

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O Lord, our
God and Fa-
ther, dispose
our hearts
and guide us
by Thy Holy
Spirit, that
our prayers
and praises
may be ac-
ceptable in
Thy sight;
through Jesus
Christ our
Lord. Amen

~ E. Milner-
White,
“After the
Third Col-
lect”



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord’s Day. “Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness” (Matt. 22:13). So says a king about a man who comes to a wedding feast without wedding clothes. The message? God has set a wedding feast—so come for a wedding feast! Take what God gives you! It’s yours! What delights God is not that we deserve His gifts (we don’t!), but that we take those gifts, like children with sticky hands. Here is the heart of the Christian faith, and what the Lutheran church is *really* all about.

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Celebrating 500 Years of the Reformation

After the Leipzig Debate (1519), where Luther defended his teachings against his friend-turned-theological-foe, John Eck, the papal bull *Exsurge Domine* ("Arise Lord") was published (1520). This bull gave Luther 60 days to recant or be excommunicated from the Roman church along with all of his followers.

But this did not dissuade Luther one bit. In a furious flurry of the pen he published three of his best known and most controversial pieces to date: *Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*, *On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, and *The Freedom of a Christian*. These works reflect the theological brilliance of Luther, and were best-sellers for their highly incendiary content. Luther had now crossed the Rubicon. The German people were teeming with defiance to Rome, carrying the name of Luther on their lips.

The newly-elected Emperor Charles V (of Spain and the House of Habsburg), who was only 19 at the time of his election as the Holy Roman Emperor (1519), was given a powder keg to manage. Not only did Charles V have to deal cautiously with Germany – and its fiercely independent princes – he also had to contend with the King of France, Pope Leo X, and a Turkish invasion! As if his plate wasn't already full enough, the Pope made good on his promise and officially published the bull of excommunication for Luther (*Decet Romanum Pontificem*) on January 3, 1521, severing Luther and a number of his followers with the Roman *curia*. This brought the Emperor to the Diet of Worms, where Luther was to answer for the charges of heresy set against him.

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers.



PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

... Robert A. Hobby and Charles Callahan

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

*Confess your sins in church, and do not go up to your prayer with an evil conscience. This is the way of life On the Lord's Day gather together, break bread, and give thanks, after confessing your transgressions so that your sacrifice may be pure.
~ the Didache, before 100 A.D., less than 30 years after the apostle Paul and while the apostle John was likely still alive.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” green hymnal #551

THE APOSTOLIC 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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

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



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people 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

Where the Son is, there is the Father also; and where the Father is, there is the Holy Spirit; and where the Holy Spirit is, there is the entire God-head of three persons, the one God and Father, together with His co-essential Son and Spirit, Who is blessed forevermore!
 Amen
 ~ Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022 A.D.), On the Mystical Life

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. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☒ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHORAL REPOSE (9:00 a.m. only)

“Rejoice in the Lord”

... John A. Behnke

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Choir/ The LORD 'is my shepherd;*

L: I shall not 'be in want.

C: **He makes me lie down 'in green pastures*
and leads me be'side still waters.**

Choir/ He re'vives my soul*

L: and guides me along right pathways for 'his name's sake.

The Word of God cannot be rightly understood when the Sacraments are not understood. One who does not know that the Sacraments are more than signs – and who does not believe that God does something in Baptism and that something happens in the Holy Supper – will never understand that the Word of Holy Scripture and scriptural preaching are, in every instance, God's Word.

~ Pr.
Hermann Sasse (1895-1976 A.D.), The Lonely Way

C: 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.

Choir/ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
L: 'trouble me;*
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is 'running over.

C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days 'of my life,* and I will dwell in the house of the 'LORD forever.

All: Glory to the Father, and 'to the Son,* and to the 'Holy Spirit; as it was in 'the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. 'Amen

EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty

and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not

"Are you thirsty?" said the Lion.

"I'm dying of thirst," said Jill.

"Then drink," said the Lion.

"Will you promise not to do anything to me, if I do come?" said Jill.

"I make no promise," said the Lion.

...

worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Multitude Comes from East and West” green hymnal #313

(9:00 a.m.) Stanza 1: Soloist; Stanza 2: Choir;

Stanzas 3–4: Congregation

(11:00 a.m.) Congregation sings all stanzas

SERMON

What is the Lutheran Church Really?

Part Four: “Saying ‘Yes!’ to the Feast” (Sacraments and Prayer)

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

. . . “I daren’t come and drink,” said Jill.

“Then you will die of thirst,” said the Lion.

“Oh dear!” said Jill, coming another step nearer. “I suppose I must go and look for another stream then.”

“There is no other stream,” said the Lion.

~ C.S. Lewis, The Silver Chair, Chronicles of Narnia

OFFERING

While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the *Friendship Register*, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

VOLUNTARY

“Der Mange Skal Komme”

(A Multitude Comes from the East and the West)

... Kenneth T. Kosche

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS ("Holy")



☐ 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 -

*Here is the
proper paschal
lamb*

*Which God
Himself en-
tailed;*

*Who on the
cross, in love
aflake,*

*Is roasted and
impaled.*

*His blood is
painted on
our door,*

*The slayer,
death, must
pass before;*

*Our faith he
cannot plun-
der.*

*~ Martin
Luther*

*The words
make the
bread into the
Body of
Christ deliv-
ered up for
us. Hence it
is no longer
bread; rather,
the bread has
on the Body
of Christ.
~ Martin
Luther,
Sermon on
the Cate-
chism,
1529 A.D.*



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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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

ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI ("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.

Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

The bread and the wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity were simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ.
 ~ Cyril of Jerusalem,
 "Catechetical Lectures,"
 350 A.D.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"The Church's One Foundation" green hymnal #369

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" green hymnal #211

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



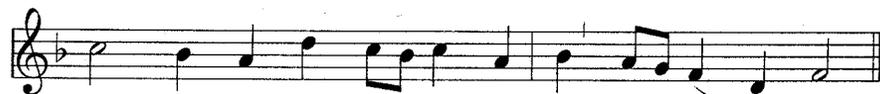
C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*It's time to
go. And
flights of an-
gels sing thee
to thy rest.
~ Margaret
Edson,
"Wit"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Menuet Gothique"

... L. Boëllmann

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer

As You Go

Lord God,
heavenly Father, through
Your Son You
have revealed
to us that
heaven and
earth shall pass
away. Keep us
steadfast in
Your word and
in true faith;
graciously
guard us from
all sin and pre-
serve us amid
all tempta-
tions, so that
our hearts may
not be over-
charged with
the cares of
life, but at all
times in watch-
fulness and
prayer we may
await the re-
turn of Your
Son and joy-
fully cherish
the expectation
of our eternal
salvation;
through Jesus
Christ our
Lord.

~ Veit Dietrich
in "Collects
and Prayers"

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Lector: (9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Grace Stimac

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Gordon Schalow

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Jane Janz; Grace Mueller;
Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Ruth Hochberger; Joe Pinzl

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Dianne Ames; Donna Nuernberg

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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