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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

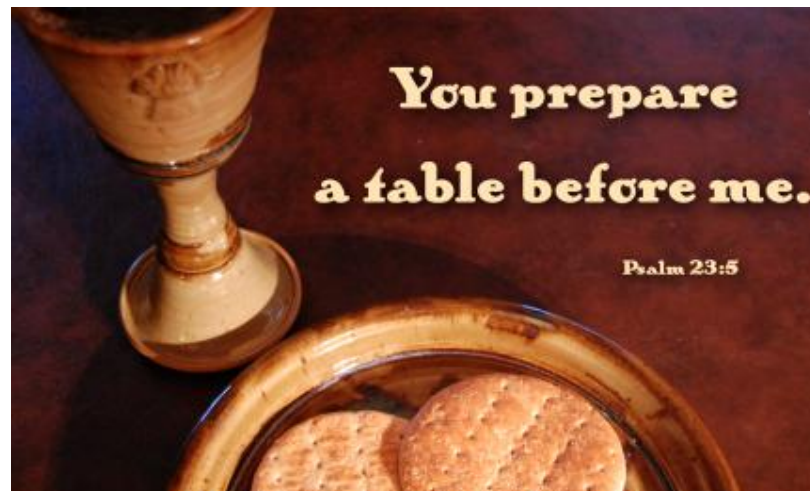
North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

*Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.



COME SHARE THE JOY!

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR A)

OCTOBER 11, 2026



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.
Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude

You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Blaine Davis is leading our Sunday school and Worship today.
- Adult Sunday school studying "The Final Apologetic" starts at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday, and the Youth lesson is "Gifted and Called" starting at 9:30 a.m. on the third and fourth Sundays of each month.
- The Young at Heart Luncheon is at 11:45 a.m. on October 14th at *Onassis* in Rockwall.
- Octoberfest is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th after worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
- A Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00 pm.
- Reformation Sunday is October 25th at 10:30 am. Remember to wear red.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

On this Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost in our readings, the Lord makes for us a feast of the richest food and the best wine. And through this holy meal, he puts death to death. Therefore, we cannot want for anything. He gives us food and drink, not only for the body but for the spirit too. He spreads this table in the presence of our great enemies: sin, death and the devil. They cannot prevail, so we will fear no evil, nor be anxious for any good thing. An incomprehensible peace and contentment overflows in the lives of those whose shepherd is the Lord. Yet this is not all. He is also preparing a great wedding feast (Revelation 19:9; 21:1-4). Those who believe in Christ, who are clothed in the righteousness of the Lamb of God, are invited to feast forever in his presence.

We are thankful for our seminarian, Blaine Davis, who has come from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Tyler to lead our service. In the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), a deacon or seminarian may lead a *Service of the Word with Holy Communion* using the reserved sacrament (pre-consecrated elements) when an ordained pastor is unavailable. We will use the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Red Book) in today's service.

GATHERING

The service begins with the community gathering as the Body of Christ.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him." (Psalm 96:9)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN~ "**BE THOU MY VISION**" (*Red P. 793*)

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

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

Congregation (C:) And also with you.

KYRIE ~ (Red, P. 147)

(S): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."

(C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." (C): **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"

PLUCKING: INDICATED

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

(S): The Lord be with you. (C): **And also with you.**

(S): O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(C): **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Service of the Word

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

(S): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

5.
RESPONSIVE READING
Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;*

I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures*
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul*

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely your 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 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious 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, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

6.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "ALLELUIA"



THE HOLY GOSPEL

(S): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying,
²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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."' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

(S): The Gospel of the Lord.

(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

7.

