

SAINT MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Eric J. Trozzo, Pastor



19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020 9:30AM

PRELUDE

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing (ELW 362)

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For safety reasons, we ask that the congregation follow along with all spoken and sung responses silently. The Assisting Minister and the Cantor will respond for the congregation to all spoken and sung responses.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin.
Silence for self-reflection

Most merciful God, We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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 or families or friends as ourselves.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Free us from the urge to speak with haste, offending those we fail to fully understand. Let our words always honor your wondrous love so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

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 each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Lord, Have Mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.
Let us pray...

PEACE

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING ISAIAH: 25:1-9

Response after the conclusion: Thanks be to God.

1 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. 2 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. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 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, 5 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. 6 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. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 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. 9 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.

PSALM PSALM 23

1 The Lord | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want. 2 The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters. 3 You restore my | soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake. 4 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 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over. 6 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

Response after the conclusion: Thanks be to God.

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 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. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 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. 9 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:1-14

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

1Once 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.”

SERMON

THE REV. DR. ERIC J. TROZZO

HYMN OF THE DAY NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION (ELW 462)

(Congregation is invited to silently follow along with the text below)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together as Jesus taught us using the more familiar words

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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us into the world to serve our neighbor.

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth By God's Blessing (ELW 547)



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What's Happening!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- **Pastor :** The Reverend Dr. Eric J. Trozzo
- **Assisting Minister :** Peter Jensen
- **Cantor :** David D. Harp
- **Soloist:** Hal Cooper
- **Greeter:** Jeanne Grayson
- **Usher:** Lorraine Horton

ZOOM EVENTS

For more info, please refer to October Messenger

- **Sunday 9:30am** Live Stream Worship followed by Zoom Coffee Hour
- **Sunday 9:30am** Confirmation Class
- **Sunday 11:15am** Virtual Sunday School
- **Sunday 1pm** Third Grade Bible Presentation
- **Monday 10:30am** Monday Morning Bible Study (MMBSF)
- **Thursday 10:30am** Tea & Talk