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Embrace His Gifts

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Honor His Word

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 11, 2026 LWML Sunday

Opening Hymn: # 855 - "Love, Praise, Serve"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



For all peoples a feast of rich food

ISAIAH 25:6

20^h Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:6-9: ⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”.

Epistle-Philippians 4:4-13 ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Gospel Matthew-22-1-14: Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:# 855 - "For All the Faithful Women" vs 1, 3 & 4

Sermon:"God's Banquet is not for : Party Pooper or Party Crasher" Matthew 22:1-14

NOISY JAR Gathering of gifts to support LWML Mission

Projects: LWML PLEDGE: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will , and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen

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Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: Serve the Lord With Gladness

Benediction

SERMON REVIEW FOR October 11, 2026

"God's Banquet is not for : Party Pooper or Party Crasher"

Matthew 22:1-14

Introduction: Today's OT and Epistle reading describe God's Heavenly B_____ and the joy of those attending. The Gospel identifies the 2 wrong responses to God's I_____.

I. Don't be a Party Pooper!

A. Oriental Banquet Customs

1. Guests knew the host's plan in A_____ The date and place TBA Attendance was E_____!
2. Failure to attend was considered an I_____ (Excuses only made matters worse)
3. The issue is man's rejection of God's plan of Salvation.

B. Application to God's People

1. Our invitation from God is pure grace (Undeserved L_____)
2. Excused only insult the God who loves us enough to sacrifice His Only Begotten Son to pay for our sin.
3. We never R_____ accepting His invitation.

II. Don't be a Party Crasher!

A. Jesus offers a follow-up parable to emphasize God's Righteousness is the only way.

1. The symbolism of the White Robe for wedding G_____
2. "To Cover" means 'To F_____', (God must cover us, i.e. Genesis 3:21)

B. Application to God's People

1. The Banquet can only be entered on God's
T_____ (not ours)
2. Self-righteousness always ends in God's
R_____
3. The Righteousness of Christ is our
'covering'E_____

ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today downstairs in
Zimmerman Hall.



Sunday School & Jr. Bible Class will meet on 18th,
Nov 1st, 15th & 29th.

Church Council will meet Oct.13th at 11:30 am.



October - Lutheran World Relief

Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, Lutheran World Relief envisions a world in which each person and every generation lives in justice, dignity, and peace. Lutheran World Relief works with partners in 50 countries to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recover from disasters. With people in the U.S., we work for justice for those we serve.

**The ground level door will be open on
Sunday mornings** for those who wish to
avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after
service begins



Three Rivers Area Mentoring Coat Drive Starting September
30th TRAM will be collecting new or gently used coats for all
sizes. (adult & children). They are also collecting hats, gloves,
mittens and boots. There will be a box in the Narthex for these
donations. Now may be a good time to go through your closets!

Today is LWML Sunday



We will be collecting coins and currency for our mites on
this Sunday for our mites collection to the Michigan
District. These monies are used to fulfill mission grants.
The Ladies will be going from pew to pew shaking the tins for
your donations.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on October 13th at 10:00am.

LWML Sunday and Mites Collection

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday on October 11, 2026. On
that Sunday, we ladies will be collecting coins and currency for
our mites donation to Michigan District. These monies are used
to fulfill Mission Grants that were approved for 2026-2028.
In continuing with our tradition, during the service LWML ladies
will go from pew to pew shaking the tins and gratefully accepting
your donations. You may empty your LWML individual box into
the tin can. If you want to keep your individual box, you may put
your offerings in a plastic bag and empty into the tin can or you
can put your plastic bag in the tin can. Please go through your
pockets and save your change and currency for this donation.
Any monies collected after October 11th will be deposited and
earmarked for our March 2027 donation to Michigan District.
There are small boxes also available in the larger purple and
white box on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you, Linda Johnson, President