

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Party planning is exhausting but exhilarating. The cleaning and the cooking are work, but they are also signs of the celebration about to unfold. But what if no one comes? If they make light of it? If they kill the messenger who bears the invitation? This is the picture painted in today's parable. God simply desires to enjoy time with humanity, but we would rather go our own way. Jesus is put to death. But death will not stop the party. Jesus journeys with us all the way through the valley of the shadow of death until death itself is swallowed up. Rejoice in the Lord always! Once inside the party, why would you remove the robe of faith? God has done all the work. Christ who was dead is alive. Rejoice!

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Michael D. Costello

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- @ Amen.
- 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.
- 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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

O 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; he will swallow up death forever.

8Then 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 waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

ANTIPHON: You spread a table before me, and my cup is running over.

John W. Becker

- The Lord | is my shepherd;*
 I shall not | be in want.
- **G** He makes me lie down | in green pastures* and leads me be- | side still waters.
- L He re- | vives my soul* and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.
- 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.
- Let 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.
- 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.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1–9

My 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 understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

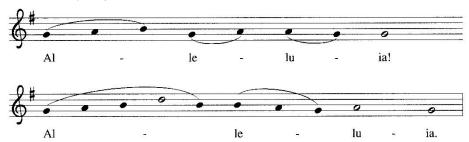
⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Isaiah 25:9 Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia.

G REFRAIN (below)



- Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.
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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The 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.

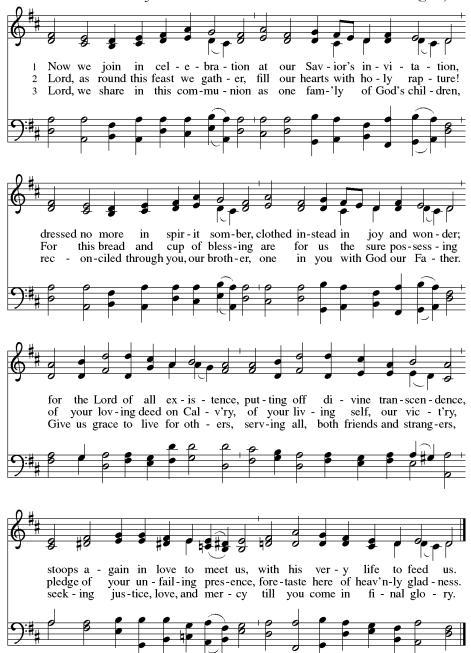
¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: The Party Won't Stop

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 22:1–14; Isaiah 25:1–9



APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- **G** 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.

ANTHEM: Aria from Cantata No. 180

Johann Sebastian Bach

Lebens Sonne, Licht der Sinnen,
Sun of Life, light of the senses
Herr, der du mein alles bist!
Lord, you who are all to me!
Du wirst meine Treue sehen
You will see my faithfulness
Und den Glauben nicht verschmähen,
And not be ashamed of my belief,
Der noch schwach und furchtsam ist.
Which still is weak and fearful.

tr. Karen P. Danford

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **@** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

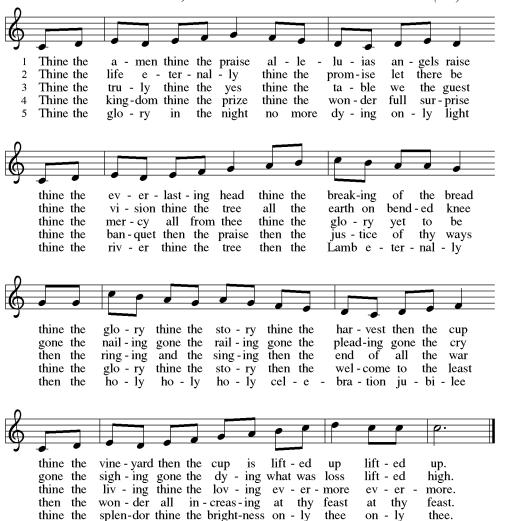
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.



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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: String Quartet No. 2 in G Major, Op. 18, No. 2 Scherzo: Allegro

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist Elizabeth Byrne-Asher, soprano

> Kontras Quartet Eleanor Bartsch, violin François Henkins, violin Ben Weber, viola Jean Hatmaker, cello

Al Swanson, videographer Justin Martin, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Dennis Forgue Annalise Balock Marilyn Gotsch

Carl and Donna Gruendler Cathy Barker Ruth Barker David Gruendler Anne-Marie Bogdan Kathy Hale

Ed Borg Kathy Hayes Ken Heppner Hans Dumpys

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell)

Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel)

Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz) Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Elvis Burleson (son-in-law of Tina Moore)

Mark Carter (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

John Cattau (nephew of Dan Cattau)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack)

Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)

Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein)

Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Joan Fudala (mother of Greg Fudala)

Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz) Dean Gesme (father of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen)

Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Ryan Hall (nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns)

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason)

Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner)

John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)

Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson)

Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)

Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott)

Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

Ron and Jeanette Koski (parents of Jill Koski)

George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma)

Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)

Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Mary Jane Kuehnert (friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening)

Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson)

Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin)

Patricia Herendeen Paul Nelson Joan Koerber Tim Sandvoss Jerry Koenig Marge Sanger Paul Lochner Pat Scala Beth Smoots McClanahan Carl Schalk Karen McMahon Madison Staples

Rich and Bonnie Stasack Jennifer Murtoff

Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb

Maxwell)

Mary Jo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler)

Don and John Moehlenkamp (brothers of Marilyn Moehlenkamp)

Robert Neer (nephew of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse)

Joan Nelson (mother of Julie Modrich)

Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Kathi Parisi (friend of Debbie Conley)

Rosie Parker (mother of Cameron Parker)

James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples)

Becky Peterson (friend of Jennifer Staples)

Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt)

Dorothy Pollett (friend of Pat Gulik) James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson)

Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)

Bonnie Robinson (friend of Julie Hinz)

Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack)

Linda Schroeder (aunt of Anne-Marie Bogdan)

John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma)

Lindsay Shaner (brother of Bob Shaner) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner)

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Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Brian Walden (relative of Pat Gulik)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Sonja Wandro (sister of Al Swanson)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Robert West (friend of John and Carol Stanger)

Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

For those who mourn

Philip Gehring (friend of the congregation)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)

David Danford (son of John and Karen)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Marian Hogue

Christopher Davis Walt and Carolyn Martin

Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oregon Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
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