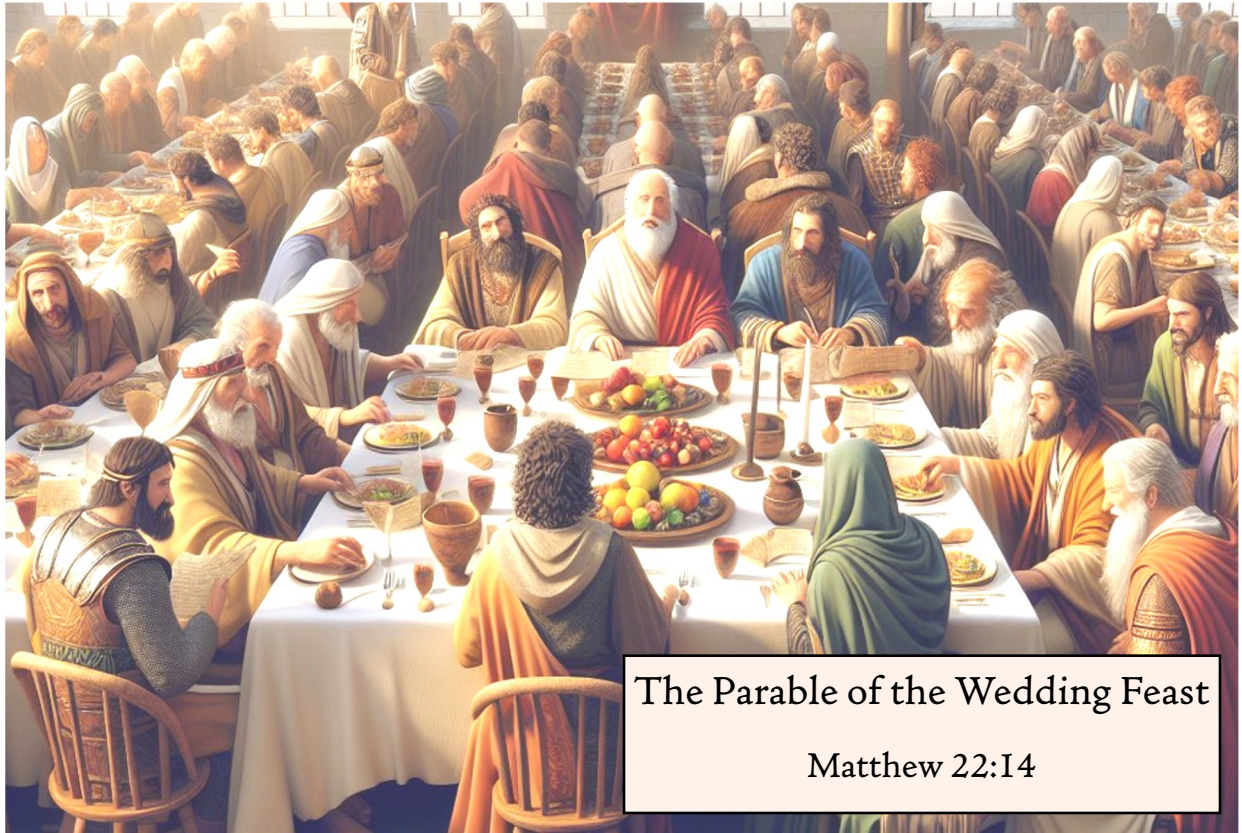


Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert Evangelical Lutheran Church Sun City, AZ



Twentieth Week after Pentecost
October 10, 11, 2026

Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand in body or spirit.

Preludes

Words of Welcome

✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P To you, O God,

C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

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.**

Kyrie

- A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen, amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- A The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Pew Bible

- L The word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm- Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- ³ You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord
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Gospel Acclamation

Setting 4

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C Thanks be to God

Message

⌘ Hymn of the Day Be Thou My Vision

ELW # 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

✠ Apostles Creed

A With the whole Church let us confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church,
the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Gathered Community

Each petition ends with:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

✠ Share the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering Music



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

⌘ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

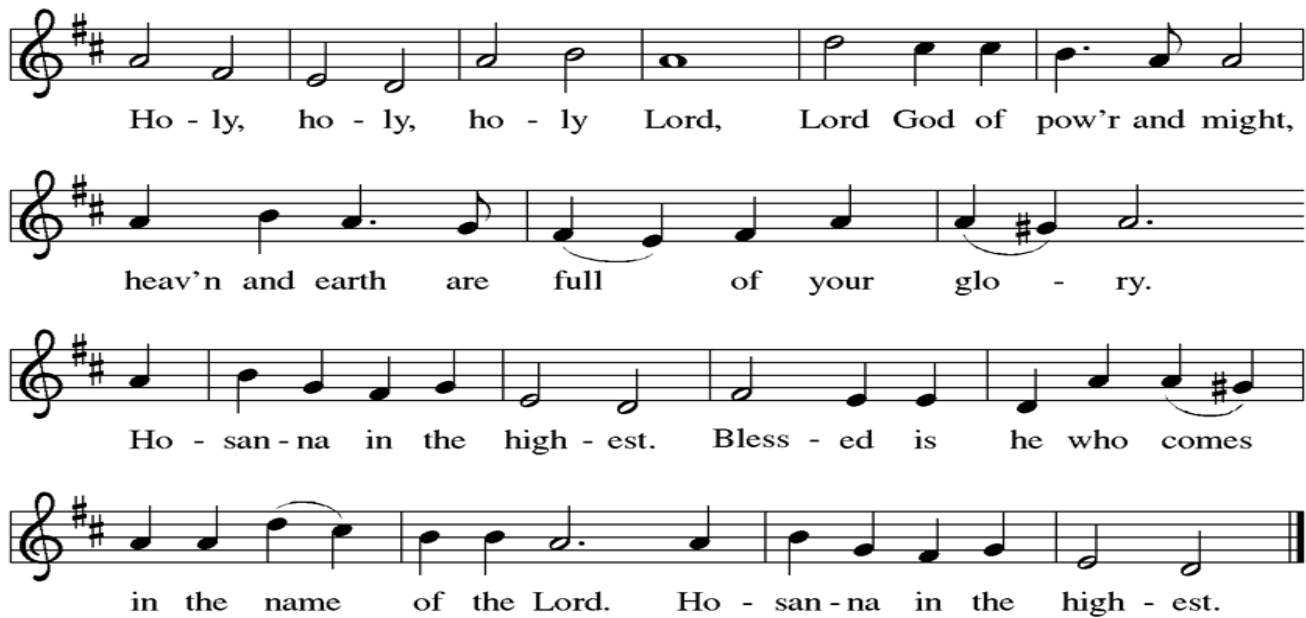
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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:

