



October 15, 2023 – 11:00 a.m Service of Worship *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

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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.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

SERVICE of WORSHIP

** Please stand as you are able*

Band-led worship with the Lord's Supper

Worshipers who prefer lyrics with its music should use the black Band-led Service binders. Music for songs that are not in the binders is available from an usher.

GATHERING

PRELUDE and GATHERING SONG: "You Reign" (Chapman, Millard, and Graul)

#31

VERSE 1

Even before there was a drop
in the ocean
Even before there was a star in the sky
Even before the world was put in motion
You were on Your throne
You were on Your throne

CHORUS

You reign
Glory in the highest You reign
Let creation testify by Your name
Ev'ry knee will bow
And ev'ry tongue proclaim
That Jesus reigns

VERSE 2

Even before Your hand
made the heavens
Even before the breath of all mankind
Even before we had to be forgiven
You were on Your throne
You were on Your throne

[Repeat CHORUS]

Yesterday today and forever
You are God who was
and is and is to come
You reign
Glory in the highest You reign

[Repeat CHORUS]

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: "Always" (Stanfill and Ingram)

(Leader sings)

My foes are many, they rise against me
But I will hold my ground
I will not fear the war,
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way, my help is on the way
Oh, my God, He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear, His promise is true
My God will come through always, always
Troubles surround me, chaos abounding
My soul will rest in You
I will not fear the war,
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way, my help is on the way
**(Leader and congregation sing)*
**Oh, my God, He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear, His promise is true**

**My God will come through
always, always
I lift my eyes up,
my help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up,
my help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up,
my help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up,
my help comes from the Lord
From You Lord, from You Lord
Oh, my God, He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear, His promise is true
My God will come through
always, always
Oh, my God, He will not delay
My refuge and strength always, always**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O 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. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For 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, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On 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. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he 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. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, 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.

Response to the Lesson:

Oh my God, He will not delay; My refuge and strength always.

I will not fear; His promise is true, my God will come through always, always.

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Response to the Psalm:

Oh my God, He will not delay; My refuge and strength always.

I will not fear; His promise is true, my God will come through always, always.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, 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 co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry 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, beloved, 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. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Response to the Lesson:

Oh my God, He will not delay; My refuge and strength always.

I will not fear; His promise is true, my God will come through always, always.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Olivia Sullivan, Hannah Seitz

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once 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. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those 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, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

SERMON

Pastor Keith Cook

SONG: “Across the Lands” (Townsend and Getty)

VERSE 1

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

CHORUS

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Verse 2

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

[Repeat CHORUS]

VERSE 3

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

[Repeat Chorus twice]

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again 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**

(After each petition)

God of Grace,
hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Offertory Song: "Tremble" (Fieldes, Bentley, McManus, and Figueroa)

#67

**(As the gifts are presented, the assembly sings):*

Jesus Jesus	Your name is a light
You make the darkness tremble	that the shadows can't deny
Jesus Jesus	Your name cannot be overcome
You silence fear	Your name is alive
Jesus Jesus	forever lifted high
You make the darkness tremble	Your name cannot be overcome
Jesus Jesus	

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord God of all
accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives.
Help us to live simply, generously and courageously,
that our lives may point to you. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Song: "Banquet"

#66

VERSE 1

There's no banquet so rich
As the bread and the wine
No table more holy
No welcome so kind
There's no mercy so wide
As the arms of the cross
Come and taste come and see
Come find and be found

VERSE 2

There's no banquet so rich
For what feast could compare
With the body of Jesus
Blessed broken and shared
Here is grace to forgive
Here is blood that atoned
Come and taste come and see
Come know and be known

CHORUS

Take the bread drink the wine
And remember His sacrifice

VERSE 3

There's no banquet so rich
As the feast we will share
When God gathers the nations
And dines with us here
When death's shadow is gone
Every tear wiped away
Come and eat come and drink
Come welcome that day

[Repeat CHORUS]

VERSE 4

There's no banquet so rich
For our Saviour we find
Present here in the mystery
Of these humble signs
Cleansed renewed reconciled
Let us go out as one
Live in love and proclaim
His death till He comes

