

## HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW, #473

“Taste and See”

ELW, #493

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

ELW, #778

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW, #471

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG:

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW, #547

CORPORATE PRAYER:

“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Presider:** Pastor Barb Lemke

**Pianist:** Cindy Josephson    **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down

**Reader:** Rich Richmond    **Greeter:**

**Usher:** Marv Kelley & Rich Walker    **Communion Asst.:** &

**Screen:** Travis Kleven    **Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich

## Sunday Worship Service



Image: Woman receiving a meal in a church soup kitchen. © Steve Skjold/Alamy Stock Photo. Used by permission.

## *Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

**October 15, 2023**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**October 15, 2023**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (v 1 & 3) ELW #608  
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW, #773

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:  
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “As We Gather at Your Table” ELW, #522

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 25:1–9

PSALM: Psalm 23

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Philippians 4:1–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1–14

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” ELW, #523

SERMON “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?” Pastor Barb Lemke

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**  
**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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come 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

Ukraine and Israel, our prayers are with you

John & Casey Howshar

Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen

Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank

Pat Oakes – Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Linda Faciane (Joy’s aunt)  
– Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Don Kirkegaard – Ashlyn (daughter of  
friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Katherine (friend of Ron and Doris Freund) – Alicia  
Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Brenda (Jeff Grawe’s sister) – Cammy  
(Debbie Diedrich’s aunt)

Ray & Cathy Maver-Johnson

Danny Cowan

Armonni Gonzalez (friend of Patty Garcia’s daughter)

Bob Zenn

Carol Kirkegaard

Al Ryberg, Sylvia Cowan’s brother

Linda Washington

Karen Orth, James Orth’s mom

Les Armbruster (Bob Bliss’ father-in-law, infection)

Liz (Pat French’s daughter-in-law, recovery from skull replacement surgery)

Abbie Chambers (Lorraine Chambers’ daughter-in-law) and her shipmates on the  
USS Gerald Ford and their families

Ginny Fields, Linda Washington’s friend (stroke recovery)

Dakota Wells, Pat French’s great granddaughter (respiratory health)

**Homebound members:** Pat French – Wil Wertz – Jim and Linda Craig – Josh Carter

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

Ron & Doris Freund

Patty Garcia, Aurelia (mom), Reyna, Jesse Butler

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Are an Offering” ELW, #692

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**Trunk or Treat** – Saturday, October 28, 5–6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet for those willing to host a trunk is located on the triangular rolling bulletin board outside the sanctuary. If you are interested in helping in other ways with this event, please contact Lorraine Chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend and they don't need to have children.

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<b>Tue</b>	6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Wed</b>	11:30 a.m. Senior Luncheon at Rendezvous 6:00 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Cantata Practice
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