

# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2020

5:00 p.m.

## AS WE GATHER

“Come to the table.” In our daily experiences, there is no invitation that is more readily received and fully appreciated. To be at the table is to be assured of nourishment and refreshment. In Psalm 23, we are told of a table that is prepared under challenging circumstances. Yet, even there, the cup of God’s blessing overflows. Our gathering for worship and our coming to the Table of the Lord is a weekly experience of overflowing blessing filled with signs of God’s gracious presence. We rejoice that we are invited to His amazing table!

## PRELUDE

“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

setting by John Eggert

## WELCOME

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING HYMN

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us (sung by soloist)

1        *The Bridegroom soon will call us,  
          "Come to the wedding feast."  
May slumber not befall us  
          Nor watchfulness decrease.  
May all our lamps be burning  
          With oil enough and more  
That we, with Him returning,  
          May find an open door!*

2        *There shall we see in glory  
          Our dear Redeemer's face;  
The long-awaited story  
          Of heav'nly joy takes place:  
The patriarchs shall meet us,  
          The prophets' holy band;  
Apostles, martyrs greet us  
          In that celestial land.*

3        *There God shall from all evil  
          Forever make us free,  
From sin and from the devil,  
          From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness,  
          From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heav'nly gladness  
          And wipe away our tears.*

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4            *In that fair home shall never  
              Be silent music's voice;  
With hearts and lips forever  
              We shall in God rejoice,  
While angel hosts are raising  
              With saints from great to least  
A mighty hymn for praising  
              The Giver of the feast.*

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## INVOCATION

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

People:            **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:            Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People:            **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor:            I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People:            **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor:            Almighty God, merciful Father:

People:            **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (vv. 1, 5, 8) (sung by soloist)

- 1 *At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!*
- 5 *Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!*
- 8 *Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness and care. Grant us a full sense of being a community gathered together in Your love as we await the company of saints and angels in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

*(The Lord will bring salvation to His people.)*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Encouragement for joyful Christian living)*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*

- 1        *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
          He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
          The quiet waters by.*
  
- 2        *My soul He doth restore again  
          And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
          E'en for His own name's sake.*
  
- 3        *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
          Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
          And staff me comfort still.*
  
- 4        *My table Thou hast furnishèd  
          In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
          And my cup overflows.*
  
- 5        *Goodness and mercy all my life  
          Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
          My dwelling place shall be.*

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**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:1–14

*(The parable about the wedding feast)*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup> "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

<sup>5</sup> "But they paid no attention and went off--one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.'<sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>14</sup> "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

**+++ Special Intercessions +++**

**Each concluding:** Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:**           The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                          The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                          The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People:**           **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call  
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will  
Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave  
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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## POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

setting by Charles W. Ore

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Isaiah 45:1-7; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:

Theodore Laesch

Liturgists:

5:00 p.m. James Marriott

8:30 a.m. Adam Rouse

11:00 a.m. Jake Bellinghausen

Singer:

Mark Petersen

Instrumentalist:

5:00 p.m. Lynda Christian, oboe

Organist & Accompanist:

Ryan Meyer

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the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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### Missions

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| Helping Hands Food Pantry | Concordia Seminary        | Friend of Moms    |
| Sidewalk Sunday School    | Lutherans for Life        | KFUD Radio        |
| Chapel Summer Camp        |                           |                   |

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