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⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.¹
Philippians 2:4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever been to a football game? It could be a Cats or Griz game. It could be an NFL game or even a baseball game. One of the common things you will see is people with a giant foam finger in your team's colors with a giant number 1 upon it. The meaning is clear. My team is number one because I support them, even if they lose horribly.

This is an effect of our fallen nature. We put ourselves as number one in our own lives. We focus upon our own interests, wants, and desires. We do this from the very moment of our birth. Just ask any parent. They will tell you that babies are solely focused upon their own interests and desires. They become hungry and will cry until they get food. They poop and pee, crying unless they are changed immediately. They see something they want and they grab it, even if it is something that could be to their harm. As we grow up, we do not change. We put our wants, desires, and needs before those around us.

Saint Paul here clearly states that the opposite should be our mindset. We wrestle against our sinful flesh, showing forth the fruit of the faith God has given to us, by putting the interests of others number one in our lives. Husbands put their wives and children's needs before their own. Wives put their children's needs ahead of their own. Church members care for one another, mourning with those who mourn, weeping with those who weep, rejoicing with those who rejoice. We do this, because we share the mind of Christ. Christ, who is in His very nature God, humbled Himself for our sake. Even though it meant going to the cross, suffering, bleeding, dying, and rising from the dead all for you. You are number one in Christ's eyes.

Christ within us emboldens us. He strengthens us throughout our lives to put other people's needs and desires before our own. We mirror His love and compassion for us, until He comes again in glory.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:4.

THANKS

Everyone who cleaned, watered and cared for the flower beds all summer.
Everyone who attends Family Night and helps with food preparation and clean up.
Everyone who donated school supply items to Foothills Christian Community School.
Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
All of the ladies who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and the paraments on the altar.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **LWML Fall Rally** will be on **Saturday, October 3 from 9 AM to 1 PM** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havre. The theme is the Sanctity of Life based on Psalm 139:13-14. The guest speaker is Ellen Osbourne, BSN, RN who is the Mobile Unit Director for the Aurora Pregnancy Support. A free will offering will be taken to be donated to Aurora Pregnancy Support.
- ♥ **LWML Sunday** is **October 4**. A Noisy Offering will be taken after the service and will go towards our Mite Goal. We will again have Honey Sunday as a fund raiser for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. There will be lots of purple and refreshments during the fellowship time!
- ♥ **Our next meeting is November 14 – Saturday at 11:00 AM.** Our guest speaker is Lisa Owens from the Dandelion Foundation. During the month of October, we will be collecting items from their wish list so be watching for that list!

Peace's Fall Voters Meeting

The Fall Voters meeting for members of Peace Lutheran will be on **Sunday October 18 at 12 noon**. If you are not currently a voting member, please contact Chairman Greg Franczyk so it can be voted on at the meeting. We will be discussing the budget for next year and many other important issues about our church. Plan now to be there!

First in Fort Benton Change in schedule

The members of First Lutheran in Fort Benton have decided to change their worship time back to 3 PM beginning **Sunday, October 4th**! They will also have a voters meeting on **Sunday, October 18** after their service.

Peace's service time changes

The Board of Directors at Peace have decided to change the worship time back to 10 AM beginning **Sunday, October 4th**! Mark your calendars!



October Anniversaries

Oct. 10	Kevin and Kristen Jacobsen
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Oct. 12	Ernest and Alana Keitzman
Oct. 15	Bill and Elsie Huss
Oct. 25	Henry and Val Schnackenberg

Baptismal Anniversaries

October	1	Lyle Onstad
	2	Gloria Creek
	3	Molly Whitesitt
	22	Sapphira Reinke
	25	Logan Rubino
	28	Ruth Denning



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems.

Ben Aagaard – 13 year old with health issues
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Angelika Fisher – health issues
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Dacia Reinke – broken leg
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund – Parkinsons
Carol Thurston – health issues

October ushers:

4 – Mitch and Taylor Martin
 11 – Patrick Tenold and Jeff Blomgren
 18 – Greg Franczyk and Andrew Onstad
 25 – Cole McPartlin and Dennis Nivens

✦ Youth Group Fundraiser ✦

For Sale:

12-Month Calendars — \$10

Magnetic Note Pads — \$5

*Would you be willing to help
brighten someone's day?*

We are collecting donations to provide calendars and note pads for shut-ins in our congregation. Your support will not only give them something useful but also share hope and encouragement.



Thank you for supporting our youth and caring for others!

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 22

(4 October 2026)

Isaiah 5:1–7

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 23

(11 October 2026)

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 24

(18 October 2026)

Isaiah 45:1–7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

REFORMATION DAY (Observed)

(25 October 2026)

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32).