

Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost



***Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Child Development Center and Pre-School***
Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley, D.R.S., Ph.D., Pastor

October 11, 2026

for **MANY** ARE called

BUT **FEW** ARE

CHOSSEN

Matthew 22:14

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Psalm 23

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US



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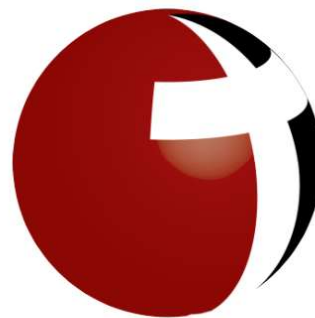
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Altar flowers are given in thanks to God
and to celebrate
Bob Grimm's 79th birthday TODAY.
by the Grimm family



**Brunch will resume
in October 18th**



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PRAY FOR:

GLOBAL WORKERS

Holy Spirit, we pray for wisdom and discernment for global workers as they follow you. May there be a great outpouring of your Spirit wherever they go.

Arise, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.

Genesis 13:17



PRAYER LEAGUE

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INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. 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.

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.

Gathering Song

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Hymn # 650

**¹ In Christ there is no east or
west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

Hymn # 650

**2 In Christ shall true hearts
ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding human-kind.**

Hymn # 650

**³ Join hands, disciples of the
faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

Hymn # 650

**Final In Christ now meet both east
and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

Hymn # 650

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.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Glory To God

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
[Refrain]*

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth, and peace to God's people
on earth.*

Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

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¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in
green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your
name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil;
for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is
running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, 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 coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 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 and sisters, 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. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia.

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 22:1-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹ Once 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. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again 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.’

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then 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, ¹²and 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



Hymn of the Day

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Hymn # 461

**¹ All who hunger,
gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness
and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.**

Hymn # 461

**You that yearn
for days of fullness,
all around us
is our food.**

Hymn # 461

**Taste and see
the grace eternal.
Taste and see
that God is good.**

Hymn # 461

**² All who hunger, never
strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness
and roaming. Here, in joy,
we keep the feast.**

Hymn # 461

**We that once
were lost and scattered
in communion's love
have stood.**

Hymn # 461

**Taste and see
the grace eternal.
Taste and see
that God is good.**

Hymn # 461

**Final All who hunger, sing
together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness
and longing. Here, in peace,
we have been fed.**

Hymn # 461

**Blest are those
who from this table
live their lives
in gratitude.**

Hymn # 461

**Taste and see
the grace eternal.
Taste and see
that God is good.**

Hymn # 461

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

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 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.**

Congregation may be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering and we remember our friends and family members before you.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Jamie in East Asia, serving with the Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Grace Lutheran Church in Menno, South Dakota.

Today we also pray for Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission, Texas and their pastor, Pio Elizondo. By your Holy Spirit, give them the strength of faith to answer your call to make disciples.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb for ever and
ever.***

***¹ Great and wonderful are your
deeds, O God of the universe; just
and true are your ways, O Ruler of
all the nations.***

***Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and
sing the glory of your name?***

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.***

***² For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one whose
name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy
God!***

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.***

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Hymn # 547

**¹ Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling
take leave.**

Hymn # 547

**The supper is ended. Oh, now be
extended the fruits of this service in
all who believe.**

Hymn # 547

**The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God
and for all.**

Hymn # 547

**Your grace shall invite us, your
love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and
answer your call.**

Hymn # 547

**Final With praise and thanksgiving
to God everliving,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will
face -**

Hymn # 547

**our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring, embracing God's
children, the whole human race.**

Hymn # 547

**With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we
share.**

Hymn # 547

**Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name
that we bear.**

Hymn # 547

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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