

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

*October 11, 2026*



**PRELUDE**

*We arrive from many places as music gathers us into one shared moment in the Spirit.*

**WELCOME STATEMENT**

*Everyone is invited into God's story and the life of this community.*

**PROCESSIONAL**

**"We Are Called"**

**ELW 720**

**GREETING**

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

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"God Bless Our Homes"**

**Thornhill, Angerman**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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**

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 25:1-9*

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

A reading from Isaiah.

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. 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. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 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, 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.

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. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; 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. 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."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalms 23*

*Please read the psalm responsively.*

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.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Philippians 4:1-9*

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

A reading from Philippians.

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

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, 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 coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, 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. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 22:1-14*

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

The gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 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.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 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.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 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.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE 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**

*After each prayer petition, please respond: 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.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

From the goodness of the earth and the work of many hands, we have received much. Let us return our gifts in gratitude, joining God's renewing work in the world.

**We offer ourselves and our gifts with joy, that all creation may know justice, peace, and abundant life.**

**OFFERING / OFFERING HYMN**

“Rejoice and Celebrate”

Larry Olson

**Chorus**

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Celebrate what God has done!  
Rejoice and celebrate, we are one!

Some days we're gonna feel lonely;  
some days we're gonna feel blue;  
some days we're gonna feel helpless;  
we've gotta let God's saving grace shine through!  
(Chorus)

We were baptized into the promise;  
God's fam'ly we'll always be.  
We're born each day through the Savior,  
who humbly gave his life for you and me!  
(Chorus)

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

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 DIALOGUE**

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 our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY**

Brenton Brown

Holy holy God Almighty  
Who was and is to come  
God of glory You're so worthy  
All the saints bow down

Holy is Your name in all the earth  
Righteous are Your ways so merciful  
Everything You've done is just and true  
Holy holy God are You (2x)

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Modern Version*

**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**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to God's table of grace, receiving Christ's presence as nourishment for the journey.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**"There is a Mountain"**

Hans Peterson

*Singing in response to God's gift, we enter more deeply into the presence of Christ.*

There is a mountain where every tribe meets  
There is rich food here and plenty to drink  
Love's already there pointing the way  
A banquet for all on that day

Here will be laughter and wiping of tears  
The hand of God on the mountain is near  
Everyone's burden the other will bear  
Fullness of life waiting there

There is a cover that mourners all wear  
It keeps them from giving each other care  
The greatest of lovers will take fear away  
Swallowing death on that day

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,...following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

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

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

The God of grace - Creator, +Christ, and Spirit - bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Chorus**

To live on in grace and wonder  
To reach out and to love each other  
To live on, to live on, to live on

**Verse 1**

We don't always know  
where we're going  
We don't always know  
what to believe  
But we stand inside  
this hope of freedom  
holding to the faith we have received.  
(Chorus)

**Verse 2**

Some days we are in  
life's dark valleys  
Some days we are on  
life's mountain tops  
Everywhere we go  
in all creation  
We walk in the promises of God.  
(Chorus)

**Bridge**

God who made us,  
claims and saves us,  
lead us in your love.  
(Chorus)

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**SENDING**

Our Eucharist has ended. **Now it must be lived.**  
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”****Graham Kendrick**

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**\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