HOMILY FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon by Seminarian, Blaine Davis

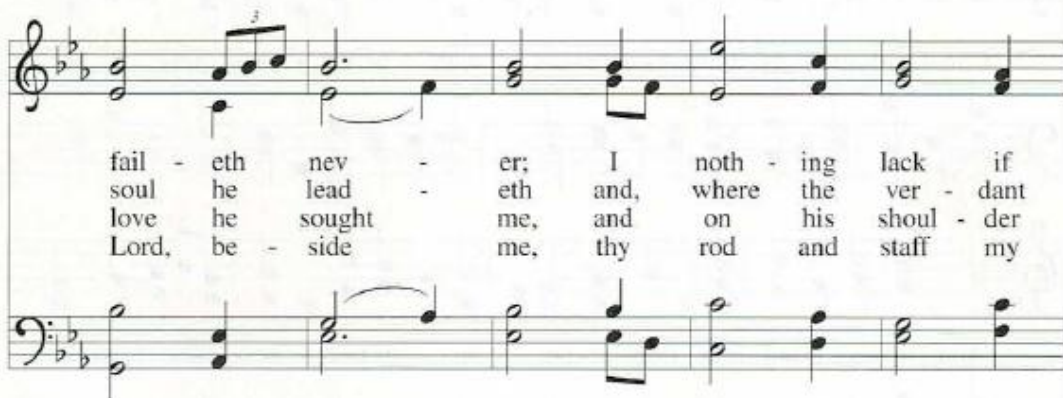
Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS" (Red, P. 502)

502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Please Remain Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

(S): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

(C): 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 OF THE CHURCH

(S): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

(S): O Shepherding God, grant that we would hear your voice and follow you, trusting in your protection and leading in our lives. Give us the ability to discern your voice amidst all the other voices in the world that seek to lure us away from you and your flock. Lord in your mercy, **(C): hear our prayer.**

(S): God of life, we ask for your care and watchful eye on all those who are first responders. Give them the ability to think quickly and act adeptly as they rescue those in danger. Protect them from harm as they serve those in need. Lord in your mercy, **(C): hear our prayer.**

(S): God our ever-present help, our rock and our salvation, deepen our faith in your promise of salvation. May your grace have free reign among us that we might be emboldened to witness to your saving grace in our homes, our communities, and to all nations. Lord in your mercy, **(C): hear our prayer.**

9.

(S): God you are our shield and our strength. Be our protector in all the uncertainty and tragedy of life. Pour out your healing upon all who are sick or suffering [particularly ...]. Keep us mindful that no evil can win the day for through the cross of your dear Son, Jesus, the kingdom is ours forever. Lord in your mercy,

(C): **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

(S): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (C): **Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(S): "The peace of the Lord be with you always." (C): **And also with you.**

(S): "Let us share that peace with one another."

Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected

GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
we will sing the Offertory Response*

Please stand.

"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble". The score includes a common time signature 'C' at the beginning of the first staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

10.

OFFERING PRAYER

(S): Let us pray.

(C): Gracious and Merciful Father, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

(S): "'The last time we gathered, we heard Pastor Moore say: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(C): 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

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the assisting minister. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(S): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. (C): **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(S): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

(C): **Amen**

Please remain standing

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION

(S) "Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us."

(C): **Amen**

SENDING HYMN ~ "ON OUR WAY REJOICING" (*Red, P. 537*)

537 On Our Way Rejoicing

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Our Way Rejoicing". It is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and two parts (Tenor and Bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "1 On our way re-joic-ing glad-ly let us go. 2 Un-to God the Fa-ther joy-ful songs we sing;". The second system also has two staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Christ our Lord has con-quired; van-quished is the foe. un-to God the Sav-ior thank-ful hearts we bring;". The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1 On our way re-joic-ing glad-ly let us go.
2 Un-to God the Fa-ther joy-ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con-quired; van-quished is the foe.
un-to God the Sav-ior thank-ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more,

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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DISMISSAL

(S): "We are called by Christ"

(C): To **JOYfully** share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.

(S): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

Greeter:	Inez Roach
Ushers:	Dennis Chubbs and Bobbie Chubbs
Altar Care:	Sharon Johnson
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Sharon Johnson
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Matthew Chubbs and Jacob Hart
Music & Facebook Monitor:	Trey Phillips
Hospitality:	Bobbie & Dennis Chubbs
Offering Count Team:	Dennis Chubbs and Inez Roach
Altar Flowers:	Marcia Matarelli in memory of her husband, Greg, and parents Mabel & Jacob Callahan

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