

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, October 11, 2020

### Prelude

J.S. Bach "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

### Opening Hymn (Sung by Musicians)

*ELW 720 "We Are Called"*

- 1 Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

#### *Refrain*

We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Holy Father, your generous goodness blesses our lives every day. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and with your Spirit transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For 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,

<sup>5</sup>the 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.

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>It 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: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23 (by musicians)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

## Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, 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.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep 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: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (setting 4—Alleluia—Musicians Sing)

## Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

### C: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again 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.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so 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 a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then 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.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*ELW 768 “Blest are They”*

- 1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.

### *Refrain*

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

- 5 Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see. *Refrain*

## **Apostle's Creed**

**C: 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Holy God, open all ears to hear your Word of salvation, for you alone give light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers to find a cure to the COVID-19 virus, that we may all live in safety, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit In your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, we pray for the healing of all in need: those who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed especially those we now name before you Joe, Nancy, Carol, Dennis, Rob,

Pastor Steve Swanson, Renee, and all those diagnosed with COVID-19. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being. Bless our Bishops, Bishop Eaton and Bishop Curry, our pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. We praise you for the gift of Concordia in all its ministries, in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Holy God, you are always present with your abundant blessing in our lives. We especially give thanks this day for your grace in the lives of Shih-Liang and John as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of marriage. Fill them with tenderness and patience, and bless them with love toward you, toward each other, and for all people until that day when we all celebrate the marriage feast that has no end, in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Eucharist Liturgy**

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
Your abundant grace fills our lives with blessings.  
All of Heaven and earth sing of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
Who preached good news to the poor,  
And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

We give you thanks and praise for  
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**P:** Send your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,  
and on this gift of bread and all who share in the body of your Son.

May your saving acts be proclaimed  
and your name forever be praised, Almighty Father.  
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
with your Holy Spirit in your holy church throughout the world.

**C: Amen. Your Kingdom come.**

**A:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**  
    **on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those**  
    **who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and forever. Amen.**

**Communion Distribution**

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

## **Lamb of God**

**Anthem** (sung by Musicians)

*"How Could I Ever Know" from The Secret Garden*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.

**Closing Hymn** Sung by Musicians

*ELW 536 "God be With You Till We Meet Again"*

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### *Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

## **Benediction and Dismissal**

**P:** Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
with deeds of justice and mercy!

**C: Amen.**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Max Reger, "*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*"

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