

NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Inclusion Sunday

**October 11, 2020
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. John Freidheim will be leading us in worship today. Welcome, Pastor Freidheim!

Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder and a lighted candle, to your place of worship.

We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Loving and Gracious God,

We gather together in the welcoming spirit of your love. As you have fashioned each one of us according to your image and embraced each of us with your generous and gracious love, may we in turn open our arms and hearts wide in welcome of each other as fellow citizens of your kingdom. In our gathering today may we experience the joy and beauty of authentic fellowship where all are valued and all are accepted.

In this hour of worship, turn our hearts to you. Touch us with your Spirit and teach us your truth. Open our hearts to respond to your words and transform our lives into the likeness of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

♪ “THE TRUMPETS SOUND, THE ANGELS SING”
(ELW #531)

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin.

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**
**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**
**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

♪(10:45 a.m.) *The Same God*
The Nowicki Family

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fashioned each one of us according to your image and embraced each of us with your generous love, may we in turn open our hearts wide and welcome each other. Because you value and accept each one of us, may we also come to accept and value all those you have created. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Word

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 25:1-9

25 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

♪ What a Mighty Word God Gives

What a mighty Word God gives!
What a mighty Word God gives!
When he speaks, our faith is fed.
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.
What a mighty Word God gives!

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A reading from the 22nd chapter of Matthew

Matthew 22:1-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

22 Once 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

☺ Children's Message

Sermon Response to the Word

♪ Open Doors

(refrain)

With open minds and open hearts,
we will see that God created each of us the same.
With open minds we can't ignore
that each one of God's children
should be met with open doors.

Each one of God's children should be met with open doors!
All are welcome here!

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Prayers

*Joined together in confidence of God's grace, let us pray for
the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to
each petition with the words "receive our prayers."*

A brief silence.

That even through global sorrows the church can rejoice in
your salvation,

that bishops, pastors, deacons, and church leaders be sustained for their ministries,
that churches find strength in ecumenical and interracial collaboration,
that church members resolve their conflicts in peace,
and that all the baptized find ways in this difficult time to uphold what is honorable and just:

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, O God our Shepherd:
receive our prayers.

That the damaged places on earth be restored to fruitfulness,
that animals in the wild be safeguarded,
and that we humans will be dedicated to a commendable use of your creation,

A brief silence.

We pray for the earth, O God our Creator:
receive our prayers.

That national conflicts be resolved without warfare and destruction,
that the work of diplomats and international peace workers be honored,
that leaders of nations attend to the needs of the poor,
that our country be preserved from discord, rancor, and violence,
that the election process will be just,
that prejudice based on ethnicity, skin color, and economic status be ended,

and that justice will prevail in our laws and through our courts,

A brief silence.

We pray for peace and justice, O God our Ruler:
receive our prayers.

Help us to break down human-made barriers that separate us from others; the barriers in our buildings; our insensitivity to those who appear different from us; our failure to listen to the yearning of the heart, to offer support or to invite people to be a part of our congregation.

A brief silence.

We pray for awareness, O God our Strength:
receive our prayers.

That the plague of the coronavirus will subside,
that all who are sick with the virus, from rulers to refugees,
be healed,
that people living with fear be comforted,
that medical workers be supported and medical supplies be
made everywhere available,
and that a vaccine be developed and fairly distributed,

A brief silence.

We pray during this pandemic, O God our Healer:
receive our prayers.

That those who suffer from want be assisted,
that those without work find jobs,
that children be educated,
that ministries of care be strengthened to feed those who
hunger and those without homes,
that extremism be lessened and a spirit of cooperation be
nurtured,
and for all who are sick, whose names we call out here. . . :

A brief silence.

We pray for all in need, O God our Guardian:
receive our prayers.

That in mercy you welcome our personal petitions,

A longer period of silence.

We pray for ourselves, O God our Mother:
receive our prayers

That you receive our thanks for all those who have died in
the faith, especially William, Jr. and Dale,
that when facing our own death, you give us hope,
and that you grant us your peace throughout our days,

A brief silence.

We praise and pray to you, O God our Homeland:
receive our prayers.

*Into your hands, merciful God our Father, we offer ourselves
and all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Amen.

Offering: Times are confusing. We are transitioning to a brave new world, trying to live with covid19. We pray that we act wisely. Meanwhile, the work of God's church does not stop because we are the church. Your offerings of financial resources, your creativity, your support for each other and the people of the world are the church at work. Your concern for your families and neighbors is the church at work as well. We want to thank you for your continued support and offerings as we continue to do God's work in our community and in the world.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives, we will live.

Meal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

♪ One Bread, One Body (elw 496)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all:
One cup of blessing which we bless,

And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

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(Open your bread packet)

The body of Christ given for you.

(Open your wine cup)

The blood of Christ given for you.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and lead by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

O Lord, thank you for the blessings of the gifts and talents shared by people with disabilities. Teach us to meet the challenges of developing an understanding and appreciation for who we are and how you intend for us to use your strengths in our Church and community. Help us to value

one another's differences. **Amen.**

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.

♪ All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

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Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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“[Many and Great O God;](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nuy5j1uYuY&feature=youtu.be)” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nuy5j1uYuY&feature=youtu.be>

“[What a Friend We Have in Jesus.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-kwzWQyTLs&feature=youtu.be)” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-kwzWQyTLs&feature=youtu.be>

Readings for the Week:

Monday (Day of Thanksgiving [Canada]) Psalm

34. **Tuesday** Amos 9:5-15. **Wednesday** Song of Solomon 7:10

—8:4. **Thursday** (commemoration of Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582) Psalm 96:1-9

[10-13]. **Friday** 1 Peter 5:1-5. **Saturday** (commemoration of Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115) Isaiah

14:3-11. **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 45:1-7;

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.