



Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
October 18, 2026: 9:30 am

Shalom Lutheran Church, ELCA

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

The congregation may stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: 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.**

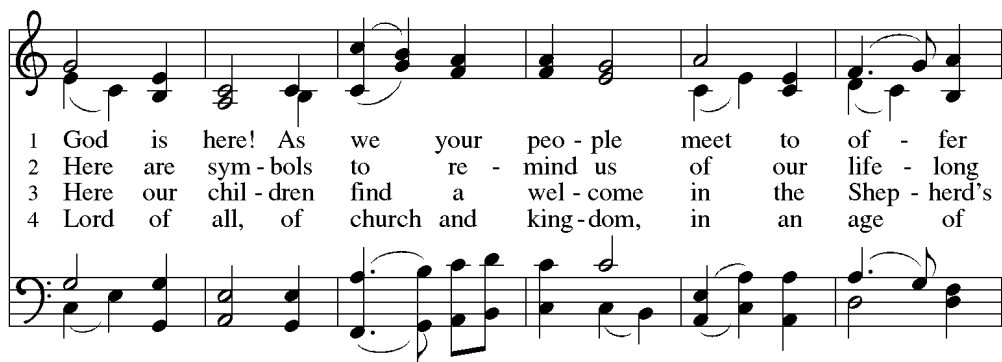
Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

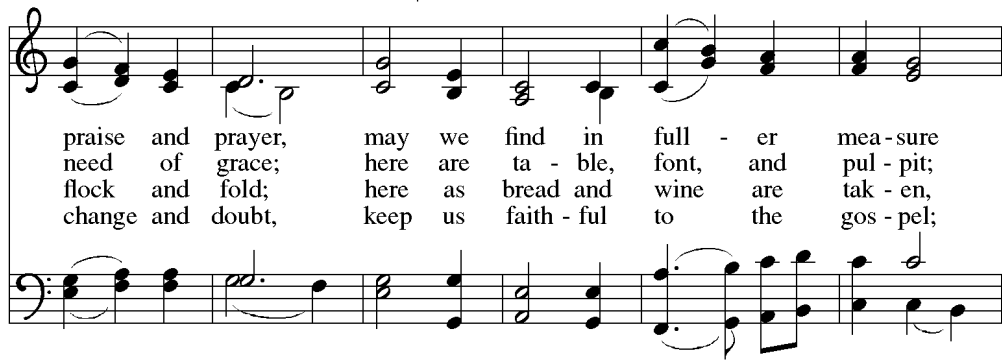
We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG "God is Here!" ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

PASTORAL GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 45:1-7

L: A reading from Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

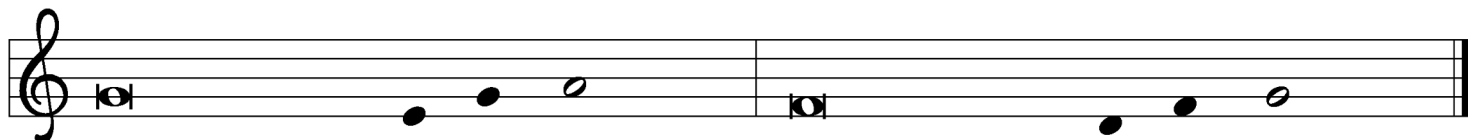
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Sing to the Lord | a new song;*
sing to the Lord, all | the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and | bless his name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

Declare his glory a- | mong the nations*
and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;*
he is more to be feared | than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;*
but it is the Lord who | made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples;*
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power

Ascribe to the Lord the honor | due his name;*
bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;*

let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: “The | Lord is king!*
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will
judge the peo- | ples with equity.”

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and
all | that is in it;*

let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the
Lord | when he comes,*
when he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the | world with righteousness*

and the peoples | with his truth.

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L: A reading from First Thessalonians:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our
prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word
only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;
just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for
your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that
you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME ACS Setting 11



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON Pastor Kathryn Rothman

The congregation may stand

SONG OF THE DAY "You Are Holy" *ELW 525*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

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Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**C: 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 to the dead.
 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 PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

The Prayers conclude:

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.



MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Come to Say Thank you" by Pepper Choplin
Shalom Singers accompanied by Kris Wilson

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS Setting 11



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us

and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish

but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in his body and blood.

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, *may*

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

The congregation may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD ACS Setting 11

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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - mén.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" *ELW 551*

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of Oct 11, 2026

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also ask Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Everyone else may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is in a small plastic container by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. Place used cups in the baskets. If you can't come forward for communion, please let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you.

HOSPITALITY servers for Oct. 25, John & Nola Smith, Joann Garland, Judy Hoffman.

FALL BAZAAR-MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Shalom's annual Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 7, 2026, during the annual Crafter's Tour weekend! It takes many helping hands to make the Fall Bazaar a success, and everyone is welcome to be part of the fun! Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer, check the sign-up sheets in the Community Room or contact CJ (Carol Jensen), Carol Hedlund, or any of the listed Department Chairs. Thank you for sharing your time and talents and helping make Shalom's Fall Bazaar a wonderful success!

ATTENTION COMMITTEES:

Please submit budget request for 2027 to Grant Pexsa by September 30th.

Submit annual reports to Geri in the Office no later than October 20th as she has to have the Annual Report out two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 22.

WOMEN OF ELCA NW MN synodical Women's organization 2026 Conference 8 Fall Gathering Saturday October 24th. Registration and Fellowship 8:15-9:00, noon lunch, Cost \$20.00 per person. Grace women are requesting us to bring donations to International Health Partners Tanzania, You can do cash or make check to Grace with note in memo IHPTanzania.

Send registration and fees to: Registration deadline is October 9th.

Grace Lutheran Church

PO Box 7

Brandon, MN 56315

Attn: Kelli Wendel, 320-824-4873

Make checks payable to Women of the ELCA

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*John Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Skeeter & Gerry Kingsberg, *Delores Martin, *Evie Raguse, Teri Market (Pastor David's friend), *Jeanette Priebe, *Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, *LaTelle Bailey, *Kim Casavan, *Amy Schlosser & family, JP Phelps (nephew of John & Nola S), Brian Lein (Son-in-Law of Dave & Barb B), *Family of Dave Beyer, *Dan Rooney, *John Smith, Nikki (Roy & Deb Kramer's daughter), *Ed Arneson, Rick Heike (brother of Linda Fenelon), Family of *Carrie Carlberg, Family of Ben DeLong (Chrissy Oaches's brother) Family of *Diane Koranda, Family of *Lloyd Berger. **Shalom member*

Our Response to God's Grace (through Aug 26)

Revenues	Expenses	Surpl/(Deficit)
\$44,143	\$52,714	\$(8,571)
		Building Fund
\$177,841	\$192,125	\$(14,283)
		General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved showing offerings equal to congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$105,576.

Shared Ministry

<u>Shared Ministry</u>	<u>10-18-26</u>	<u>10-25-26</u>
Acolyte		
Audio/Visual	Brian C/Dan R	Brian C/Dan R
Assisting Minister	Sharon Hermanson	Carol Hedlund
Communion Assist	Judy Hoffman	Angie Erickson
Communion Assist	Grant Pexsa	Dave Morgan
Greeters	Dave Rogosheske	Carolyn Carlson
Greeters	Joyce Rogosheske	Judy Radjenovich
Lector	Susan Pletcher	Joann Garland
Musicians	SOS Band	
Proclaim/FB Live	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Al Anderson	Dave Malvin
Ushers	Todd Zarbok	Sue Engstrom
Counters	Vic Dale	Vic Dale
Counters	Dean Kliewer	Charmaine Munt

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	10-18	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality
Monday	10-19	5:30 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	10-20	9:00 am 5:30 pm 5:00 Pm 6:30 pm	Dart Ball Runestone Kids Chorus Gospel of Uke Runestone Chorus
Wednesday	10-21	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Meal Family Night Shalom Ringers
Thursday	10-22	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study Retired Pastors Shalom Singers
Sunday	10-25	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality