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The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM October 11, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOVE AND ZEAL, A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."~Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 694 – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.*

Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Anthem (8:00): The Lord is My Light . . . K. Memley

*The Lord is my light
and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is my light
And my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
Be strong, take heart,
And wait for the Lord.*

*The Lord is my light
And my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?
When the wicked advance against me,
'Tis my enemies who will stumble and fall.
Though an army beseige me
My heart will not fear;
Be strong, take heart,
And wait for the Lord.*

*In the day of trouble He will keep me,
He will hide me in the shelter of His tent,
I will sing and make music unto the Lord.
Be strong, take heart,
And wait for the Lord.*

Anthem (10:30): Prayer on Lord of All Hopefulness (Slane) . . . Honorè

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:*

*Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
our love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God!*

Nicene Creed: 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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. I believe in 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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 830 – Spread the Reign of God the Lord

Children’s Message

Message from the Word:
Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like . . . Paul
Sermon Text: Philippians 3: 4b-11

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:
P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
C: *I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*
P: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
C: *my soul shall exult in my God,*
P: for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
C: *he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,*
P: as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
C: *and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*
P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
C: *I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)
The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: LSB 636 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (vs. 1-4, 8)

Post-Communion Cantic: Nunc Dimittis (LSB 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 733 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1-6)

Benediction

Postlude: O God, Our Help in Ages Past . . . B. Culli

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

DONATIONS NEEDED: God’s Work Today is taking a small team to Africa in October, and we need donations of coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, face paint, and teddy bears for the trip. Please leave items by the bulletin board or in the church office by October 18th.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, October 17 we are asking for 8 volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

FLANNELS AND FIREPITS: Join us on Saturday, October 17th after church. We will enjoy fellowship, songs around the fire, s’mores, and apple cider! Bring a friend! Please sign up so we can plan for supplies.

CREATION SCIENCE SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE: Join us as Rick McGough presents *Day 6 of Creation - Made in His Image* on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**. Doors open at 6:00, and the program is from 6:30 to 8:00. See GenesisMatters.org for more information.

BLANKET-MAKING: Sign up if you can help with our annual blanket making project on Sunday, November 8th after the late service until 3:00, and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on both days. Come when you can and stay as long as you would like! ***We also are collecting new socks and gloves for men, women, and children.***

COLLECTION OF WINTER ITEMS: If you knit or crochet, there is yarn available in the room off the nursery. Please take what you would like to create hats, mittens, and scarves to be donated to those in need. Completed items can be left in the church office.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for a 2-part series, **Surviving the Holidays**. The meetings are Thursday, November 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on “find a group” and you will see Our Shepherd’s listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend. On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today: Amharic – Ethiopia (Africa)

I listen to TWT Amharic radio program, and it is very interesting, it changed my spiritual and physical life. Because your message is life restoring message, and encourage us to listen to the program without any problem. Through your radio we got life, peace and relief from many of our discomfort. Thank you very much for your message of restoration and salvation. God gave us the opportunity of hearing His great message through your radio ministry. He prepared the way and line to come to our lives at our home, and make us free from worshiping witchcrafts. This is the plan God has for each one of us.

Dear, the organizers of this program, your program is encouraging and enabling many people to grow in faith. My family and I listen to the program together. Every evening, after work, we come in and relax, drink coffee, and listen. Then we go to pray when the program is over. It has helped us to be strong in our faith, to support each other, and to serve others. I also thank you very much for the radio you gave me. I found a family who were weak in their faith but were very eager to listen to this radio program and gave it to them. Since then, they have been listening to your program. God bless you!

Dear producers, thank you for your life changing message you sent via air. I am a deacon in the Orthodox Church. However, I do not know the Word of God. What I do know is about the Scriptures which are written there. But your radio has opened my eyes and made me search for the Word of God. Now I have received the Lord through your radio. Please, I want to know and learn more about Christ.

We are listeners of the radio program as a group and living in remote areas where there is no church to hear the Word of God. Our families are of Muslim background. My friends and I accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior through listening to your spiritual radio program. Because of our Christianity, we are under great persecution and isolation. When we listen to this program, we hide ourselves from our families and other friends and listen to the program. So, remember us in your prayers that God will give us freedom to listen to His word and worship Him. Even if the persecution is there, we decided to continue listening to this radio program even in the future. The program is our friend, our family, and our motivator. God helps us in so many things to know His Word in detail. We decided to witness to others about the Word of God that we learn from this program. So, continue to remember us in your prayers so that God can change the hearts of the people to accept Jesus Christ as their own Savior.