

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC

Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.

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www.ComoParkLutheran.org



We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today's coffee hour will immediately follow the service.
Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in Narthex.

TODAY Call Process Discussion with Adult Forum
Deacon Krista Lind

Join us after worship from 10:45am–12:00pm as we welcome Deacon Krista Lind, Assistant to the Bishop for Vocational Formation with the Saint Paul Area Synod. She'll guide us through what to expect in the call process as we begin discerning our next permanent senior pastor.

This is a valuable chance to hear directly from the Synod, learn what comes next, and ask questions as we move into this next chapter together.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

10/25 The Finances of Giving Adult Forum



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fantasia for Organ

J.S. Bach

Randall Egan, Guest Organist

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553

✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.

✠KYRIE

ELW pg. 138-139

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

✠GLORY TO GOD

ELW pg. 139-140



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



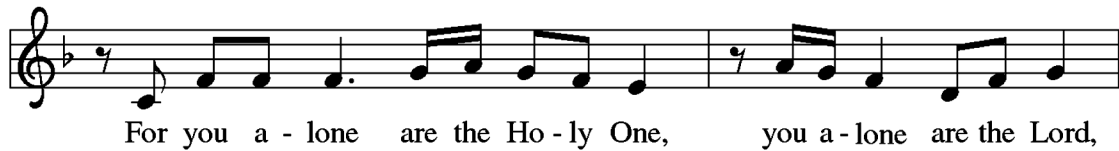
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.
Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

- ¹ O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- ⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

David Osterhouse

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

✠GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 142



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

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

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Twenty-Second Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so 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 a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

✠APOSTLES' CREED

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.

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Petite Rondo

Michael Helman

Joyful Ringers

Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to www.ComoParkLutheran.org and clicking on the "donate" button.



✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. If you come forward and extend your hand, you will be served the bread. A gluten free option is available. If you do not extend your hand, you will be given a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are at the second station, and there is a basket for empty cups as you return to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 146

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

Come Let Us Eat

ELW 491

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

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.

✠CLOSING HYMN

Now We Join In Celebration

ELW 462

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jubilate Organum

Healey Willan

Randall Egan, Guest Organist

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Please pray for...

Kathy H.	Tyler F.
Gina K.	J.J. K.
Gary	Joe
Heidi G.	Cheryl & Jim
Betty H.	Mary C.
Charlie S.	Ginger F.
Brita G.	Duane B.
Julia L., Father, Family	Carol B.
Scott H.	Andrew
Heather D.	Mary H., Brother-In-Law
Heidi B.	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

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We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.

This week in worship, we pray for:

Sandra Hirsch
Mark Hoisser
Mort & Bev Holmgren
Kirsten Hornseth
Bill Huebsch
Tony Huth & Alex Lodner, Millie
Krisit Isberg

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Peter Coen-Tuff

Guest Organist: Randall Egan

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	October 11, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Isaiah Vargas
Communion Prep	Fay Cushman
Assisting Minister	Craig Canada
Communion Asst 1	Darrell Anderson
Communion Asst 2	David Person
Greeter	Raija Wietzke
Coffee Servers	Darrell Anderson & Raija
Children's Message	David Osterhouse
Reader	Shirley Dingman
Liturgist	Emily Purdham
Ushers	Family Team O'Brien
Welcome Desk	Zarida Young
Bus Driver	Tom Spivey
Video Tech	Jeff Carnes

USHER TEAM

Family Team O'Brien: Sarah & Jeff, Imogen and Harper

A decorative border surrounds the central text area, featuring various hygiene and personal care items. At the top left is a tube of toothpaste. Below it is a box of tissues. Further down is a white sock. At the bottom left is a bottle of body lotion. On the right side, from top to bottom, there is a box of mints, a comb, a tube of toothpaste, a box of tissues, a bottle of body lotion, and a bottle of shampoo. At the very bottom right is a toothbrush.

SHARE THE CARE

HYGIENE KIT ASSEMBLY DAY

On Sunday, October 18th (MEA Weekend), there will not be traditional Sunday School classes. Instead, we will participate in an all-age service project in the Fellowship Hall - preparing hygiene kits for local shelters!

Your family is welcome to join us and/or contribute supplies.

ITEMS WE'RE COLLECTING:

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|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| • Dental Floss | Travel Size: | |
| • Combs | • Toothpaste | • Soap |
| • Toothbrush | • Deodorant | • Kleenex |
| • Men's Socks | • Shampoo | |
| • Washcloths | • Conditioner | |
| • Razors | • Lotion | |

ITEMS MUST BE DROPPED OF AT CPLC BY 10/16



Help rake leaves for neighborhood seniors with ComoConnects!

Our annual Fall Clean-up is on Saturday, November 7th,
9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Meet at 1545 Hamline Ave N.

All are welcome to
join and rake for our
neighbors!

Supplies and snacks
are provided.



