

October 11th 2020

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost A

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O 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.

²For 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.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For 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,

⁵the 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.

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he 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.

⁹It 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 wait
ed;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of
the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, 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.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will
say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry
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 under-
standing, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever

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Lutheran Church of the Savior will joyfully share God's love in community

Order of Worship: Service of the Word and Sacrament

ELW: Red Hymnal

WOV: Blue Hymnal

* Asterisk means all are invited to stand. + indicates you are invited to make the sign of the cross.

Leaders speak or sing regular text. Congregation speaks Bold text.

Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic devices during worship.

GATHERING

Prelude: “*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*”—setting, Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

er 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. ⁹Keep 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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once 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. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those 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, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Minister: Pastor Nikki Smith

Organist Deborah Rafferty

Reader: Chet Hills

Greeter: Sharon Brenn

Children's Message: Pastor

Altar Guild: Pastor

Offering Tellers: Sharon Brenn

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*Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *(said responsively)*

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew
The gospel of our Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

All Children remain with parents but listen closely as this is for you!

Sermon

*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.

*or, "descended into hell" (another translation in widespread use).

*Prayers of Intercession (...Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.)

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please stay in your seats and greet each other using safe social distancing.

Announcements

OFFERING

Please place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary before or after service.

*Offering Prayer

Let us pray, **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Christ has prepared the feast. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Holy Communion will be received in one kind (wafers). Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish to receive Communion you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing instead; please bow your head to indicate this to the pastor, or you may remain in your pew seat

Organ Voluntary: "Now We Join in Celebration"—setting, Johannes Brahms

SENDING

*Benediction

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Concluding Voluntary"—setting, R.G. Thompson

Please recycle your bulletin in the blue bin outside the sanctuary or take it with you.

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