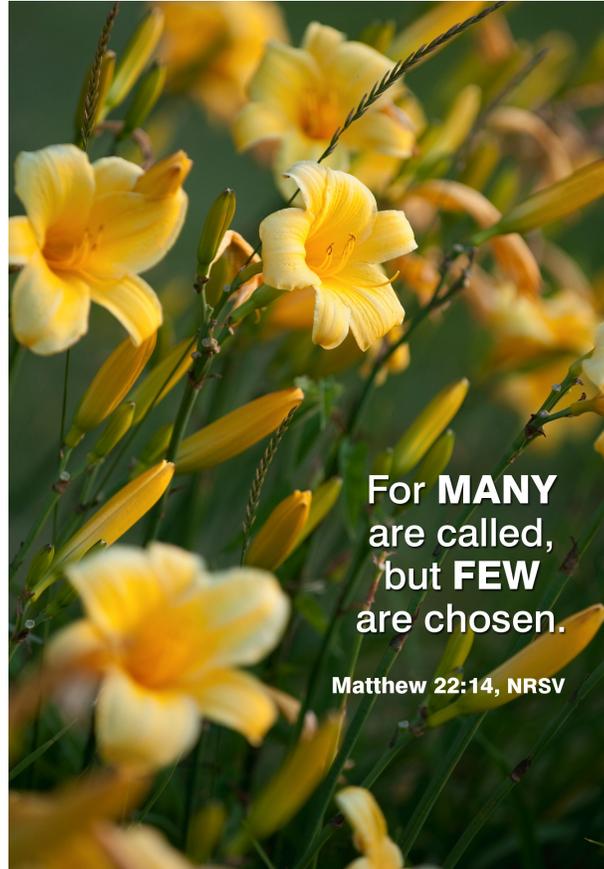


# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.



For **MANY**  
are called,  
but **FEW**  
are chosen.

Matthew 22:14, NRSV

*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,  
for the sake of the World."*



**Welcome in the name of Christ!** We are glad to have you as part of our community this morning. Your presence makes our celebration even more joyful!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

"Come and Dine at the Table"  
Worship Team

Ray Makeever

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Faithful God,

**All:** have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness of life, striving for justice and peace in all the world.

**All:** Amen.

**Gathering Song**

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

No. 531

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.

The feast is read - y to be - gin;  
the feast is read - y to be - gin.

### Prayer of the Day

**All:** Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Children's Moment

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

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. 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. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 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, 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.

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. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 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. 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm

Psalm 23

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

Reader: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**All: 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.**

Reader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (from "God's Word, My Voice")

My brothers and sisters, whom I love so much, stand firm in the Lord in this way: Help the women who are fighting with each other to see that they can agree about the Lord. They have struggled with me in the work of the Gospel along with my other coworkers. They are good people; they just need some guidance.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Be famous for your gentleness. God is near. Don't be overcome with worry. In fact, don't worry about anything. Instead go to God with things that concern you. Let God know what is bothering you. And the peace of God, which is beyond anything we can understand, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, dear ones, whatever is true and honorable, whatever is just and pure, if you can find the good, that's what you should focus on. Keep doing what I've taught you, and God's peace will always be with you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

"Tembea na Yesu"

Refrain, sung twice

A - men, A - men, A - men Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

Text, sung over the refrain by soloist: *Tembea na Yesu* -- Let us walk with Jesus

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again 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.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then 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.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Refrain / Estribillo*

U - ni - dos en la fes - ta, la\_a - le - grí - a  
 U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se\_ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,  
 joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la\_a - le - grí - a se\_ha - ce\_o - ra - ción.  
 all our joy to God be - longs.

1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor  
 1 We will praise God, we will sing  
 2 We will praise God, we will feast  
 3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,  
 al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;  
 at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;  
 al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de\_es el a - mor  
 we will praise God for the love  
 we will praise God and give thanks  
 we will praise God for the love

*Refrain / Estribillo*

que\_en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.  
 that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.  
 for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.  
 that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

2 *Cantaremos la bondad del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa, y nos llama a comulgar como hermanos su vino y su pan.*

3 *Cantaremos al Señor aleluyas al son de instrumentos, y será nuestra canción la alabanza que ensalza su amor.*

## Apostles' Creed

Leader: Joining the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Repeat "Hear Our Prayer" after The Lord's Prayer.*

### Sharing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

### Offering

When we give our offerings, we are offering to God a portion of what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Take a moment to consider the ways God has blessed you this week. Where have you seen God's gift of resurrection and new life at work? What can you offer in return for these blessings?

If you'd like to give a gift in support of God's work at Prince of Peace, you can give online at [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org), contact book keeper Sarah Maurer ([bookkeeper@poppottage.org](mailto:bookkeeper@poppottage.org)) to set up recurring online giving, use the QR code on the last page of the bulletin to give electronically or mail a check to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1747 W. Milham Ave. Portage, MI 49024. We appreciate your support.

