The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.



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1. **Welcome**

2. **Opening Hymn #485 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"**

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
On thee the high and lowly,
Before th'eternal throne,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
To the great Three in One.

2 On thee at the Creation
The light first had its birth;
On thee for our salvation
Christ rose from depth of earth;
On thee our Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heav'n;
And thus on thee, most glorious,
A three-fold light was giv'n.

3 Thou art a cooling fountain
In life's dry, dreary sand;
From thee, like Nebo's mountain,
We view our Promised Land;
A day of sweet reflection,
A day of holy love,
A day of resurrection
From earth to things above.

4 Today on weary nations
The heav'nly manna falls;
To holy convocations
The silver trumpet calls,
Where Gospel-light is glowing
With pure and radiant beams
And living water flowing
With soul-refreshing streams.

5 New graces ever gaining
From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining
To spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises,
To Father, and to Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.

3. The Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♫ **Congregation** Amen.

4. Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♫ **Congregation** Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

♫ **Congregation** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Congregation Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

5. Introit (Latin, "Entrance") **Psalm 23 (in unison)**

[1] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

6. The Gloria Patri (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

♫ **Congregation** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

7. The Kyrie Eleison (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

♫ **Congregation** Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Latin, "Glory in the highest to God")

♫ **Congregation** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

9. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♫ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

10. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your holy Word You have called us to Your great supper, and we beseech You: Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but that we may prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom, and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care: through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♫ **Congregation** Amen.

11. Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 25:6-9*

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

12. Gradual Hymn #583 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.

13. The Epistle *Philippians 4:4-13*

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, 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. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I 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. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I 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. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14. The Alleluia

♫ **Congregation** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

15. The Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14* *Please stand*

Pastor The Holy Gospel for today is written in the…

♫ **Congregation** Glory be to You, O Lord!

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

Pastor This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
♫ **Congregation** Praise be to You, O Christ!

16. The Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

Congregation I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

17. Chief Hymn #449 “Thy Love, O Gracious God and Lord” (1,2,3,8,9)

1 Thy love, O gracious God and Lord,
All other loves excelling,
Attunes my heart to sweet accord,
And passes pow'r of telling;
For when Thy wondrous love I see,
My heart yields glad submission;
I love Thee for Thy love to me
In my poor, lost condition.

2 Yea, Thou hast loved our fallen race,
And rather than condemn us,
Cast out and banish from Thy face
Thine only Son didst send us;
Who died upon the cross, that we
Should all be saved for ever;
Hence Jesus also died for me,
My soul, forget it never.

3 Thy love, O God, embraces all,
And Jesus' merits cover
The guilt of all, both great and small,
The world of sinners over.
Thy Spirit doth Thy light afford
To all who will receive it,
And from Thy knowledge bars Thy Word
No soul who will believe it.

8 On Christ, the rock, I'm anchored fast,
By faith in Him remaining;
I'll weather ev'ry stormy blast,
My peace of soul retaining;
On Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
My ever firm foundation,
Until the harbor bar is crossed,
And I see God's salvation.

9 O Jesus, at my dying breath
Hold Thou my hand securely,
And may I in a living faith
Hold fast to Thee most surely;
That my last prayer to Thee may rise,
My soul to Thee commending,
And I shall find in Paradise
The joys of life unending.

18. Sermon – "The Invitation is Still Wide Open" Matthew 22:1-14

19. The Offering

20. Prayer

The Service Of Holy Communion

Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.

21. The Preface (p. 72)

Pastor The Lord be with you.
♫ **Congregation** And with your spirit.
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
♫ **Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
♫ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.
Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

22. The Sanctus (Latin, "Holy") (p.76)

♫ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

23. The Lord's Prayer: (p.77)

Pastor 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.
♫ **Congregation** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

24. The Words of Institution *(p.79)*

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

25. The Pax Domini (Latin, "The Peace of the Lord")

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♫ **Congregation** Amen.

