

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m.–Divine Service 10:30 a.m.–Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

We welcome both children and adults, who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



HYMNS FOR TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn:	Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng.....	813
Hymn of the Day:	A Multitude Comes from the East and the West	510
Distribution Hymns:	Lord of All Hopefulness.....	738
	Come, Let Us Eat.....	626
	Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing	847
	Be Present at Our Table, Lord	755
Recessional Hymn:	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart.....	708

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Gene Fenton, briefly hospitalized and now bedridden

Matt Townsend, recovering from a broken leg

Brian Romberg, recovering from the ill effects of a car accident

Isabella (Bella) Alonzo, and her family, as their house has been damaged by fire

Willie Nelson, Rodney Nelson's father, recovering from a successful heart surgery

Mark Uhden, Pastor's brother-in-law, recovering from a stroke

The family of **Charlene Holguin**, who has fallen asleep in Christ.

Becki Spartos, diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer

Jane Dreher, who suffered a fall with the result of a greatly injured leg

Tony Vodvarka, son in law of Betty Mitchell, as his pancreatic cancer has recurred

Paul Spartos, recovering from a successful surgery

Glenn Henderson, who has been diagnosed with leukemia

Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico.

Shut-ins: Harriet Ouimette, Diane and Joe Ronchetto,

Bill Nye, Connie Johnson, Pamela Strong, Rev. Eugene Fenton

Altar Flowers

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Tom and Donna Crowley with thankfulness to God and in celebration of Brett Thomas' birthday and Ezekiel Brett's baptism.

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Crucifer	Christian Vasquez	Samuel Lombardo
Acolytes	Caleb Buck & Lucas Hoffmann	Konstance & Ilyanna Maffett
Altar	Alise Smith	Margaret Nowak
Elders	Jim Hauter	Roger Loewecke
Finance	Alivia Villagran & Roger Loewecke	Alivia Villagran & Roger Loewecke
Flowers	Tom and Donna Crowley	Ty & Carol Bush
Ushers	Steve Aimar & Hayden Ramsay	Tom Crowley & Steve Aimar

SUNDAY	7:50AM	 Confirmation
	9:00AM	 Divine Service
	10:30AM	 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
TUESDAY	5:30PM	 LWML Board Meeting
	7:00PM	 School Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	 Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:00AM	 Quilting Circle
	6:00PM	 Harvest Festival
SATURDAY	8:30AM	 NO Bible Study
	10:30AM	 Elders Meeting

**The new Portals of Prayer
are in the narthex. Rev.
Jaime Nava, former
pastor of Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church in
Yucaipa, is one of the
contributors**

Reformation Picnic
October 25th at 11:30 am
The elders will be grilling the brats and
burgers. The rest of us are to bring a side
dish, salad, or a dessert. Check the signup
in the narthex.

Volunteers Needed!
We're looking for volunteers
to help run our "Ping Pong
Pumpkin" game booth on
Friday, October 16! Come
join the fun and help make
this a great event for our
community. Two volunteers
are needed for each time
slot.

The volunteer sign-up sheet
is available in the narthex.
Thank you for helping make
this event a success!

Bible Class This Morning
Today we conclude our study of the Greek
word for "light" (φως).
Jesus is the light of the world. Light is
God's revelation, and Jesus is God's
ultimate revelation. The Lord lights our
path in this life. He shares His light with
us so that we too become "the light of the
world. " Darkness surrounds us in this
broken creation. Navigating this world
well requires light and what the light gives
us. Come to the study today and dive
headlong into the beauty of God's
revelation and be equipped to walk in the
light.



THE READINGS



Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ 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. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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."

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me--practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ And again 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, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ 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.' ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ 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.

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."

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Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *"will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth"* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *"let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation"* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *"for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine"* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *"wedding feast"* of the Son of God, *"and everything is ready"* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *"both good and bad,"* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *"wedding garment"* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,"* and *"rejoice in the Lord always"* (Phil. 4:4–6).

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “Gospel Procession”?

You may sometimes see the Gospel reading take place in a different part of the church. On special Sundays, the Bible is carried into the center of the congregation where the pastor reads the Gospel to the people. There may also be some festive music or singing. After the reading, while the Bible is being carried back to its place, there may be more music and singing. This ceremony is called the Gospel Procession.

Why do we have a Gospel Procession?

Jesus is the living Word. He set us free from the burden of sin through His life, death and resurrection. A Gospel Procession reminds us that this wonderful news is to be carried into the whole world. Jesus came for all people and He offers eternal life to all who believe by the power of the Holy Spirit! Wow! A Gospel Procession is a wonderful thing!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, remind your children of the meaning of the Gospel Procession. When it is taking place, point out the reverent way the pastor, crucifer, and/or assistants move. Reverence and humility are shown to the One who is truly among us declaring the Good News of forgiveness of sins by His Word! Read John 1:1–3, 14 and discuss it with your children. How is Jesus described in this reading?



THE INTROIT Is. 61:10; antiphon: Ps. 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 sal- | vation;*

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 be- | ginning,*

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

THE GRADUAL Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!
