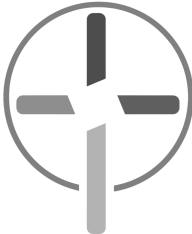


	October 11, 2026 8:30 a.m.	
	<i>20th Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 28, Year A)</i>	
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Introduction: In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.		

• GATHERING •

Welcome and Prelude • “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” (arr. by Douglas Wagner)

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
 who pours love into our hearts
 and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
 let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
 in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
 following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
 in whom there is no condemnation,
 but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

** Indicates to stand as you're able*

* Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

* Gathering Hymn • ELW 461: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

(Handbell Arrangement by Joel Raney)

• WORD •

1st Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Reader: Jim Wickland

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry 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, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively with leader*)

Reader: Steven Hendricks

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

² **He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³ He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.**

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod

and your staff protect and comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.**

Anthem

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing (*Arr. by Cathy Moglebust*)

Ringers of Praise

* Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord!"

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were

not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

Response after the reading: "Praise to you, O Christ!"

Children's Message

Sermon

"Rejoice!" — Pastor Deb Abbott

Silence for reflection.

* **Hymn of the Day** • ELW 487: "What Feast of Love"

* **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In our prayers

Healing and strength for: Glenn Pfeif, Kay Redman, Mike Korth, Marianne Dinges, David Nugent, Letha Hummels

Sympathy and comfort for the families of: Ted Foss (Brother in law of Mark and Kathy Houtchens)

* **Peace:**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Making a Difference Moment

• MEAL •

* **Offering Prayer**

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



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* **Words of Institution**

* The Lord's Prayer

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

Holy Communion

Welcome to God's table, where all are invited to receive communion. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing

Communion Hymns • ACS 967: "This is Christ's Body" | ELW 542: "O Living Bread from Heaven" (Verses 1, 2, 4)

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

• SENDING •

* Blessing:

Response: Amen.

* Sending Hymn • ELW 873: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (Verses 1, 2, 4)

(Handbell arrangement by Lloyd Larson)

Announcements and Dismissal • *Response: "Thanks be to God!"*

Postlude

Thank you, Bernie Ruesgen, for sponsoring today's complimentary coffee
and cookies in honor of his granddaughter Riley's baptism!

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Deb Abbott
Deacon: Linda Akers
Music Director: Cody Thomas
Communion Assistants: Deacon Linda, Gene Plampin
Barb Herget, Steven Hendricks

Ushers: Cindy Ververs, Mike Simmonds
Sound Technician: Grey Conderman
Camera Operator: Junior Vanderploeg
Projection: Holden Packard
Altar Guild: Linda Rulla, Cindy Kinlund

Scripture readings next Sunday: Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96: 1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22