WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.
IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*
IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me…"* Activity bags are available in the narthex.
NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.
RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

CLOTHED IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST, WE PARTAKE OF HIS WEDDING FEAST

By His Cross and Resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *"will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth"* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *"let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation"* (Is. 25:9). On the Mountain of the Lord of hosts—in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven—He has made *"for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine"* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *"wedding feast"* of the Son of God, *"and everything is ready"* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and bi-ways to invite and gather as many as they find, *"both good and bad,"* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *"wedding garment"* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,"* and *"rejoice in the Lord always"* (Phil. 4:4–6).

The Family Altar

❶**Verse of the Week** — ***Matthew 22:21b*** *"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."*

❷**Hymn of the Week** — *LSB #940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

❸**Collect of the Week** — *O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹**Daily Bible Readings** — ***M:*** *Deut. 18:1-21; Matt. 14:22-36* ***T:*** *Deut. 19:1-20; Matt. 15:1-20* ***W:*** *Deut. 20:1-20; Matt. 15:21-39* ***Th:*** *Deut. 21:1-23; Matt. 16:1-12* ***F:*** *Deut. 24:10—25:10; Matt. 16:13-28* ***Sat:*** *Deut. 25:17—26:19; Matt 17:1-13* ***Sun:*** *Deut. 27:1-26; Matt. 17:14-27*

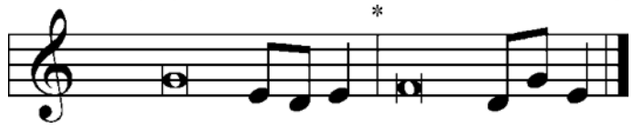
❺**Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for* ***Pentecost 21*** *(October 18): Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22; Psalm 96:1-9*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

Greeters — *Michael & Carla Meyers*
Elder — *Jeff Ourada;* Usher — *Jonah Marks*
Altar Guild — *Kayla Schommer; Jr.* Altar Guild — *Eden Schommer*
Cantor — *Jeff Ourada*; Acolyte — *Tim Marks*
Organist — *Rev. Silas Hasselbrook*
Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

The flowers in church today are given by Andy & Val Schmitt in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless them with many more years together.

Introit (sung responsively after confession & absolution) Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;
my soul shall exult | in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

Collect (spoken by pastor)

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (sung responsively) Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

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Today's Scripture Readings

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 25:6–9*

6On 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.
7And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
8He 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.
9It 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."

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4–13*

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. 5Let your reasonableness be known to
everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6do not be
anxious 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, 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. 9What you have learned and received and
heard and seen in me—practice these things,
and the God of peace will be with you.
10I 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. 11Not that I am speaking of
being in need, for I have learned in whatever
situation I am to be content. 12I 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. 13I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14*

1Again 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, 3and sent his servants to call those
who were invited to the wedding feast, but they
would not come. 4Again 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.' 5But they paid no
attention and went off, one to his farm, another
to his business, 6while the rest seized his
servants, treated them shamefully, and killed
them. 7The king was angry, and he sent his
troops and destroyed those murderers and
burned their city. 8Then he said to his servants,
'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited
were not worthy. 9Go therefore to the main
roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as
you find.' 10And 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. 12And he said to him, 'Friend, how did
you get in here without a wedding garment?'
And he was speechless. 13Then 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.' 14For
many are called, but few are chosen."

Scripture Quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *October missions of the month, Rev. Tyler McMiller and Lutherans in Africia.*
- *Peace among nations and safety for all in harm's way.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *Elmer Fischer, recovering at home.*
- *Terry Ourada, for health and healing.*
- *Jan Koepke, recovering at Morningside.*
- *Mark Mathe, recovering from surgery.*
- *Donna Boedel, recovering at Rocky Knoll.*
- *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for health and healing.*
- *Brady Laib, brother-in-law of Aaron Buchholz, recovering from surgery.*
- *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*
- *Sherri Knorr, friend of Emmanuel members, recovering from surgery.*
- *All expectant mothers, including Hayley.*
- *All who are battling cancer:*
  - *Jessica Dolezal*
  - *Norm Taylor*
  - *Jan Klug*
  - *Jan Kopeke*
  - *Debi Verhage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*
  - *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*
  - *Jayne Cotter*
  - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
  - *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*
  - *Connie Kilb, friend of Lori Cline*

Please also keep in prayer
—our Seminarian Andrew Harrill;
—Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;
—Matthew Harrison, synod president;
—the members, officers and organizations of Emmanuel;
—our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Sheboygan Falls and Revs. Kyle Backhaus and Adam Wolfe;
—our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and
—our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel

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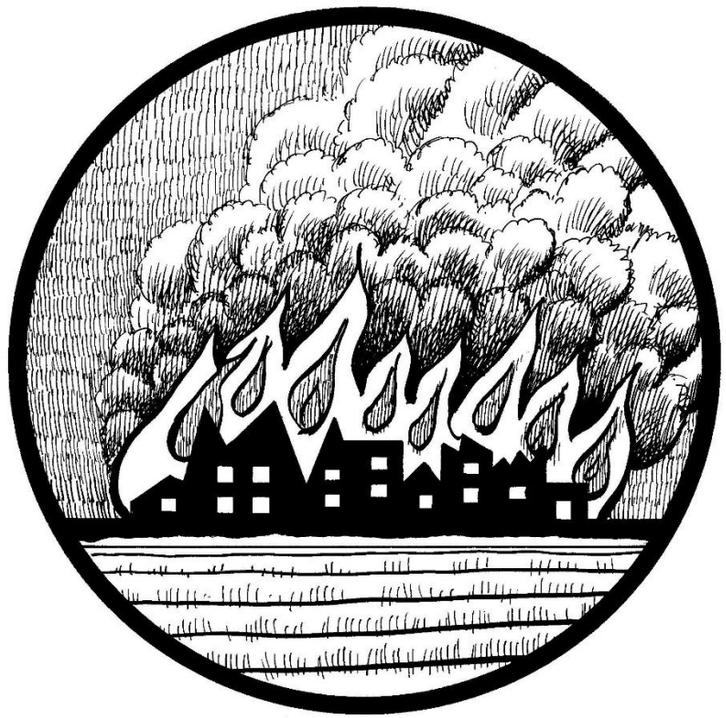

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."
Matthew 22:2

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