

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.”

## 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.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:1–14*

<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.”

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Philippians 4:13



**About the Cover:** Paul experienced the seemingly insurmountable struggles of imprisonment, beatings, and persecution for proclaiming the Gospel. However, in the midst of this hardship, he knew he could hold fast to his confession because his strength was Christ. When it feels like we are barely holding on by our fingertips, we know that Christ is our strength. No obstacle to our faithfulness to Christ is insurmountable because Christ has already traveled up Mount Calvary and conquered for us.



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11 & 15, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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***Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (10/16) November Newsletter Items Due

WED (10/18) No Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. – Choir

**7:00 p.m. – Worship**

THUR (10/19) 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

SUN (10/22) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School

**9:00 a.m. – Worship**

10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Pastor and Ashley Brandmahl upon the birth of their son August Gilbert; Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, and Terry Brandenburg.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Dallas & Sharon Wenzel in honor of their anniversary.

**VOTERS MEETING** will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**ELECTION OF OFFICES** – At the voters meeting we will be electing new officers. The positions available are: Stewardship Evangelism (1); Elder (2); Trustee (1). Please prayerfully consider one of these positions. If interested please contact Gary Koerth or Rick Riemer.

**CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH** – October is clergy appreciation month. There are cards available in the card room for this occasion.

**CHURCH TEXTING** – The church office is unable to receive or send text messages. If you need to contact the office, please call or email.

**GRASS CUTTERS** – we are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

**THE PRODUCE TABLE** is still out if you have any extra fall produce you would like to share with members of the congregation. Items can be left on or taken from the table in the coat room anytime during the week.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT** – Trinity Rantoul will be having their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 6 pm in the school parking lot. All are welcome. Food, games, prizes, balloon twisting and face painting. See bulletin board for more details.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Ephesians 4:24** – “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” – to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord's House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.