Email projects@comoconnects.org, call 651-642-1127,
or scan the QR code to RSVP

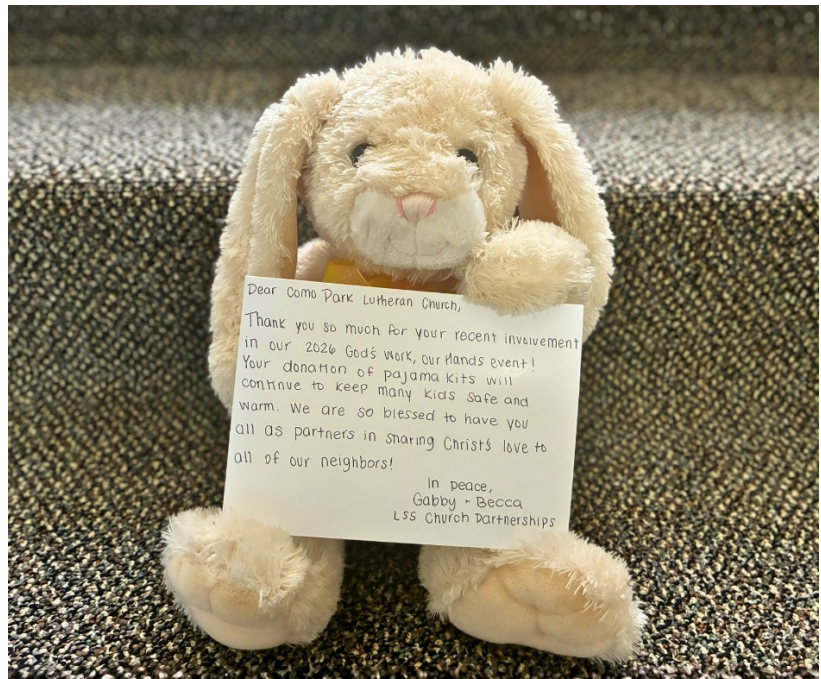


Scan the QR code to RSVP

A heartfelt thank you from Lutheran
Social Service!

Through our 2026 God's Work. Our
Hands Sunday project, Como Park
Lutheran members donated pajama
kits to help children facing times of
transition and uncertainty. We
recently received this sweet note
reminding us that simple gifts can
provide comfort, dignity, and
warmth.

Thank you to everyone who
donated, packed kits, and shared
Christ's love through this ministry.
Your generosity is making a
difference in the lives of children
and families in our community.

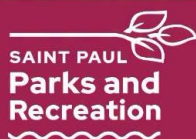


FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS

FALL GATHERINGS + HALLOWEEN PARTIES



Oct 8	6-8pm	Annual Bonfire Night	Highland Park CC
Oct 9	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Hocus Pocus (PG)	Como Midway Picnic Pavilion
Oct 10	11am-6pm	Indigenous People's Weekend + Native American Food Truck Festival	Battle Creek Rec Center
Oct 11	11am-6pm	Indigenous People's Weekend + Native American Food Truck Festival	Battle Creek Reg Park
Oct 13	5-6:30pm	S'more Making and Yard Games	Arlington Hills
Oct 15	4-7pm	Rollin' in the Heights	Hayden Heights
Oct 15	5-7:30pm	Merriam Park Boo Bash	Merriam Park
Oct 16	6:30-10pm	Haunted Trail & Movie in the Park: The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)	Battle Creek Rec
Oct 17	12-8pm	Saint Paul Art Crawl	Mears Park
Oct 22	11am-12:30pm	Halloween Tot Time Celebration <i>*Registration required \$5 Ages 5U</i>	Linwood
Oct 22	6-7pm	Halloween Party	Duluth & Case
Oct 23	7:30-9:30pm	Haunted Trail	Duluth & Case
Oct 23	5:30-8pm	Monster Bash	Edgumbe
Oct 23	6-8pm	Halloween Bonfire	Northwest Como
Oct 23	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Halloween (R) <i>*Ages 18+</i>	Mears Park
Oct 24	1-4pm	Fall Play Day	Crosby Farm
Oct 28	6-8pm	Halloween Party	McDonough
Oct 29	11am-2pm	Seniors' Halloween Luncheon <i>*Registration required \$12 Ages 50+</i>	El Rio Vista
Oct 29	6-7:30pm	Halloween Party	Hazel Park
Oct 29	6-8pm	Halloween Family Roller Skate Party	El Rio Vista
Oct 29	6:30-8pm	Halloween Spooktacular Bash	Phalen Rec
Oct 30	3-6pm	Family Halloween Event	West Minnehaha



FREE and open to all unless otherwise noted.

For more information, visit stpaul.gov/fallevents



Dementia Caring & Coping

You Don't Have to Navigate Dementia Alone

Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 1:00–3:00 PM

Ramsey County Library – Roseville
2180 N. Hamline Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

Representatives from the MAAA Care Ecosystem, the GUIDE Program, and Lyngblomsten Community Services will discuss programs and services that support people living with dementia and their family caregivers. Learn about care navigation, caregiver resources, and community-based programs and supports that are designed to help individuals and families throughout the dementia journey.

Local community organizations will have resources available that highlight dementia services that promote well-being and independence.

Presenters:

- Maren Levad, MAAA Care Ecosystem Manager
- Amy House, C.D.P. LALD, Tembo Health Care Navigator
- Lisa Brown, MSW, LISW, Caregiver Services Program Coordinator with Lyngblomsten Community Services

FREE. No reservation required.



For more information, visit www.cityofroseville.com/dementiainfo or contact the Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team at RosevilleAlzDem@gmail.com.



This project is brought to you by the efforts of Rsvl A/D members, including the Ramsey County Library and Lyngblomsten Community Services.



**Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex
if you have any questions about our facility or upcoming events.**

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