

*Everything is ready.
Come to the wedding feast.*

Matthew 22:4 ESV



20th Sunday after Trinity † October 18, 2026

THE OPENING

Today's service follows Setting 1 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.1ff.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 684 *Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

♪ **C** *Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

♪ **C** *Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
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.
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.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

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."

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 23*

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
C I shall not want.
P He makes me lie down in green pastures.
C He leads me beside still waters.
P He restores my soul.
C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
C I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
C You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
C And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Epistle Reading: *Philippians 4:4-13*

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.

[P] Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **[C] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
*These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

**[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven; and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He
will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Hymn LSB 710 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

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."

THEME: COME TO THE WEDDING FEAST!

Summary: *The Kingdom of Heaven is pictured as the joyful wedding reception of Christ and His bride, the Church. Everyone is invited. Everything is ready. Sadly, many reject the invitation or refuse to wear the wedding garments provided. We pray that God would work faith in our hearts to receive the gospel invitation, and in turn, invite others to come to Christ's wedding feast!*

Sermon Notes

What is the definition of the Kingdom of Heaven? (aka Kingdom of God)

Who do the servants in the parable represent?

What happened to them?

What one word sums up the entire invitation of Scripture?

What words did Jesus say from the cross which declared that the feast of salvation is finally ready? (John 19:30)

When did God destroy Jerusalem as judgment for rejecting His Son?

What words from the parable are a reference to the Great Commission?

What does the wedding garment represent? (Is. 61:10; Gal. 3:27)

What will happen to those who rely on their own garments (works)?

What excuses do we make for neglecting the Kingdom of Heaven?

How are we like the “main road” guests in the parable?

How are we like the servants?

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪  **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence,

Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.

Uphold with Your free Spirit.

THE RESPONSE

Hymn Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

(Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness")

1 Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;

Let every soul be Jesus' guest;

There need not be one left behind,

For God has bidden all mankind.

2 Sent by my Lord, on you I call;

The invitation is to all;

Come, all the world! come, sinner, thou!

All things in Christ are ready now.

3 Come, all you souls by sin oppressed,

You restless wanderers after rest;

You poor, and maimed, and sick, and blind,

In Christ a hearty welcome find.

4 My message as from God receive;

You all may come to Christ and live;

O let His love your hearts constrain,

Nor permit Him to die in vain.

5 See Him set forth before your eyes,

That precious, bleeding sacrifice!

His offered benefits embrace,

And freely now be saved by grace!

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☩ 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

♪ **☩ Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn LSB 620:1,5 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitality today is being hosted by Team D. All are invited to stick around for light refreshments and fellowship! (Hospitality is held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month; next up is Team A on November 1).

Quarterly Voters Meeting is in the sanctuary after today's worship.

Dorcas Guild Meeting is in the fellowship hall after today's worship.

It's A Girl! The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Jessica Robin after church next Sunday, October 25th. Jessica is registered at Target and Amazon. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson.

Cancelled: Congregation Workday next Saturday 10/24. The Trustees are working to organize another date to complete the Fall cleanup around the church. Please reach out to Rick Nelson if you'd like to help!

The next Outreach Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm (before Midweek Bible Study). We hope to narrow our list of projects and assign volunteers to each. All members of Grace are invited and encouraged to join the committee!

Joint-Reformation Service: Faith Lutheran Church in New Ulm is hosting a CLC Minnesota Joint-Reformation Service on Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend! Following the service, all are welcomed to gather for a fellowship meal. Please bring a dessert or salad to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to pastor so we can have an estimate of how many will be present.

CLC Nepal Disaster Relief Fund: Please consider donating to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal (HCLCN) following the severe flooding on August 26th. Donations can be made to Kinship "Special Offerings (Relief Aid)" at lutheranmissions.org/kinship or through your local congregation.

CLC Call News: Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Gift of God Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion, Loganville, GA, and Faith, Manchester, MO, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity, Watertown, SD, and Zion, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Sue Nelson	Church Cleaners: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	Counting Team 1: Dale Enns, Larry Nelson, Phil Radichel, Dave Rust

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Jan Davis	Church Cleaners: Volunteer Needed
Usher Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan, Rick Nelson, Bill Rust, Bob Vandever

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	11:15am	Hospitality (Team D)
	11:15am	Dorcas Guild Meeting
	11:30am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Wed. 10/21	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study (Galatians)
Sun. 10/25	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:15am	Baby Shower for Jessica Robin
Wed. 10/28	6:00pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 9/1	4:00pm	Joint Reformation Service – Faith, New Ulm
Wed. 9/25	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jan Sandhoefer is in the hospital being treated for a kidney infection. **Barb Sydow** is at home recovering from a heart infection. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to a chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to a chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance 10/11: Worship = 122 <> Bible Class = 45 <> Sunday School = 15
Midweek Bible Study (10/14) = 34

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	4,020	CLC:	870			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,380	CLC	-570			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	221,281	CLC:	67,867			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	221,400	CLC:	59,040			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-119	CLC:	8827			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	25	Sanctuary:	125
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	346	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	-	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
CLC Nepal	250.00						
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	22,984		

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home**, ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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We are dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel of Christ crucified for sinners.



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