

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, October 10, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES:

L: I was glad when they said to me,

C: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

L: I will be glad and exult in You;

C: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

OPENING HYMN: “To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

To your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.

This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior’s face.

I through him am reconciled, I through him become your child.

Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts your love to trace.

While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue

That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.

While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.

Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

While I listen to your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe

Till your Gospel brings to me Life and immortality.

While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name,

Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.

From your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,

And at evening let me say, “I have walked with God today.”

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Let's come into God's presence confessing our need for Him and His grace.

C: **We do need you, Lord. We do need your grace. We need a Good Shepherd. If we are honest with ourselves, we recognize that there is so much wrong with our lives – wrong choices, inappropriate words, shameful thoughts.**

L: You are a God who wipes away our sin and covers us in righteousness. You restore our souls.

C: **And that's just what we need, Lord. Forgive us. Wipe out our sins. Cover us with the righteousness of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast"

**REFRAIN: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God;
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His. REFRAIN:**

**Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation;
"Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen." REFRAIN:**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious Lord, open our hearts today to receive all that you want to give us. Make us want what you want and love all that you love. As you serve us, let us serve you, by serving the people you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

L: 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. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say,

C: **"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."**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23 – “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**

**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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EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, 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. 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. I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 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. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 22.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 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.’ But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY: "A Multitude Comes From the East and the West"

Vocals

A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west To sit at the feast of sal -
 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call In ac - cents per - sua - sive and
 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past; For - got - ten all trou - ble and
 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand Than ev - er on earth was re -

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va - tion With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest, O -
 ten - der, That while there is time we make haste, one and all, And
 mourn - ing, All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last, When
 7 cord - ed; The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand The

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bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion. Have mer - cy up - on us - O Je - sus! -
 find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
 ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
 crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.

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MESSAGE: "What Am I Going To Do With This?" – Pastor Bill Hugo

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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.

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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Give Thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks! Give thanks!

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