

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pleasant Valley, Iowa

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



Gathering and Welcome

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.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 553 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

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The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

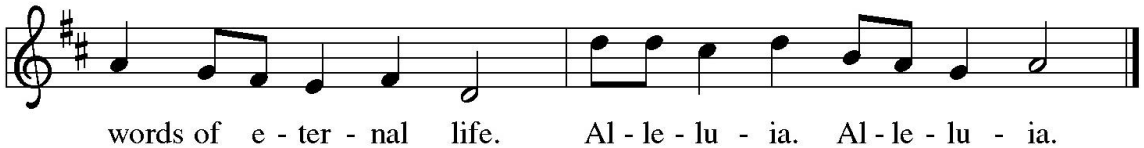
PSALM: Psalm 23*See Insert**Read responsively***SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9***See Insert*

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14***See Insert*

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Pastor Stephen Nilsen**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 523 – Let Us Go Now to the Banquet****Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 Intercession

Each petition will end with:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Announcements and Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

Meal

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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: 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

COMMUNION SONG: ELW p. 146 – Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 517 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 491 – Come Let Us Eat

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 362 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 826 Thine the Amen

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Week

Preaching & Presiding
Organist
Lector
Communion Assistant
Altar Guld
Ushers

Pastor Stephen Nilsen
Paul Madsen
Dawn Brick
Diane Holst
Linda Busch
Wayne Holst
Chris Kaul
Randy Goslin
Kris Rupp
Rudie Eberlein

Worship Video/Livestream
Fellowship

Serving in Worship Next Week October 18

Preaching & Presiding
Organist
Lector
Communion Assistant
Altar Guld
Ushers

Pastor Stephen Nilsen
Paul Madsen
Barb Paul
Diana Mayes
Diana Mayes
Debra Anderson
Diane Cook
Darrell Paul
HOT Team

Worship Video/Livestream
Fellowship

Whether you're an experienced volunteer who has served every week for years, or a new member looking to get more involved, someone can always help you to figure out exactly how you could help our worship or fellowship. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We truly appreciate all our volunteers who make the life of this congregation possible.

Online Giving Option Available

Our new website is live! You can give via our website (or app or text) by visiting www.trinitylcpv.com/give or scanning the QR code on the right.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS	HOT Team	October 11	10:00 AM
	Council	October 12	6:00 P M

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES Join our lectionary Bible Study Wednesdays at 10 AM.

BOOKMOBILE *Tuesday, October 13 - 4:40-5:10 PM.* Stop by the Trinity parking lot on Tuesday to check out all sorts of books and media from Scott County Library.

ADULT EDUCATION – HOMELESSNESS SOCIAL MESSAGE *October 18 after worship.* Join Pastor Stephen as we discuss recent proposed revisions to the ELCA's social message on homelessness. The message addresses causes of homelessness and the church's response. Copies of the social message are available in the Narthex or pastor's office.

CONFIRMATION CLASS *Sunday, October 21 at 4:30 PM at St. James Lutheran Church, Bettendorf.* Students in grades 6-9 are invited to join in as we go on a baptismal journey through learning about faith, diving deeper into conversations, games, and more. Classes will be each month on the first Sundays at 11:30 AM and third Wednesdays at 4:30 PM.

SHARE-A-MEAL *Thursday, October 15.* If you can lend a hand in any way contact Debra Anderson. Maybe you have always wanted to try serving a meal to help those in need. Cookies are always appreciated and can be dropped off by noon on Thursday.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS WELCOME Trinity Food Pantry is open *Monday 9 -11 AM and Thursday 4-6 PM.* See Dane Crist for more info or sign up in the Narthex.

TRINITY ANTI-HUNGER GARDEN If you have a green thumb or if you are brand new to gardening and just want to help our neighbors in need, your help would be appreciated by the team that works on our Anti-Hunger Garden on the south side of the church building. See Dane Crist for more information.

FLUTTER PATCH Check out the newly planted pollinator-friendly plants in the middle section of the garden. If you are interested in helping with this new life springing up, contact John Newman.

FALL PORK ROAST *Sunday, October 18 at 5 PM.* Roast pork, beverages, and table service will be provided. Cost is \$5 per person. Please bring a dessert or other side. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex, please indicate if you are bringing dessert or side. This is a great time of fun and fellowship.

Trinity Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9AM-1PM

Pastor Stephen's Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 10AM-2PM

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