

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

- 1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**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.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

Word

BIBLE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #646- vs. 1, 2 "The Peace of The Lord"

- 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord
 the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
 the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
 and also for all of God's children.
 The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
 and also for all of God's children.
- 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
 the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
 the peace of the Lord is among us right now,
 so open yourselves to receive it.
 The peace of the Lord is among us right now,
 so open yourselves to receive it.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

Pastor Donald

HYMN OF DAY ELW #697 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
 grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
 daily walking close to thee,
 let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong:
 Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long
 as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *To Refrain*
**Just a closer walk with thee,
 grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
 daily walking close to thee,
 let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares,
 if I falter, Lord, who cares?
 Who with me my burden shares?
 None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *To Refrain*
- 3 When my feeble life is o'er,
 time for me will be no more;
 guide me gently, safely o'er
 to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *To Refrain*

RITE OF INSTALLATION OF A NEW PASTOR

Rev. Diane House

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 INTERCESSION

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

Responses: Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

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

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #686 - vs 1,2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

COMMUNION & SONG ELW #471 “Let Us Break Bread Together” and
 ELW #496 “One Bread, One Body”

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
 let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.**

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 let us drink wine together on our knees. ***To Refrain***
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
 let us praise God together on our knees. ***To Refrain***

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
 one cup of blessing which we bless,
 and we, though many throughout the earth,
 we are one body in this one Lord.**

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
 woman or man, no more. ***To Refrain***
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
 one in the Lord of all. ***To Refrain***
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 gathered to one for all. ***To Refrain***

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, **with this bread and cup,
 you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.**
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

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

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #535 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

- 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 out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**