

**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 11, 2020 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. A man in today's Gospel reading gets thrown out of a wedding because he did not come dressed for a wedding. Why does our Lord tell this story? The point is simple: when the Lord throws a party, He doesn't want you showing up for anything less than a party! Or, even more simply, when the Lord gives you a promise, He means every word of it. "Take me at my word!" He declares to you. "I will be faithful!" It therefore pleases God profoundly when we take all He gives, lean on Him, and even feast on Him, our bread of life.



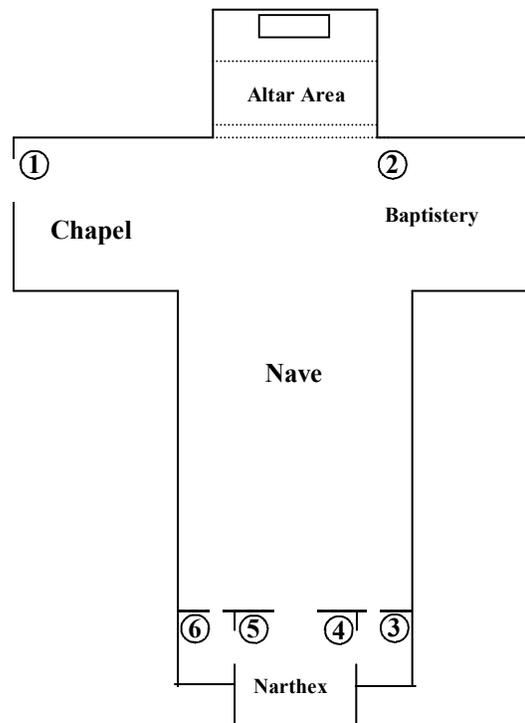
Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Nila Roesler by her family.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Ken and Sharon Schauer in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary on October 8.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church**. Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

... Allan Mahnke and Michael Burkhardt

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.

The Gospel is God's message to every individual throughout the world, telling him: "You have been received into grace by God; God is no longer angry with you. His Son has wiped out all your sins."

~ C.F.W. Walther, The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel, 1884 A.D.

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 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.



Re - jice! Re - jice! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,
 Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore:
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One God forevermore. Refrain

APOSTOLIC GREETING and COLLECT

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.**

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**

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*

O blessed cross which makes men blessed! O cross, from which such great and wonderful fruits are gathered! The fruit of the cross is a glorious resurrection. This wood produced "its fruit in due season," at the Lord's Resurrection. It will do so again when He appears from heaven, "is seen on earth," and with the dazzling sign of the cross preceding Him, comes from above

Please be seated.

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

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

P: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

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.

P: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who 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.

*. . . Then, the bodies of all men who are buried will rise again, and then, "The faithful shall exult in glory." Then those who are not con-founded now because of the cross of their King and Lord but rather glory in it, "shall sing for joy upon their couches." [Ps. 149:5] To Him is honor and glory together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen
~ Caesarius of Arles, died 542 A.D.*

VERSE

L: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." |

Let the one who 'hears say, 'Come.'*

Let the one who is thirsty come; |

let the one who desires take the water of life with'out price.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Again 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 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

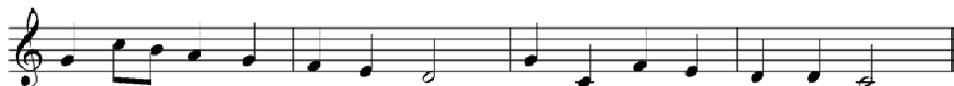
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ✕ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"



1. Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, Spread the reign of God the Lord!
2. Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
3. Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
4. Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
Let the gath - ring na - tions all See your light and heed your call.

SERMON

“Come to the Wedding Feast”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERTORY

As the pastors prepare the altar for the Holy Supper, vocal or instrumental music provides a time for worshipers to prepare for the Holy Supper, offering thanks to God and asking for the blessing of His Holy Spirit. When the Offertory ends, please stand.

