



Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation, Christ rose depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n; and thus on you,
most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.

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.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

Greeting & Prayer

Prayer of the Day

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.

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.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

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 aliens 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 aliens 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 sheet 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, 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.

L: Word of God; word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

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Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, 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 co-workers, 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 worry 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, 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. Keep 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.

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The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

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, O Christ.

Message: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Hymn of the Day: Now We Join in Celebration

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothes instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cups of blessing are for us
the sure possessing of your loving deed of Calv'ry, of your living self,
our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all,
both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

The 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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you
with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Announcements

Confirmation Class: If you are interested in attending Zoom Online Confirmation Classes and have not received a letter regarding dates/times, please call Angie in the office for more information. First class is on Wed, Oct. 14th at 7:00pm.

Outdoor Worship: We are hoping to have a few Sundays in October that will be nice enough to hold outdoor worship. We will keep you posted by email and on our website!

Worship Assisting: If you would like to be a lector or sing for a worship service (outdoor or online), we'd love to have you! Please contact Angie in the office for more details!

Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

Have questions or in need of something?

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Intergenerational Faith Formation: Prayer Partner Day

- Send a card to your prayer partner. Cards & addresses available at the registration table!
- Prayers Partner Sign Up. Check out the clipboard with prayer partners listed. Please indicate if you'd like to keep your prayer partner from last year or be paired up with a new one. Our Goal: each child and each youth be paired with an adult!
- Recorded Book Readings. We'd love for you to read a book to share with others. Please check out the sign up sheet at the registration table to sign up for a month!
- Food4Kids Backpack Program collection bin is located at the registration table. We appreciate any donations for this ongoing needed program.
- Family Pathways. We will continue to collect canned and boxed food for those in great need within our community!

Next Week: Craft Day



PRAYERCARE Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the families of the St. Croix Falls students: McKinley Erickson and Kegan Koshiol, the family of Andrew Dorsing, Cheryl Slattengren, the family of John Solheim, the family of Gail Peterson, Cheri, Cara, Emily, Tammi, Shawna, Aunt Bobby, Aunt Barb, Uncle Jerry, Amanda's foster Mom, Amanda's Dad & brother Mike, Vicki Ford, the family of Gordon Fick, Dave Danberg, Marilyn Burnes, Geri Swenson, the family of Andy Swenson, the family of Duane Rudquist, Don Grover, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Doris Fors, and the family of Jeremy Greene, Ann Rue, Helen Swanson, Jolene, Maggie, the Hackmann Family, Rose Anderson & the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Peterson, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Caren Carlson, Rose Anderson and Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family.