# Welcome to

Gethsemane
LUTHERAN
Church & Preschool

October 11, 2026
20th Sunday
After Pentecost

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The vision of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to:
GROW UP in His Word,
GROW OUT in his Ministry,
GROW TOGETHER in His Love.

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**+ PRESERVICE MUSIC +**

**+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +**

**+ OPENING SONG +**

**"Come Now Is the Time to Worship"**

**Come now is the time to worship**
**Come now is the time to give your heart**
**Come just as you are to worship**
**Come just as you are before your God**
**Come**

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

**Come now is the time to worship**
**Come now is the time to give your heart**
**Come just as you are to worship**
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**Come**

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**+ INVOCATION +**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**P** As we enter into God's presence, we bring our lives to Him. It is appropriate for us to approach Him humbly,

confessing our sins, and asking for the new life He gives. We pray together:

**C** **Almighty God, as we live from day to day it is so easy for us to forget about how serious sin is. Sin keeps us broken and keeps us from realizing Your great power and mercy that builds us up with Your love, forgiveness, and salvation. O Lord, forgive us. Have mercy upon us, and Give us life again. Amen.**

**P** "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Today I assure you that the new life God promises you is yours. By His mercy and grace, through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Death and sin no longer have their hold over you.
In Christ you are a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!

**C** **We praise God for His grace and salvation! Amen!**

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 25:6-9

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle Reading — Philippians 4:4-13

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your
reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not
be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, 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. 9 What you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the
God of peace will be with you.
10 I 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. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have
learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I 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. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 22:1-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again 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.' 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And 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.

11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then 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.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Message**

**Message Song**

**"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**
**Worship His holy name**
**Sing like never before O my soul**
**I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**
**Worship His holy name**
**Sing like never before O my soul**
**I'll worship Your holy name**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**
**Worship His holy name**
**Sing like never before O my soul**
**I'll worship Your holy name**

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul**
**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before O my soul**
**I'll worship Your holy name**
**I'll worship Your holy name**

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## Apostles' Creed

## Offering

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Sending and Blessing

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**+ CLOSING SONG +**

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;**
**Praise Father, and the Son...**
**Praise Father, and the Son...**
**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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**+ POST SERVICE MUSIC +**

# What's Happening @ Gethsemane

### Flowers for October 11th:

By Ed Johnson in remembrance of his mother and Vicki's mother.

By Janet and Jim Goodman in honor of son Matt on his 39th birthday today.

**Family Night Dinner**
Join us for dinner on Wednesdays, from now through November 18th at 5:30pm in the Life Center for a home-cooked meal.




Dinner Price: (Cash only)
Adults - $5
Children (ages 5 to 11) - $2
Under 5 eat FREE!

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes @ 10:15 a.m.**
Stay for coffee and cookies after the 9 a.m. worship service then join a Bible class!

Women's Bible Study: "Bless These Lips" – Led by Maria Keeling – Meets in the Library

"Study the Book of Mark" – Led by Pastor James Jennings – Meets in the Life Center




October 12th from 10 to 1 pm. For those of retirement age for fellowship and games, followed by devotion and potluck meal at noon. RSVP to Maria Keeling.

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