

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2017

## AS WE GATHER

God has worked faith in our hearts to respond in joy to His gracious invitation. But our preoccupation with our personal agendas and the world's allure can turn our hearts away. Jesus couches that problem in a parable. Worse, we might think that we can enter heaven, the eternal banquet, on our terms, supposing we need not be clothed in Christ's righteousness alone. Yet God's preoccupation is to keep sending out His special invitation to one and all. What joy Paul leads us in as he writes the Epistle! Our current circumstances mean nothing compared to the eternal banquet to which we are invited by the overflowing grace of God.

## HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*LSB 901*

## *Stand* CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Is. 61:10; antiphon: Ps. 146:2*

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**P** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

**C** my soul shall exult in my God,

**P** for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

**C** he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

**P** as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

**C** and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

### KYRIE

*LSB 152*

**P** ♪ *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**C** ♪ *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** ♪ *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

**C** ♪ *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** ♪ *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

**C** ♪ *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** ♪ *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

**C** ♪ *Lord, have mercy.*

**P** ♪ *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C** ♪ *Amen.*

**P** *♪ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

**C** *♪ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:*

*We worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.*

*For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** *♪ The Lord be with you.*

**C** *♪ And also with you.*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save  
us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 91:11; 103:1*

**P** He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## EPISTLE

*PHILIPPIANS 4:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious 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, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## *Stand* ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 156*

**C** *Alleluia.*

*Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>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.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>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.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## *Sit* CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HYMN**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

*LSB 636 v.1-4*

**SERMON**

*“Invited to the Banquet”*

*Matthew 22:8-9*

*Stand* **NICENE CREED** (Sunday)

**C** **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  
and was made man;  
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.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

(SATURDAY)

**☉ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace that passes all understanding, for glad hearts that rejoice in Christ and His salvation, for faithfulness in this life, and for grace to receive everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church, for all ministers of the Church, for missionaries and all church workers, for the agencies of the Church that assist in the mission of witness and service, and for glad and generous hearts to support the work of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the nation and the world, for our president and Congress, for our governor and all local government personnel, for the world and an end to war and conflict, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the homes in which our people dwell, for grace to husbands and wives to fulfill their vocations to one another, for children and home, for grace to teach and learn the faith in those homes and to pray as a family before the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the needs of children, for the protection of the unborn, for the care of those with special needs, for those children who suffer neglect and abuse, for the agencies charged with overseeing their care, and for those in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For courage to speak the name of the Lord before the world, for hearts to welcome the stranger in His name, for diligence in teaching and learning the Word of God, and for our faithful care to those new to the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For repentance and faith as we approach the table of the Lord, for unity of doctrine, for the reconciliation of those estranged, and for the restoration of the fallen to the fellowship of Christ's Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For joy in the mission, for humility to yield to the Lord and His purpose, and for a grateful heart, that wearing the blessed clothing of Christ's righteousness before the world, we may be found holy and blameless when He comes in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For confidence in the good and gracious will of God; for our love for and pursuit of all things good, right, noble, beautiful and godly; and finally for the Lord to hinder the enemies of His Kingdom and bring to nothing all their evil and destruction, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all things profitable to us and our salvation, that He would keep from us all things harmful and grant our promised reunion with those who have died in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O holy Father, from You and through You and to You are all things and to You be glory forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## *Sit* OFFERING

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## *Stand* OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**C** ♪ *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will take the cup of salvation  
and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now  
in the presence of all His people,*

*in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

*Saturday Worship continues on page 10 with The Lord's Prayer.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**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** It is truly good, 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:

### SANCTUS

*LSB 161*

**C** *♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:*

*Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna. Hosanna.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

*Saturday Worship continues on page 12 with The Benediction.*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**C** *♪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.*

## Sit DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways  
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

LSB 707

LSB 633

## Stand POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 164

**C** *♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

**C** *♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**P** *♪ The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**C** *♪ Amen.*

## HYMN

*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

LSB 830

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