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

P At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

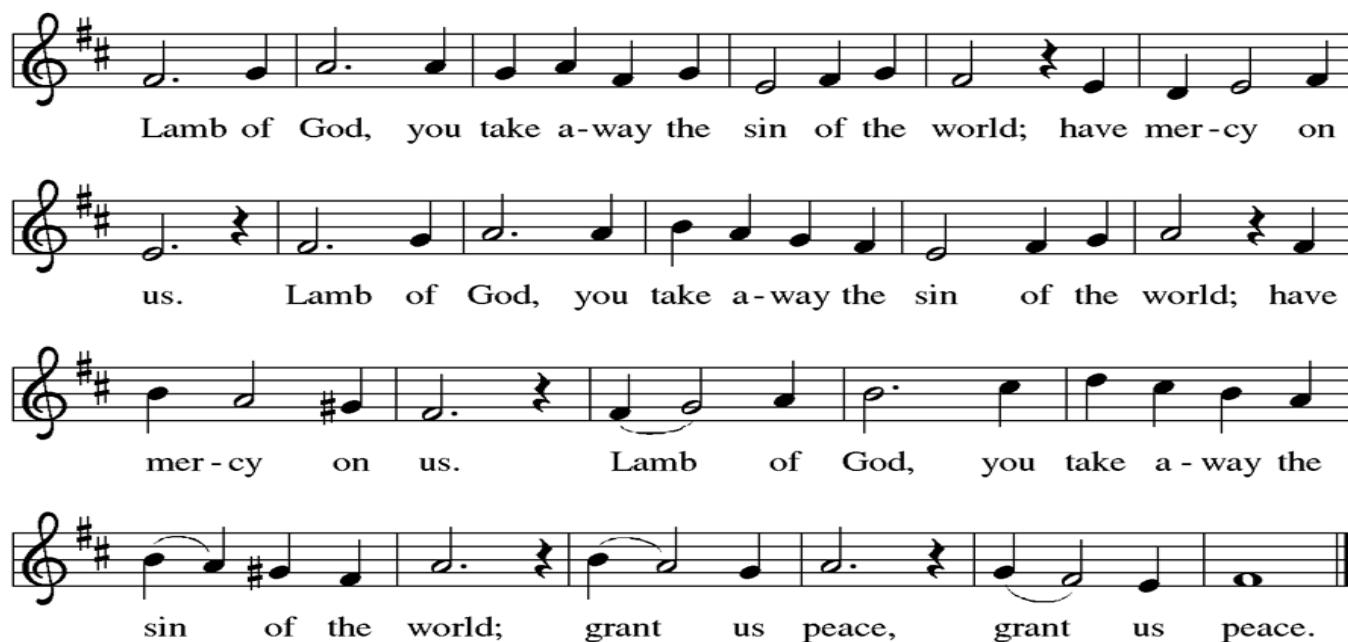
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P There's a place for everyone at the table. All are welcome here.

Lamb of God

Setting 4



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, grant us peace.

‡ **Post-Communion Blessing**

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

‡ **Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion and Ventana Winds**

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.

We pray especially for our Eucharistic ministers who go forth to share the gifts of this meal with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound, or isolated. May those who carry these holy gifts, and all who receive them, know the comfort of your presence and the strength of our shared faith.

Make us all living signs of your healing, grace, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

‡ **Blessing**

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.

A **Amen**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
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✠ **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in the Founders Room.

Remember to bring your Bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services.

Paint Night October 14th at 5:30 p.m. Please make sure to sign up so we can plan on snacks and supplies. Bring a beverage there is snacks provided.

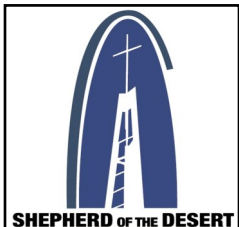
Game Night October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. Bring a game or join a game. Snacks provided but bring a beverage of your choice.

Mission of the Month - October 2026 Lutheran World Relief LWR affirms God's love for all people as they work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.

Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat Trunk or Treat is on the Calendar for Oct. 28th. 5-7 pm. If you would like to donate candy there are bins in the church office and the Narthex. Or you can note "Candy" on your offering envelope. This is a free event for the community. Thank you for all you do to support it!



Ariana Gschwender	10/08
Sara Simons	10/09
Betty Myers	10/09
Kenny Jajou	10/16
Rev. Bruce Ayers	10/17



Worship Times: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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