

“MEAL”

OFFERING/OFFERING SONG

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his son.
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Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what the Lord has done for us, And now let the weak say I am strong,
Let the poor say I am rich. Because of what the Lord has done for us,

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L) Lord in your mercy
C) *Receive our Prayer*



HOLY COMMUNION *(continuous)*

- ✚ Words of Institution
- ✚ The Lord’s Prayer - ELW page 112
- ✚ Distribution of the Sacrament

“SENDING”

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Soon and Very Soon”

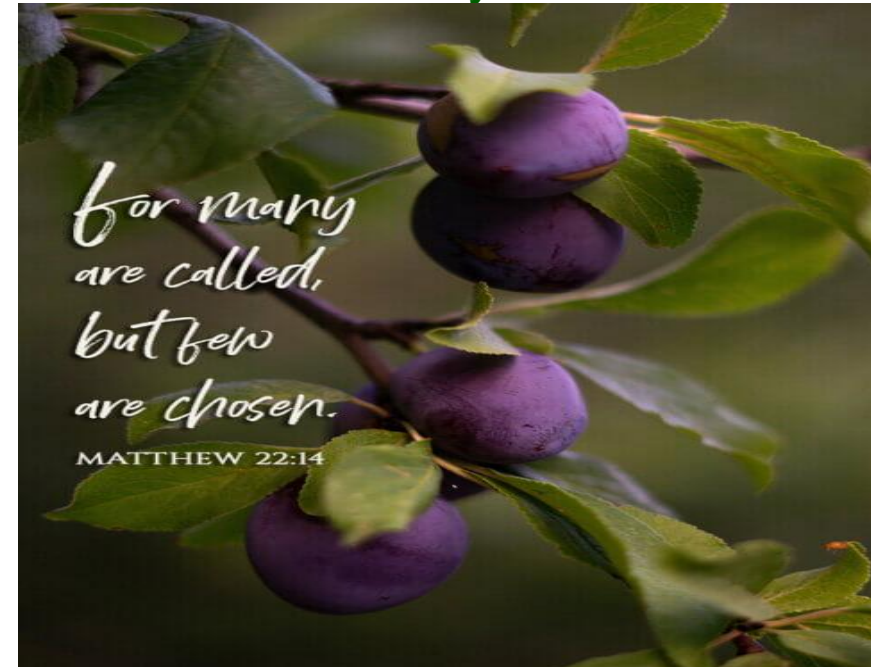
ELW #439

1. Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.
2. No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King
No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King
No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.
3. No more dyin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.
No more dyin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.
No more dyin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.
4. Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.

DISMISSAL L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord and your neighbors. C) *Thanks be to God!*

POSTLUDE

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost



Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches

October 11th, 2026

Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer

Accompanist: Paul Mesner, Willow Creek, Kari Vosburg, Benton

“GATHERING”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.**

HYMN

“All Are Welcome” v-1,3,5

ELW #641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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.*

“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 wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

⁹It 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.”

L) Word of God, Word of Life. *All) Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your 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 prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running 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 forever.*

L) Word of God, word of life. *All) Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN’S SONG/MESSAGE

“The Wonders of Worship – WOW!”

I wonder. I wonder. The wonders of worship, what does it mean?
I wonder. I wonder. The wonders of worship, what does it mean?
Come and see! Come now and see!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-10, 14

¹Once 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. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

L) Word of God, word of life. *All) Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“Chosen, Invited and Worthy”

Pastor Renae Boehmer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” v-1,3,6

ELW #502

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

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

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SHARING THE PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you all. *C) And also with you.*

