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Reformation Sunday

→ THE SUNDAY OF THE WEDDING FEAST →

October 30, 2022

JESUS INVITES US TO HIS WEDDING FEAST TO RECEIVE ABUNDANT RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: "See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast" (Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: "He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food." (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit's work shall experience God's wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21).

COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR

GUESTS WISHING TO JOIN OUR CONFESSION AND RECEIVE THIS HOLY SACRAMENT ARE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today and every Lord's Day! At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this sacred meal life and salvation are given to us.

All members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune.

Every pastor and congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has publicly promised to practice closed communion, where all who come to the Altar bear witness to their oneness in the apostolic doctrine and faith (Acts 2:42). All this is done for the benefit and blessing of the Lord's people. Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor first.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Cor 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "<u>Christian Questions with Their Answers</u>" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.



+ THE DIVINE SERVICE +

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ Built On The Rock The Church Shall Stand

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 \triangle *Please stand and face the cross as it enters.*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

→ SERVICE OF THE WORD →

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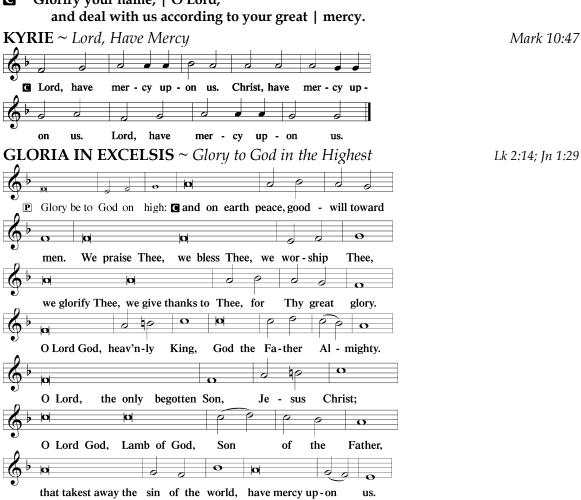
Ps. 48:1a, 9-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

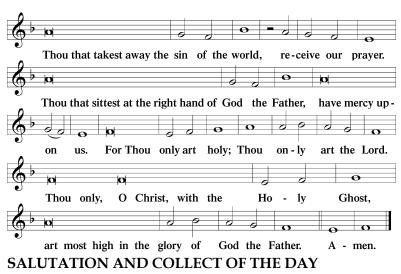
- The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,* for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
- Glorify your name, | O Lord;*
 and deal with us according to your great | mercy.
- P Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
- We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,* in the midst of your | temple.

- P As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.* Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
- C Let Mount Zion | be glad!* Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
- C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*You may bow your head at this point in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity

- The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,* P for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
- Glorify your name, | O Lord;* C





P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

6 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

- ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- 6"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Ps. 145:15-16

- The eyes of all | look to you,* and you give them their food in due | season.
- You open | your hand;*

 you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



and binds | up their wounds.



GOSPEL READING *Matthew* 22:1-14

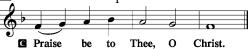
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

 11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."





NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *You may genuflect and was made man; in reverence of the incarnation

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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Psalm 51:10-12

SERMON

Stand



OFFERING

Please consider donating on-line: to Grace or to Trinity.

Or, if you prefer, please mail your offering for the strength of the Church.

The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God. The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.

Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

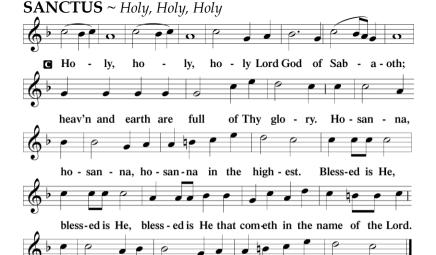


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 136



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the

→ Lord be with you always.



John 1:29

DISTRIBUTION

Sit

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

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Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

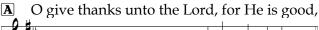
Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

Stand



Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING





and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



A Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



 \triangle Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

CLOSING HYMN ~ Hail To The Lord's Anointed

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Please join us at *Immanuel at 4:00 p.m.* as we celebrate the *Festival of the Reformation*. If you'd like to attend the banquet following Divine Service, it's \$15/ticket, kids under 10 eat free.