



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✙ one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

When in Our Music God Is Glorified, ELW 851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Lord, have mer -
- cy up - on us.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -
- cy up - on us.

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL:

A - men, A - men. *rit.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

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.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life:

C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

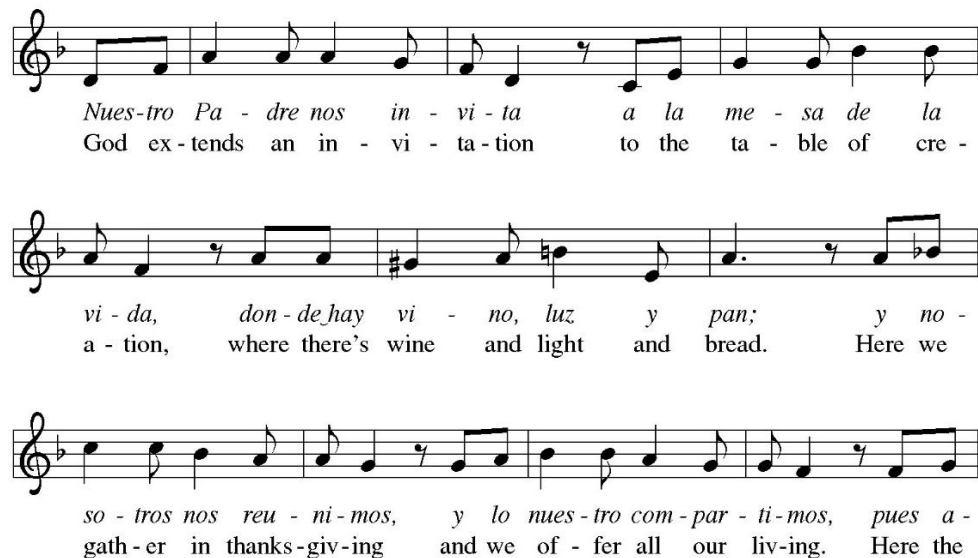
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Bethany Ketchem

SONG OF THE DAY

God Extends an Invitation, ELW 486



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

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síes la co - mu - nión; pues a - síes la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Through the Earth Shall Change

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, ...

Each petition ends with:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: *the congregation responds by singing:*



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

L: ... we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING *Gloria in Excelsis Deo, (Glory to God in the Highest, and On Earth Peace to People of Good Will)*, music by Jay Althouse Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

L: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C. Amen

L: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C. Amen

L: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C. Amen

SENDING SONG

Sent Forth by God's Blessing, ELW 547



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

DISMISSAL

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship

Thank you for your support in turning in your giving intent cards! This is much appreciated as this will greatly help the church budget process. If you have not yet done so, please mail them or drop them off at the church.

Special Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th after service during coffee hour. Please plan to attend to hear news about needed roof repair in the kitchen area.

This coming Sunday, October 11, is the last week for food shelf donations. We are looking for this to be a successful drive as we are making the donation in Kathi Kirchoff's honor. Our long time ORLC member, Kathi, has been the director at the North St. Paul Food Shelf for a number of years and she will be retiring from her role soon. We wish her well as she steps into the future! All food and money donations will be delivered to the food shelf on Wednesday, October 14, thanks to Dennis and Jan Peterson!! Your thoughtfulness and generosity for the caring of our greater community is always noticed and appreciated! Thank you!

The Missions Team

ORLC's 20th Annual Crafts, Fine Arts & Bake Sale is coming soon: October 24th. We need your baked goods! You can drop them off at the church on Friday night, October 23 between 4 and 8pm.

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Sherry and Jeff Pasket for their continued care.
- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers for Kathi Kirchoff: prayers for her continued treatment.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Rev. Bethany Ketchem
Worship & Music Director	Jeremy Mattson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Darleen Klemm

Lessons for next week, October 18th:

Isaiah 45:1-7 and Matthew 22:15-22

Next week's lector: Joe France



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