

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 10 & 11, 2020



Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

In the Red Letter Challenge we are wrapping up a week of forgiving and moving into a week of serving. Both forgiving and serving are things that flow from our being—they flow from **who we are and who we are becoming as we spend time with Jesus.**

As we move into serving this week and then giving next week, we need to note that both our serving and our giving flow from what God has done and is doing for us. Both involving taking what God has given us—whether that is abilities, energy, time, money, compassion—and using it to bless someone else and grow the kingdom of God. There is a great verse in 1 Peter that says:

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Our serving flows from our being. It flows from God gives us as we spend time with Him. With that in mind, let’s dig into this parable today. We call this the parable of the wedding banquet, but I prefer the title, “Dress for Success.”

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: The choirs will present both a setting of the psalm for the day and a response to the epistle lesson. Our thanks to the choirs, the Music Team, and all other worship assistants for their leadership in worship over the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of October 11

Those actively dealing with cancer: **Rose Davis, Mary Ebert, Marilyn Kirk, Danna Nelson.** **Marion Westlund** was hospitalized and has now returned home.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 62
October Tithes & Offerings to date: \$2,897
October Budgeted Offerings: \$30,783

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children’s Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, October 14

1:00 PM BEFRIENDERS

4:30 PM CONFIRMATION

4:30 PM HAND IN HAND

5:30 PM BYO SUPPER

5:35 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:10 PM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

6:30 PM GRIEFSHARE

6:45 PM BEFRIENDERS

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, October 15

9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on ZOOM
(and in person in the lounge)

1:45 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, October 17

9:00 AM FALL CLEAN-UP

5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP ON-SITE & ONLINE

LOOKING AHEAD: First Christmas cantata rehearsal of the season will be this Thursday, Oct. 15th, 7:30 p.m. All singers are invited and encouraged to join us in presenting a new work, "Peace", for worship on Sunday, Dec. 6. Please speak with Carol Blase if you have questions, especially about choir precautions during COVID.

A FALL CLEAN-UP DAY will be held on Oct. 17th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. here at St. Matthew. Volunteers are needed for raking, cleaning, and sweeping (all ages). Please speak with Doug Rosenberg at 612-206-2983 for further information.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!



A Candlelight Prayer Vigil for victims of COVID will be held on Sunday, November 1st at Huset Park at 6pm.

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS will be celebrated in worship on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The names of those who have gone to be with the Lord since last All Saints Day will be read during the service. If you have a loved one whom you would like included in the reading, please submit it to Julie Allen or Carol Blase in the church office by Oct. 28th.

NO POLKA DINNER: Due to ongoing gathering restrictions during the pandemic, there will be no polka dinner this year. However, Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers will still be here to lead music for our annual **polka service on Saturday, Oct. 24th, 5:30 p.m.**

Women's Bible Class is being held in the Lounge and on ZOOM from 9:30-11:30. Study materials may be picked up in the Church Office.

