

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



When life seems oppressive and burdens weigh us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive
Abundant Righteousness

October 22, 2023

AS WE GATHER 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).

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord,
People: 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. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Divine Service IV

Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 516
“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Confession and Absolution: LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Kyrie LSB 204
*Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204
*Salutation: LSB 205
*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

Catechism Review

Catechism Recitation Question #21

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9

Pew Bible Page 1148

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21

Pew Bible Page 1823

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible Page 1534

*Nicene Creed: LSB 206

Sermon Hymn: LSB 828
“We Are Called to Stand Together”

Sermon

Offertory Chancel Choir
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord’s Prayer LSB 209

*Benediction LSB 212
This concludes the service for online viewing

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208ff

Distribution Hymns:
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with . . .” LSB 636
“Jesus, Thy Blood . . .” LSB 563

*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 211

*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 212

*Benediction: LSB 212

Closing Hymn: LSB 672
“Jerusalem the Golden”

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman that her health will remain good. a woman; strength to get through all that she is going through being a mother and a full time student. a woman please pray for her son in prison. Also, please pray for her health recovery--her colon burst so doctors had to remove a large part of intestines. She's home after 3 1/2 weeks in the hospital hoping to return to work soon. a woman please pray over her life as she begins a new life here in Waterloo after fleeing from a dangerous relationship in another state. Please pray for her children as they adjust to a new place and school. a woman please pray that she will get her life turned around. a woman and her children please pray that they stay safe from harm. Also, please pray that her decisions will be focused and planned. a woman please pray over her health and medical team. Please pray that God sustains her to stay strong; ability to help others. a woman please pray to not be so depressed and be more positive. a woman please pray for her general welfare throughout winter--my own family. My mom--health concerns. Her baby has pulmonary lung disease--stay healthy! a woman please pray for her family. For men – a man please pray for his digestive health problems and his medical team; that they're properly diagnosing treating his health conditions. Also, for his family's health. a man please pray for his four children, his family and his neighbors. a man please pray that he will reconcile with his father. Also, that he will stay sober, and that he will find employment.

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