



## October 11, 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**As We Gather:** God has worked faith in our hearts so we can respond in joy to His gracious invitation. But our preoccupation with our personal agendas and the world's allure can turn our hearts away. 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. Jesus addresses these issues through a parable in today's Gospel reading. It is Christ alone who makes us righteous and it is in Him that we can find the peace, joy and contentment Paul writes about in the Epistle reading. *(Note the structure of prayer in this service. It provides a pattern which we can follow in our private prayers. It is summarized in the word, ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication.)*

### Welcome

**Invocation** *(Based on Ephesians 1:3,7, 14)*

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

**People: Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.**

Pastor: In the name of God the Son,

**People: In whom we have redemption through His blood.**

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

**People: Who is the guarantee of our inheritance in heaven. Amen.**

**Hymn:** OSB 40 "Father, I Adore You"

1. **Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You.**
2. **Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You.**
3. **Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You.**

### An Act of Adoration

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

**People: The Lord is good. His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

**People: The Lord is good. His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**People: The Lord is good. His love endures forever.**

Pastor: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**People: Glory be to You, O God, the Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.**

### An Act of Confession

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**All: O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn:** OSB 16 "Blessed Assurance"

**1. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness and care. Grant us a full sense of being a community gathered together in Your love as we await the company of saints and angels in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

**People: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Isaiah assures us the Lord will bring salvation to those who trust in Him.*)

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine- the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 4:4-13 (*As he comes to the end of his letter Paul provides encouragement for living as followers of Christ.*)

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup>I rejoiced greatly in the LORD that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14 (*Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast illustrating how the people of Israel had rejected the prophets God sent to them.*)

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup>“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’<sup>5</sup>“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.<sup>8</sup>“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup>So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup>So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and 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 wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.<sup>13</sup>“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’<sup>14</sup>“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

**Hymn:** OSB 101 “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

- 1. I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold, I’d rather be His than have riches untold; I’d rather have Jesus than houses or lands, I’d rather be led by His nail pierce hand. Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin’s dread sway; I’d rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.**
- 2. I’d rather have Jesus than men’s applause, I’d rather be faithful to His dear cause; I’d rather have Jesus than worldwide fame, I’d rather be true to His holy name. Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin’s dread sway; I’d rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.**
- 3. He’s fairer than lilies of rarest bloom, He’s sweeter than honey from out the comb; He’s all my hungering spirit needs, I’d rather have Jesus and let Him lead. Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin’s dread sway; I’d rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.**

**Sermon:** Philippians 4:4-7 “Encouragement for Living”

## **The Apostles Creed**

**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.**

## **An Act of Thanksgiving**

**All: Father of all mercies, we give You thanks for all Your goodness to us and to all people. We praise You for Your creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, we praise You for Your love in sending Christ to be our Savior and Redeemer. And we ask You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise You not only with our lips, but with our lives as we seek to show love and care to people through our words and actions this week. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn: OSB 11 "Because He Lives"**

**1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive, He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

*(Refrain)* **Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby And feel the pride and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance This child can face uncertain days because He lives. (Refrain)**

**3. And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain, and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. (Refrain)**

## **An Act of Supplication**

**Pastor:** With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** With hope-filled hearts we pray for our nation, guide our leaders as they make decisions, guide the election process, and turn the hearts of people back to You. O Lord,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. Guide our congregation and help us to be faithful servants in this community. O Lord,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We pray for those who are in need of special petitions this day, including the injured or ill, people in hospitals or other care centers, those dealing with the virus, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this

day, [especially . . .]. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

**People:** in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

*(Other special petitions will be included here.)*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your grace and mercy day by day. O Lord,

**People:** in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

**All:** 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.

### Announcements

**Dedication of Picnic Tables** *(Weather permitting this will be outside at the close of our service.)*

### Benediction

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

**People:** Amen.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of October 11, 2020

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**PRAY FOR: Glenda Enlow Family**  
**Good Shepherd, Carthage - Rev. Silas Mehl**

### Prayers of Condolence

Bonnie Van Cora— (Friend of Cathy Munden – peace and comfort on passing of her husband, Jeff)

Michael Lampe – (Pastor's son – health and healing)

Vincent Lindstrom – (Joan Wolf's Dad – health and healing)

Mary Cantrell – (Sister of Edith Chambers – health and healing)

Jennifer McCoy – (Daughter of Diane Smith – health and healing)