“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

A multitude comes from the east and the west
To sit at the feast of salvation
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,
Obeying the Lord’s invitation.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

(continued on the next page . . .)

O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call
In accents persuasive and tender,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
And find Him, our mighty defender.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

All trials shall be like a dream that is past,
Forgotten all trouble and mourning.
All questions and doubts have been answered at last,
When rises the light of that morning.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand
Than ever on earth was recorded.
The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand
The crown to the victors awarded.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



Q And al - so with you.

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.

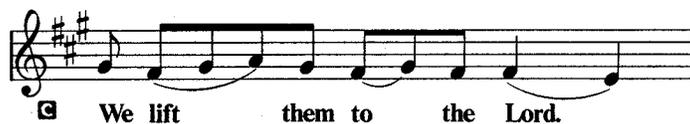
~ Pr.

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

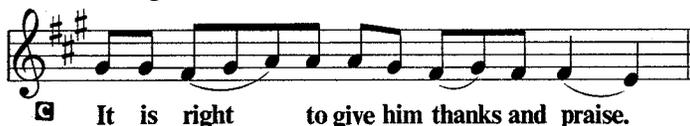
The church can live through the delay of Christ's return, for in every celebration of the Lord's Supper He returns already. We are the people of God wandering through the wilderness of this world, preserved by the spiritual food and drink of the Lord's Supper.

~ Hermann Sasse,
Communio Sanctorum,
 1974 A. D.

P: Lift up your hearts.



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



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



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:

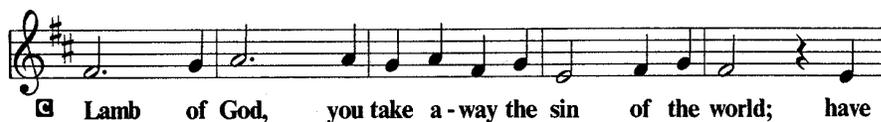
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

ACCLAMATION

P: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. 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")



The words make the bread into the Body of Christ delivered up for us. Hence it is no longer bread; rather, the bread "wears" the Body of Christ [ergo non est amplius panis, sed corpus Christi hat das Brot an].
 ~ Martin Luther, *Sermons on the Catechism*, 1529 A.D.

And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts – we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. Please take a cup of the holy Blood as directed. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The vocalists will sing the hymns.

The texts are printed for prayerful meditation.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him,
Eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
Quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal,
Saying to the Lord immortal:
“Come, and leave your loved one never;
Dwell within my heart forever.”

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you;
Love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you
And, so favored, never leave you.

. . . . And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion. There is no good in trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us. God does it: He invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it.
~ C.S. Lewis, (1898-1963 A.D.), in A Year with C.S. Lewis

He became man and lived in this world. He ate and drank, and this means that the world of which he partook, the very food of our world became His body, His life. But His life was totally, absolutely eucharistic - all of it was transformed into communion with God and all of it ascended into heaven. And now He shares this glorified life with us.

"What I have done alone - I give it now to you: take, eat..."

*~ Alexander Schmemmann,
1921-1983
A.D.*

"In Holy Conversation"

In holy conversation
We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens
To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways He knows are best.

As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

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

"Prelude in Classic Style"

... Gordon Young

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children preschool age through grade 6 begins in the east balcony, above the Baptistery. Children will gather first in the Baptistery area and then proceed up the steps together.

Preschool through Grade 4 remain in the balcony for all of the Sunday School time. Grades 5-6 proceed to the conference room/library (by the elevator) after the music portion. Please reclaim your children at 10:45 a.m.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

A Prayer As You Go

Preserve in peace, O Lord, us Thy servants; and grant that we whom Thou hast called to sing Thy praises on earth may be made partakers of Thy heavenly glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
~ E. Milner-White,
1884-1963
A.D.

Serving at Worship

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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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