4



PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:28-29

Since those who take Christ’s body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.



Please stand.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also 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!

COMMON PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY [IS THE LORD]

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

Sanctus means "holy is."
The Sanctus is one of the
highest points and has
some of the grandest
music in the Divine
Service, because we are
joining our voices with
saints on earth and
saints in heaven, echoing
the unending hymn of
praise that swirls around
God's heavenly throne.
This truly is heaven on
earth!



Agnus Dei means “Lamb of God.” Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, Jesus is Our All!

Come, Lord Jesus,
be our Guest,
and let these gifts of
forgiveness,
renewed life,
and salvation
to us be blessed.
Amen!



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

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!

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AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God.
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION *You will be ushered forward for Communion.*

- When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *based on the Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23*

633:1, 7, 8Δ “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Δ Please stand. This is a stanza that praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father,

ALL: You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION ~ GOD’S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

C: Amen!

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Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain:*

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain:*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