

## Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

### Those Who Serve Us

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**CHRIST** is important to us  
in our worship  
in our study  
in our fellowship  
in our lives.

**YOU** are important to us  
in our worship  
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Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

**Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.**

### The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### At the Table of God

##### As We Gather

“Come to the table.” In our daily experiences, there is no invitation that is more readily received and fully appreciated. To be at the table is to be assured of nourishment and refreshment. In Psalm 23, we are told of a table that is prepared under challenging circumstances. Yet, even there, the cup of God’s blessing overflows. Our gathering for worship and our coming to the Table of the Lord is a weekly experience of overflowing blessing filled with signs of God’s gracious presence. We rejoice that we are invited to His amazing table!

## Bells / Call to Worship

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

## 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

(stand) 3 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

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### Invocation

*Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P I was glad when they said to me,

**C "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

P I will be glad and exult in You;

**C I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

P Our soul waits for the Lord;

**C He is our help and our shield.**

P For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

**C Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

## Confession and Absolution

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

**C 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.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

**This Is the Feast** (*sung in all Services*)

*LSB 155*

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Prayer 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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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## Verse

*Revelation 22:17*

Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come."

**Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:1–14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second 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.**

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

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**Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
 Come defiled, without, within;  
 From infection and uncleanness,  
 From the leprosy of sin,  
 Wash your robes and make them white;  
 Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
 Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
 Here the guilty, free remission,  
 Here the troubled, peace may find.  
 Health this fountain will restore;  
 They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
 God is faithful; God will never  
 Break His covenant of blood,  
 Signed when our Redeemer died,  
 Sealed when He was glorified.

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## Sermon

*“An Awesome Invitation”*  
**Matthew 22:1-14**

## Prayer of the Church

- P 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,  
**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P With hope-filled hearts we pray for the community of world nations, especially remembering the people of Canada as they observe their country’s National Day of Thanksgiving. O Lord,  
**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P 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. We pray for all farmers in the days of harvest. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,  
**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P 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. O Lord,

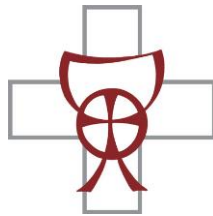
**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P 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 special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day. Beginning in silent prayer, we name before the Lord these who are on our minds and hearts..., and we also include (here the petitions and praises of the congregation are prayed by the pastor). Lord, be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,

**C in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**



### **Preface**

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.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth, for You have prepared a gracious feast for us at Your Table. Grant that we receive the bread and wine, that is, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as a guarantee and pledge of His salvation. 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.**



## **The Words of Our Lord**

**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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Pax Domini**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

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## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

8 *(stand)*  
Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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**Your Table I Approach**

1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### **Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord bless and keep you to eternal life. You can go in peace.  
**Amen!**

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- P Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

### **Closing Sentences**

*Philippians 3:20–22; 4:20*

- P Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.
- C To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
  
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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