26. The Agnus Dei (Latin, “Lamb of God”)

♫ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

27. The Distribution

28. Distribution Hymns

#495 “I Come To Thee, O Blessed Lord”

1 I come to Thee, O blessed Lord,
Invited by Thy gracious Word
To this Thy feast, to sup with Thee;
Grant that a worthy guest I be.

2 I come to Thee with sin and grief,
For Thou alone canst give relief.
Thy death for me, dear Lord, I plead:
O Jesus, help me in my need!

3 Shouldst Thou a strict account
demand,
Who could, O Lord, before Thee stand?
Purge all my secret sins away:
Be Thou, O Christ, the sinner's Stay!

4 O Jesus, Lamb of God, alone
Thou didst for all our sins atone;
Though I have sinned and gone astray,
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away.

5 O Jesus, Lamb of God, alone
Thou didst for all our sins atone;
Be merciful, I Thee implore,
Be merciful forevermore.

#492 “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

1 The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.

2 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And seek deliv'rance ere too late.

3 To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.

4 When men the offered help disdain
And wilfully in sin remain,
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the Fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

#460 “O How Great Is Thy Compassion”

1 O how great is Thy compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might be saved eternally!

2 Thy great love for this hath striven
That we may from sin be free
And forever live with Thee;
Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given
In His grace an earnest call
To His Supper unto all.

3 And for this our souls' salvation
Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord,
In Thy Sacraments and Word.
He imparteth consolation,
Granteth us the gift of faith
That we fear nor hell nor death.

4 Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me;
Truth doth evermore abide.
Then in Thee I will confide.
Since Thy Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Well assured eternally.

5 I will praise Thy great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might bring endless praise to Thee.

#301 "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"

1 There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.

5 When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

29. The Nunc Dimittis (Latin, "Now Dismiss Us") (p.81)

♫ **Congregation** Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

30. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.83)

Pastor O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
♫ **Congregation** And His mercy endures forever.
Pastor Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.
♫ **Congregation** Amen.

31. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.
♫ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

32. The Benedicamus

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.
♫ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

33. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
♫ **Congregation** Amen, amen, amen

34. Closing Hymn #511 “Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide” (verses 1,2,4,9)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide;
Nor let Thy Word, that heav'nly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.

2 In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.

4 O keep us in Thy Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
O may Thy mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.

9 O grant that in Thy holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord;
And when our journey endeth here,
Receive us into glory there.

Announcements

Sunday School & Bible Class – Each Sunday at 10:30 – after the worship service and fellowship time.

Catechism Class – Catechism class meets on Wednesdays at 4:15 pm.

Worship Times – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Special Parking Lot Fundraiser – The parking lot looks great after the mill and overlay project. The cost was $65,000 for a mill and overlay of the entire lot. If you would like to contribute to this project, please specify your donation is for the parking lot project.

TLC – TLC will meet at 5:30 for a short meeting before Women's Bible study on Tuesday, October 20th.

Women's Bible Study – Women's Bible class meets on Tuesdays at 6:30. The group is studying "The Theology of the Cross." Please talk to Sarah Smith if you have questions.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and they are studying the 1st Epistle of John.

Heritage Choir meets on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:45. Please come and sing with us!

The Lutheran Sentinel & Meditations – The Lutheran Sentinel and Meditations are available on the welcome stand.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Help Needed – Please see the volunteer board for opportunities to help around the church grounds. There are indoor and outdoor projects. Please take a look and see if there are any projects that you would like to help with.

New Carpet – New carpet will be installed in the narthex sometime in November. This will be paid for by TLC and memorial money.

Budget Update - We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of September. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

Member Giving Scorecard	YTD Actual	YTD Target	Variance	Annual Target
Member General Fund Giving	$88,739	$81,566	**$7,173**	$380,000
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	$2,126	8,750	**($6,624)**	$35,000
Parking Lot Project	$21,050	$65,000	**($43,950)**	$65,000
Total Member Giving	**$111,916**	**$155,316**	**($43,401)**	**$480,000**

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The Exhortation

Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; “This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins” you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ’s words “for the remission of sins” you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says “Take, eat; drink of it all of you,” and “this do in remembrance of Me.”

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ’s body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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