Offering Song

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me  
 2. I'm go-na work so God can use me  
 3. I'm go-na pray so God can use me  
 4. I'm go-na sing so God can use me

5  
 an - y time and an - y - where.  
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9  
 I'm gon-na live so God can use me  
 I'm go-na work so God can use me  
 I'm go-na pray so God can use me  
 I'm go-na sing so God can use me

13  
 an - y time and an - y - where.  
 any - y time and wn - y - where.  
 an - y time and an - y - where.  
 an - y time and an - y - where.

**Blessing of the Quilts**

Pastor: God, we give you thanks for those who have generously shared their resources in order to make these quilts/kits possible. Move us by their example to live generous lives.

**All: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

Pastor: Thank you, God, for the hands that have made and assembled these quilts/kits. May each compassionate touch be known to those who receive them as an expression of your love.

**All: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

Pastor: God, we lift before you the staff and partners of LWR who will distribute these quilts/kits around the world. Give them strength and encouragement to do this important work and guide them as they reach our neighbors who are the farthest away.

**All: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

Pastor: Finally, God, we pray for our neighbors around the world who will receive these quilts/kits – neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May these quilts/ kits wrap our neighbors in love and fill them with the hope and peace that is only found in you.

**All: Amen.**



WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

**Announcements**

Stay up to date with all the latest community information on our website: [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org)!

We miss seeing you and talking with you each Sunday in worship. We'd love to hear from you in the comments on the worship video posts on Facebook or YouTube or via e-mail to any of our individual staff members. Share the link with family and friends!

We'd also love to see you at our Sunday Zoom fellowship hour at 11:45 AM after worship on Sundays. Contact Pastor Rachel ([pastorrachel@poppottage.org](mailto:pastorrachel@poppottage.org)) for instructions on how to join the conversation!

**Final Blessing**

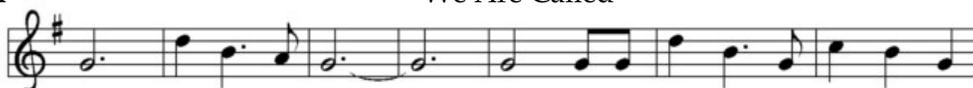
Leader: Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

All: Amen.

**Sending Hymn**

"We Are Called"

No. 720



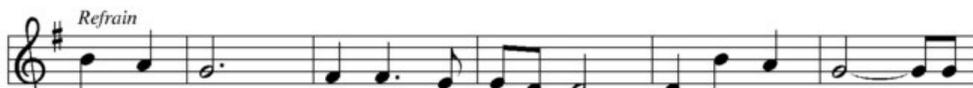
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

"Go in Peace and Serve the Lord"  
*Worship Team*

Hardt Hanson

## Today's Participants

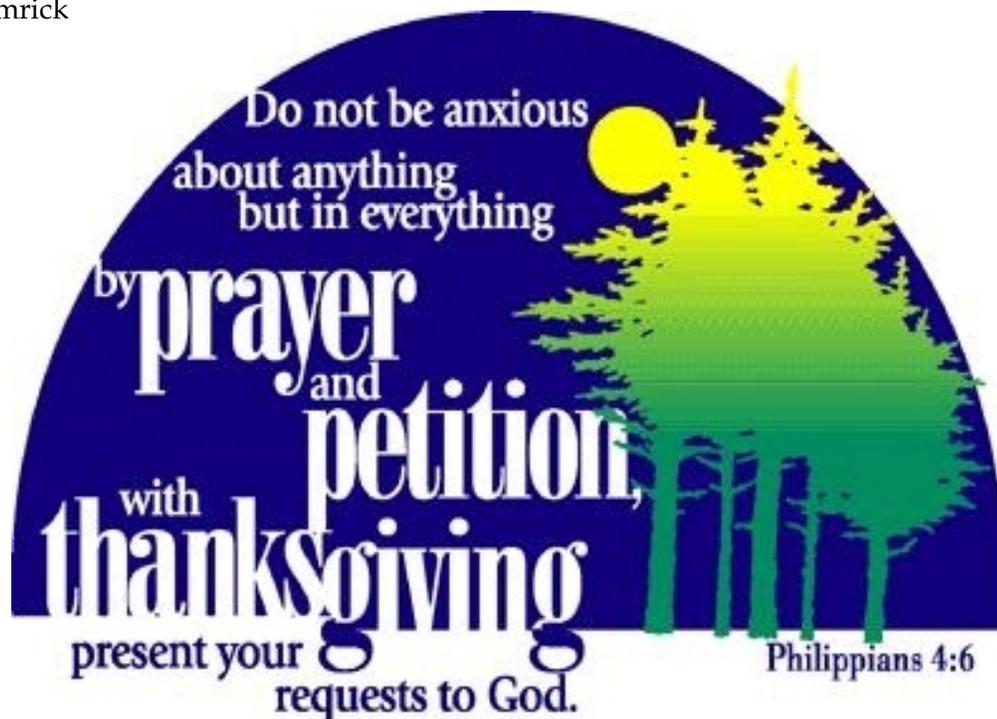
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Tech: Mike Whately

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Prayers: Marilyn Storch



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