

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 9:00AM

'Now the Feast' liturgy

(maroon Hymnal Supplement, located on the shelf below red hymnal)

Prelude- Come, Let Us Eat arrangements by J. Carter & K. Moore

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #641 vs. 1, 3-5 All Are Welcome

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

All: And also with you.

Kyrie- Hymnal Supplement pg. 3

Now the Feast- Hymnal Supplement pgs. 4 & 5

Prayer of the Day-

Gracious God, the Gospel is still to come in our order of worship. It is about ethics and morality in the life we are living. There are so many ways we find ourselves guilty in comparison to the needs of the world. There are so many ways we experience your redemption as we confess and are renewed in this place. Open us to experience your grace and be transformed by your open-ended mercy and love. Amen.

Gospel Verse- Hymnal Supplement pg. 8

Gospel of Matthew 22:1-14 NRSVUE

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."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW #522 As We Gather at Your Table

Prayers of the People

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering- As the Grains of Wheat Hymnal Supplement pgs. 12 & 13

P: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, sign of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving- Hymnal Supplement pg. 14

Holy- Hymnal Supplement pg. 15

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: **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

Music during Distribution- 'Lamb of God' Hymnal Supplement pgs. 18-19
vs. 2 "You are the bread of life for us all"

Communion Hymn- ELW #491 Come, Let us Eat

'Thanks Be To You'- Hymnal Supplement pg. 20

Post-Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Postlude- Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ arrangement by J. Carter

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Serving us today:

Pianist: Sherry Johnson

Song Leader: Mike Lussenden

Greeters: Mike and Christine Smith

Ushers: Mike Smith, Curt Cooley, Dave Taylor, Leo & Walter Olson

Communion Assistants: Bob Gross, Kristina Luedtke, Jan Rutkowski

Sunday AM Hospitality Time: JoAnn Hoffman

Audio/Visual Team: Lewis Walke & Michael Martinelli

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