[Repeat CHORUS]

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING:

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG: "Your Grace Is Enough" (Maher)

VERSE 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

VERSE 2

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

REFRAIN:

[Repeat REFRAIN twice]

So remember Your people

Remember Your children

Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in You.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Messiah's Praise Band

Ric Birdsong - Director, Acoustic Guitar

Bob Davis - Electric Guitar

Stephen Strand - Bass

Lee Seitz - Soundboard

Gerry Meyers - Vocals

Randall Fields - Keyboard

Gretchen Perry - Violin

David Gillespie - Drums

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE HURCH TODAY

(refer to prayers of the church mentioned in the livestream)

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God from Betty Roenfeldt in memory of Roger Roenfeldt and Gary & Linda Heideman in celebration of Valerie and Jeff Christensen's wedding anniversary last Friday and granddaughter Hannah Christensen's 11th birthday on Wednesday.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

THANK YOU to Pastor Keith Cook for preaching and presiding at services today.

PASTOR KRIS will resume her normal office hours tomorrow, October 16. For pastoral care please call the church office at (256) 721-0041.

IT'S DONUT SUNDAY! Come enjoy donuts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service. A coffee coordinator is still needed to schedule and coordinate the great team of coffee volunteers.

MLC'S HANDMADE MARKET is Oct 21-22 in the Parish Hall. All sales support the three schools MLC sponsors through *Lunches for Learning* in Honduras. Come shop handmade crafts, jewelry, household décor, kitchen items, jams, and more. Sale is 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturday, and in between services to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. If you have crafts to donate, please contact Elaine Shriver.

COAT DRIVE! The Madison Interfaith Council is hosting a coat drive. Details at the Mission Control area. Coats and items are due back to MLC by October 22. Thank you!

ACOLYTE TRAINING is Sunday, October 22 after the 11:00 a.m. service. Youth grades 4-through 12 are invited to attend as well as any interested adults. Acolytes are essential in helping worship services go smoothly. Questions? Just contact Cheryl Rydbom at cwrydbom@gmail.com

THE NOV. 4 GERMAN FOOD FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER SIGNUP is in today's *E-Messenger* and also at the Welcome Center. Volunteers are needed to welcome the over 300+ guests expected!

FAITH FORMATION CALL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS are still being accepted. Please send names and qualifications to Rachel Finch (rachel.tatum.finch@gmail.com)

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt Meredith Kilby
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

Please do not respond to messages or emails by Pr. Kris (staff, or council) for help or assistance with a "sensitive" matter that solicits money or asks for gift cards, help with account transfers, etc. Call the office if you have questions or concerns.

FOOD PANTRY Stuffing and Gravy Packets

<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30) Jude Williams (11:00)
<u>Greeters</u>	Pitchko Family (8:30) Hunter and Jasper Williams (11:00)
<u>Lectors</u>	Andrew King (8:30) Claire Strand (11:00)
<u>Ushers</u>	Virgil & Susan Burrer (8:30) Bruce Machamer, TBD (11:00)
<u>Cantor</u>	Andrew King
<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30) Karen Knox (11:00)
<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby (8:30) Danny Hopkins, Lee Seitz (11:00)
<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, October 15

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Practice
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth & Education Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Task Force Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Menu: Lasagna & Sausage Potato Casserole
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 19

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 a.m. - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*

Sunday, October 22

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*
- 10:45 a.m. - Choir Practice
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
- 12:00 p.m. - Acolyte Training
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

LOOKING AHEAD

October 28 - Baking for German Food Fest

October 29 - Town Hall Meeting / Chili Cook Off/Halloween Party

November 4 - German Food Festival 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

November 5 - Congregation Meeting at Noon

Attendance:

October 1 Online: - 150

October 8 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 64, 11:00 a.m. - 60

Offerings Counted October 8, 2023

Church Ministries
Current Mortgages
Comforters
Messiah Mugs

Lutheran World Relief
Owen's House (Downtown Rescue)
Special Projects
Lunches for Learning

Give Online!



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