

The Parable of the Wedding Feast



Matthew 22:1-14

First Lutheran Church

October 11, 2026

Pentecost 20

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

MARION

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Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

MORNING PRAYER

The assembly stands.

AM: 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.

OPENING



Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,

and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

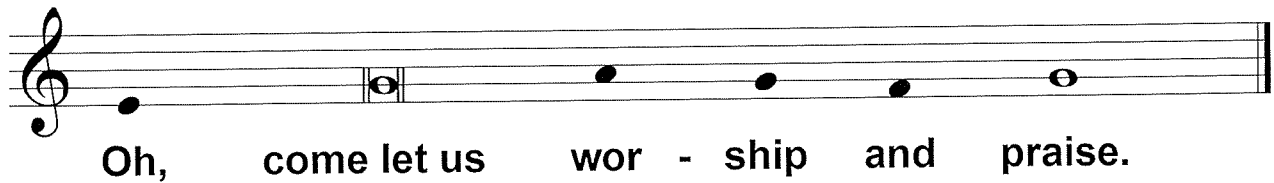
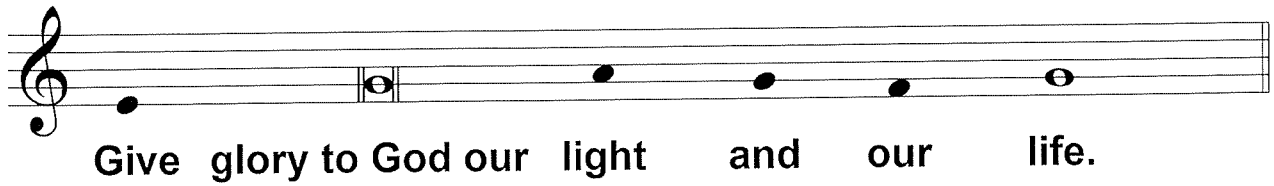
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

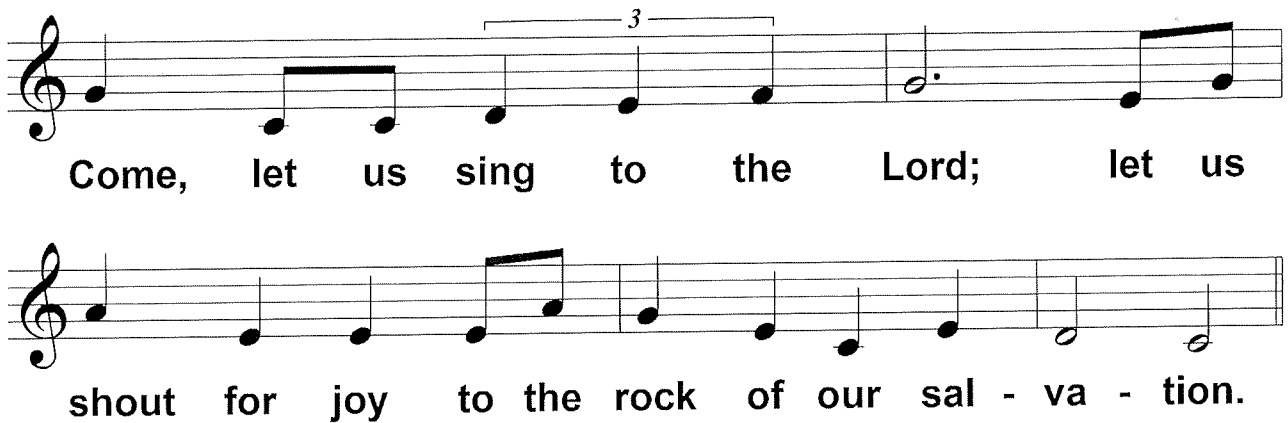
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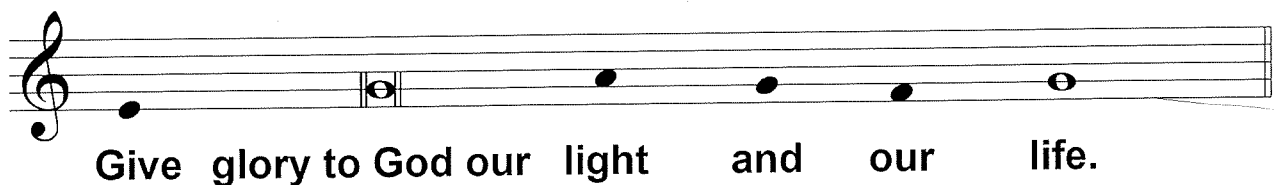
MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with abundance.

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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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.

AM: A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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."

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*The Twenty-Third Psalm
Elijah Shiley, bass*

*Psalm 23
Albert Hay Malotte*

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.

AM: A reading from Philippians, the fourth chapter.