October 11, 2026

- **OSF Hospice is looking for volunteers** for their program. Volunteers may assist with clerical tasks in the office, provide companionship to patients, and offer respite to patients' families and loved ones. The office is located in Peru, IL and serves a broad area. Volunteers may choose how far they are willing to travel and are not expected to cover the entire service area. If this opportunity interests you and you would like to learn more, please call Reka Albrecht at 309-573-5974.
  - **Thank you to everyone who donated to support A.J. Stahr.** Your generosity, care and concern for one of our members is especially appreciated in these difficult times.
  - **Our Thanksgiving Challenge is upon us!** This year we will be needing to collect **700** 8.5oz boxes of corn muffin mix, Jiffy or any brand. The boxes are **due by Sunday 11/1/26**. Thank you for helping the Community Food Basket to provide 700 Thanksgiving meals to those in need!
  - **SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS TO THE NEXT GENERATION**  
**Teach a Sunday Session lesson!** You can lead on already designed and prepared for you or you may create your own. Session themes are listed next to each date on the sign up sheet on the information Kiosk. Put your name on the line next to the date you want to lead a lesson, and the Christian Education Committee will prepare everything you need ( a member of the Committee will accompany you, also). Thank you for helping to speak the good news of God's love for all people to our youth. Sharing your faith makes a difference!
  - **October 14th will be the next TLC Blood Drive.** Please contact Carol Wahlstrom to sign up or to volunteer. [Carolwahlstrom@gmail.com](mailto:Carolwahlstrom@gmail.com)
  - The next **PADs meal will be Sunday, October 25th.** Please sign up for **food donations** in by back of the Sanctuary, by Java Junction.
  - **Wednesday, October 28th,** Mission Outreach is hosting a **spaghetti dinner drive through event at the New Chalet** (514 State St. Ottawa). Dinner will be spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Proceeds will go towards Growing Hope Globally. This event is from **4:30-6:30pm**. Please do a *drive by* and enjoy some great food! Cost is \$12 a dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the office.
  - The Community Closet is looking for donations of store brand paper shopping bags with handles. Please bring the bags to Fellowship Hall. 
  - OSF Home Care Services has a **Life After Loss Support Group**. Membership is by appointment only. Call 815-433-6090 for more information. This support group offers a warm, caring and confidential environment that provides you with the opportunity to be supported by others who understand. You are not alone in this process. Ottawa group meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3 pm. Peru group meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3 pm.
  - **The 2027 calendars are in!** The suggested donation is \$25. However, people are asked to give as their heart leads. Calendars are available by contacting either Kate Reed (815) 830-2061 or Marj Nelson (815) 973-1286 by phone or text. There are also a few in the Office for purchase. Profits from the sale of the calendar will go towards funding the Growing Hope Globally Project.
  - **March 16-21, 2027 The Growing Hope Globally Project** will visit the supported agricultural development program in Totonicapan, Guatemala. Activities include farm visits, discussions and meals with participating families, participation in the local partner's annual meeting, and a recreational day in Panajachel. Approximate cost is \$80 per day, plus airfare. Scholarships may be available. Sign up deadline is January 11, 2027. **If interested, fill out the online travel application** at [growinghopeglobally.org/get-involved/visit-a-program/](http://growinghopeglobally.org/get-involved/visit-a-program/) Additional question, contact Kaylyn Morse (303)941-9390 or [kaylyn@growinghopeglobally.org](mailto:kaylyn@growinghopeglobally.org). **Please consider donating to this worthy cause!**
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- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
    - Sep Income = \$14,924.36 (Income YTD = \$172,728.65)
    - Sep Expense = \$21,069.67 (Expense YTD = \$178,366.82)
    - Income Less Expense = -\$6,145.31 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$5,638.17)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (10/12):**
  - Indigenous Peoples Day*
  - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
  - 10a Drum Fit (Education Building)
  - 10a Staff Meeting
- **Tuesday (10/13):**
  - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
  - 7p Finance Committee Meeting (Board Room)
- **Wednesday (10/14)**
  - Noon Blood Drive
  - 1p Bible Study (Conference Room)
  - 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (10/15):**
  - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
  - 7p Church Council Meeting (Board Room)
- **Friday (10/16):**
  - 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (10/17):**
  - National Pasta Day!* 
- **Sunday (10/18):**
  - 9a Affirmation Class / Sunday Session
  - 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

*Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.*

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| <b><u>Sunday, October 11 , 2026</u></b><br>Crucifer/Acolyte:<br>Ushers:<br>Lector: <i>Justin Reed</i><br>Communion Assistants:<br>Altar Guild: <i>Linda Scott, Katrina Bromann</i><br>Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i><br>Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever &amp; Mary Heider</i><br>Altar Flowers: | <b><u>Sunday, October 18 , 2026</u></b><br>Crucifer/Acolyte:<br>Ushers:<br>Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i><br>Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Ann Enke</i><br>Altar Guild: <i>Debbie Guenther, Anne Lauterjung</i><br>Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i><br>Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever &amp; Mary Heider</i><br>Altar Flowers: |
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