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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

Opening Hymn:

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sigh;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain**

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

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.

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O 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.

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

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

⁴For 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,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On 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.

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

⁸he 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.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, 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

¹The 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.**

³You 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.**

⁵You 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

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.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
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. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those 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. ¹³Then 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.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

PMA Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**ELW #484
vv. 1,2,3&5**

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

***Profession of Faith: The 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.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Merciful God,,... **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

... trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

“Step by Step” with “Lead Me, Lord”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

God of power, God of plenty,
**all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music:

Tahnee Hutchinson

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

**1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **David Stevens** (serious illness/possible surgery), **Becky Martin** (broken ankle), **Fran Johnson** (knee replacement surgery), **Elnora Sell** (recovering), **Alli Meyers** (Health Problems—Marissa Wright's friend), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Brenda & kids, Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens' nephew's wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Linda Spomer, Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



Lacey Fleenor, 10/17; Pam Halley, 10/18; Joani Kleensang, 10/20;
Mabel Dedlow, 10/20; Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, 10/21

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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OCTOBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Veggies

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: JAM, EPIC & OWLS Programs

JAM Program is for K thru 5th graders and meets Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 7 p.m. @ the Fellowship Hall; includes dinner and fun, faith-filled activities. EPIC Program is for 6th - 12th graders, usually meets twice a month, and includes a fun activity, devotions, and meal. Older Wiser Lutherans, (OWLS), meets the second Wednesday each month, at 12:00 noon in Calvary's fellowship hall – freewill donations. A meal, special speaker or activity, and devotion are shared.

JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (hot ham&cheese sandwiches/chips/ fruit/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.



Please join the Elders and Council, in the Fellowship Hall TODAY to say 'Thank You' to PMA Bill Huelle. Cake and coffee will be provided.

Pastor Spomer to Be Honored

On October 23, Pastor Larry (and Linda) Spomer will be honored for the 60th anniversary of his ordination. They will be recognized at the Partners in Ministry Banquet to be held as part of the Fall Leadership Gathering in Kearney, NE.

We encourage the members of Calvary to help celebrate this special anniversary. Included is the contact information for the Spomers so you may easily reach out to honor them and this milestone.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – October 15

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Kippen & Jacey Cochran

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Pastor
Appreciation*

Next Sunday – October 22

USHERS: Vicki Howell & Deb Brown

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Tracy Steele &
Chris Thomas

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Brynlee Payne & Ben
Moravec

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 – 2:30 p.m. – EPIC @ Lingle Corn
Maze

Monday, October 16

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Stewards

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

Tuesday, October 17

12 p.m. – Sarah Circle

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, October 18

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir

Saturday, October 21

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, October 22

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

OCTOBER 15, 2023
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Paul offers a guide for our life together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his coworkers
Wednesday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's spiritual background
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Keep 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.
Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us your peace that we may live together as a community of faith with compassion and confidence through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us that knows no end through Christ Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23:6)



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OCTOBER 15, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
We've Come This Far by Faith



WEEKLY MILESTONES:

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Is there a friend or relative who thinks and acts similar to you? Explain.
- How does faith in Jesus guide and influence the way we live with others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 4:1-9.

Two women who have worked side by side with Paul are urged to "be of the same mind in the Lord" (v. 2). Paul does not explain his specific concerns. They are co-workers in the gospel and need help from the community. What Paul urges is that they face whatever the issue may be with the mind, the attitude, of Christ. Paul describes the mind of Christ with words like rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving. All of this leads to the peace of God. In our own time, we in the church are co-workers, and yet we, too, need help to live together in peace. Paul's message leads us to pursue our issues with one another with truth, honor, justice, purity, excellence, and praise. Simply put, the gospel leads us to remember and pursue what is commendable for our life together, not on what divides us. Paul emphasizes that his words are worth thinking about again and again.

Discuss: How can reflecting on the mind of Christ help you receive the peace of God as you live with others in the church?

Pray: God of peace, help us to see each other with the mind of Christ that we may live with one another in peace and with honor and justice for all through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, in what ways can you show humility and gentleness toward others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 23 is the shepherd David's song to God and one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. David likens how a shepherd cares for sheep to how God loves each one of us. Draw or make a sheep using cotton, cardboard, glue, and crayons/markers. Think or talk about ways a shepherd cares for sheep and then about how God cares for you.

Pray: Lord, thank you for caring for me and leading me with love. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org