Tonya Janes – (Friend of Jennifer Lampe – health and healing from cancer)

Bob Painter – (Friend of David Lampe - Health and healing from surgery)

Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)

Samantha Kennedy - (Friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Mark Rosenquist – (Brother of Margaret Morrison—health, healing & safety)

Corey Gregory - (Friend of Leah Henbest—health and healing)

Rick Knutson – (Friend of Grace - health and healing)

Milton Johnson – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)

Cindy Yang – (Friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing from cancer)

Bill Oldfield – (health and healing after surgery)

Sherry Oldfield – (health and healing)

Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)

Karl Fritz – (health and healing)

Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)

Helen Springer - (health and healing)



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### THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Service ONLY – 10:00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Service ONLY – 10:00 am</b>



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**Birthdays this week: Bobby Jones & Charles Conn-14; Bernie Smith-17**

**Anniversaries: None**

**October 11 (today) we will have a door offering for the Southwest Circuit Mission Council.**

Over the past five years the Council has awarded more than \$37,000 for 18 scholarships to young men and women from churches in the Southwest Circuit who were studying at a Lutheran high school, university, or seminary. The Council has also utilized this fund to assist with church-worker debt relief, and to distribute monies to our circuit's elementary schools (Prairie City, Joplin, Lockwood, and Freistatt), providing tuition assistance to needy Lutheran families.

The dollars you give to this fund go directly to forming the next generation of pastors, teachers, church musicians, and other servants of the church, and to providing our children and grandchildren with the same.

### **Services Only in September and Bible Class on Wednesday evening**

In the meeting of the Council it was decided to continue with the current schedule of church services in September but to add a Wednesday night Bible Study, starting at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. This could change due to school opening and virus cases rising in the county.

**Reminder:** If you should become ill, please contact Pastor or an Elder so that we can notify everyone that attended the service to watch for symptoms. We encourage everyone that can to wear a mask. Masks are on a voluntary basis. Masks are available at the door. In view of the issues currently at Trinity Freistatt, please be thoughtful of others.

Please remember to practice the CDC's guidelines for proper safety measures. These include:

- Regularly washing of your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice social distancing of being at least 6 feet apart from the closest person to you.
- Avoid touching your face with your hands.
- Wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

**Plus One will be collecting socks and underwear for the Blue Barrel Project for the month of "Socktober".** Please consider contributing and supporting our school. Check the church website for more information at <https://www.gracelutheranaurora.com/plusone.php>

**PASTOR:** Pastor will continue to have time at the church. But the best way to contact him is by his cell phone which you can do at any time (417-366-3597). If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.

**Men's long sleeve button-up dress shirts** are being collected by Sue Doss for the Dress A Girl program. This is a campaign under Hope 4 Women International – a non-denominational independent Christian organization that has been making dresses since 2006. The chapter working here locally is Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri. You can learn more at the Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri Facebook page. If you have any shirts, please get them to Sue. They do not have to be new but they do need to be in good condition and clean.



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**Plus One initiative for helping the school is:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QH0uZtEhHfxX8Y60E6KWhjkhL1s0LkQOeM\\_KrbiKxkM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QH0uZtEhHfxX8Y60E6KWhjkhL1s0LkQOeM_KrbiKxkM/edit?usp=sharing)

**Thank you for your support!**



**October**

**GREETERS**

11 - Micki Gettman & Glenda Enlow  
18 – Diane Smith & Edith Chambers  
25 - Bernie & Shari Smith

**USHERS**

11 – David Lampe  
18 - Dale Smith  
25 – Charlie Chambers



**LWML MITES** - Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" – offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. In the 1953 LWML convention, the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings was reaffirmed. It was suggested that LWML members put their pennies in their Mite Box at the end of each day or empty all their loose change into the box on a specific day of the week. When the Mite Box offerings are collected, the local groups submit these offerings to the district LWML officer. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

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**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Grant #15 —  
Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers  
Mission Training Center, Africa — \$62,650**

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study enabling them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care. The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant will provide funds to help cover the cost of lodging, food, and transportation as they travel to and from their classes. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15).

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LWML Grant #15 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers. The Lutheran church continues to grow in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. The churches are led by lay leaders and ordained pastors desiring more training. There are approximately 250 people taking part in various areas of study through LCMS Continuing Education courses. The grant will help to provide funds to cover transportation, lodging, and food costs. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15).