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.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



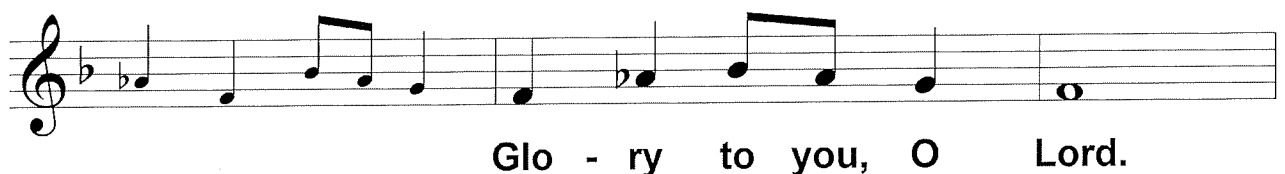
The Cantor will sing the verse: This is the LORD for whom ¹ we have waited;
* let us be glad and rejoice in ¹ God's salvation. (Isaiah 25:9)

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.

PM: The Gospel according to Matthew.

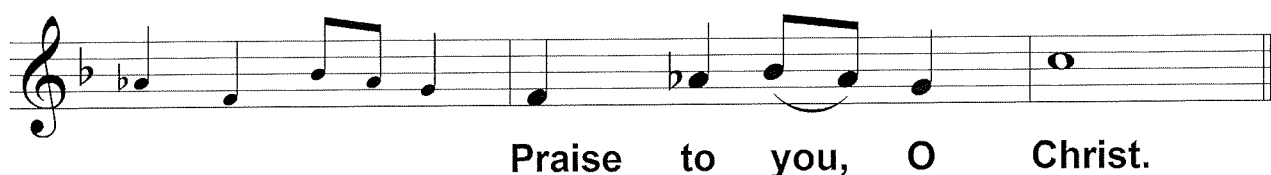


¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

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, 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."

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

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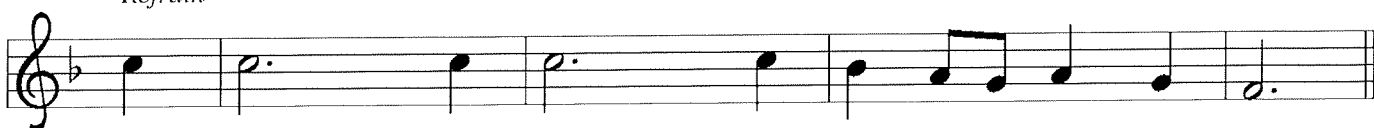


ALL 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 ALL 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 Women 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 Men 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

ALL 5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

ALL 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

The assembly is seated.

REFLECTION

PASTOR MARK SCHURING

The assembly stands.

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

APOSTLES' CREED

PM: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

THE ASH GROVE

*Triptych on The Ash Grove
I. Adagio*

David M. Cherwien

The assembly stands.



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

AM: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain,
that the world may know your undivided love.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We Pray together:

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

We are grateful for your goodness
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.

Bless our community of faith,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.

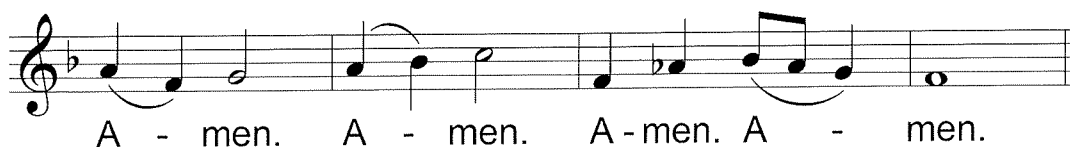
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation. Amen.

BLESSING

PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.





1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

AM: Go out in joy.

PM: Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Gordon E. Young

Events in Review



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Next

<u>Sunday</u>	Oct 11
10:00 AM	Pentecost 20
<u>Monday</u>	Oct 12
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
10:30 AM	Sharing Kitchen
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Oct 13
12—6PM	Blood Mobile
<u>Wednesday</u>	Oct 14
9:00 AM	Piece Corp Mtg
6:00 PM	Property Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Oct. 15
10:30 AM	Sharing Kitchen
<u>Friday</u>	Oct 16
<u>Saturday</u>	Oct 17

<u>Sunday</u>	Oct 18
10:00 AM	Pentecost 21
<u>Monday</u>	Oct 19
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30 PM	Bookworms
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Oct 20
<u>Wednesday</u>	Oct 21
5:30 pm	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Oct 22
1:00	WOFB
<u>Friday</u>	Oct 23
<u>Saturday</u>	Oct 24

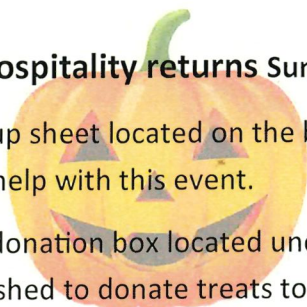


On November 8th, we will be celebrating Veteran's Day and would like an update on our military personal. If someone has just joined or deployed or you just want to add a picture. Please fill out the form located on the hallway table. We want to make sure these people are recognized and honored for their commitment and sacrifice.

Halloween Hospitality returns Sunday, October 25

There is a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board for anyone who wishes to help with this event.

There is also a donation box located under the hallway table for anyone who wished to donate treats to our goblins.



Sharing Kitchen

October 12th & 15th

Sign up sheet
located on the hallway



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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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