

Family Worship for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 11, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS*

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of evil that contend against God and his faithful servants? **R: I do.**

L: Do you renounce the influence and power of the world that are contrary to God's Word and will? **R: I do.**

L: Do you renounce the sin within your own heart, mind, and flesh, and call upon the Lord to deliver you from evil? **R: I do.**

L: I bid you now, confess your sins to your heavenly Father that he may cleanse, forgive and restore your soul.

(Moment of Silent Confession)

L: God is gracious and good and for Christ's sake forgives the sins of all who call upon him. May God establish you in faith, guard you against the evil one, and make you steadfast in the power of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen. God is good. Amen. *(Confession adapted from Sola Publishing Occasional Rite: "The Call to Discipleship")

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

HYMN [Children of the Heavenly Father](#) *(With Lyrics)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, when called to do your will, we often respond with enthusiasm, yet in our human weakness, we fail to follow through. **By your grace strengthen us that we may overcome our weakness and follow you in the way of life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:1-6

SECOND READING – Philippians 4:4-13

GOSPEL VERSE *(Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 22. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 22:1-14

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

MESSAGE

HYMN [O Master, Let Me Walk with You](#) *(With Lyrics)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(Spoken; LBW #448, st.4)*

**The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

PRAYERS *(See Prayer Sheet)*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING *(Philippians 4:19-20)*

**May God meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN [Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling](#) *(With Lyrics)*

EXTRA

[Rejoice in the Lord \(Hamilton Family\)](#)

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ 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.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.”

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ 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.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ 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.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

PRAYERS

We give you glory, O God, for removing the shroud of death that covers all nations through the death and resurrection of your Son. Help us always to trust him for salvation that we may share with him life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy / **Hear our prayer**

We give you glory, O God, that you are always willing to hear our every prayer. Grant us grace to lift with thankful hearts our every need and burden to you. LIYM/**HOP**

We give you glory, O God, that you have invited us to the messianic banquet of your Son. Clothe us also with his righteousness that we may enter in and partake in the feast that has no end. LIYM/**HOP**

We pray that you will lead the nations of this world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct our leaders, especially the President of the United States, Donald Trump, and the Governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that your leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. LIYM/**HOP**

Hear our prayer for Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Nairobi, Kenya. Though they are small in numbers, yet we pray that you would make them great in faith. Bless Mark Anariko, their Pastor, and give him wisdom and strength for leading your people along kingdom paths of ministry. LIYM/**HOP**

Hear our prayer for the Vorel family as they mourn the loss of Margie Hasty. Grant them safe travel and Holy comfort as they celebrate the life of Margie and her entrance into eternal life. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our prayer for Lee Hughes, and Amy, Jessica, Rebecca, & Todd Terry as they mourn the death of Helen Zeigler. May the memory of Helen's strong faith encourage their own faith as they walk the path of sorrow in days ahead. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our prayer for Vickey Pylant as she draws near to your eternal kingdom. Speak to her soul in the midst of her sufferings that she may lift her heart to you in faith and love. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our prayer of thanksgiving that you have brought our sister Connie and our sister Elizabeth safely through their surgeries. Continue to strengthen and heal their bodies. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our prayer for all those still recovering from the coronavirus: Ron (and Charlene) Morgan, Nick and Betty Robinson, and Hollie and Nick Milbrandt. Preserve their lives, encourage their souls, and strengthen their bodies with your healing presence. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our pray for Thomas Owens and Charles DiSalvo as they recover their infirmities. Give them once again strength in their bodies that would allow them to return home and guard their hearts and the hearts of all those who care for them. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear now our prayer for those whose names and needs we lift before today... (silent prayer) LIYM / **HOP**

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen**

Prayers for October 4, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help *(Requests remain on list for 2 months and may be resubmitted)*

Vickey Pylant, placed in Hospice this week; aunt of Dawn Vorel (10.10.2020)
Family of Margie Hasty who died in the Lord on Friday; aunt of Dawn Vorel (10.10.2020)
Thomas Owens, moved to rehab (C. Garner, 10.4.2020)
Charles DiSalvo, moved to Riverview Rehab center (V. DiSalvo, 10.7.2020)
Connie Zeigler, home recovering from back surgery (10.4.2020)
Elizabeth McLaurin, gallbladder removal (10.4.2020)
Ed Stanley, cancer; cousin of Betty Robinson (10.4.2020)
Gina Campbell, health/heart issues (D. Vorel, 10.4.2020)
Ron & Charlene Morgan, diagnosed with Covid-19 and recovering at home (R. Morgan, 9.27.2020)
Hollie and Nick Milbrandt, hospitalized with Covid-19 (Karen Hall, 9.30.2020)
Brenda Dasher's Aunt Nell, broken right arm (B. Dasher 9.28.2020)
Donna, friend of the Dashers, for strength in the midst of many family illnesses (C. Dasher, 9.27.2020)
Ginger Robinson, in need of God's healing help (K. Whitten, 9.27.2020)
Maddie Hubbard born prematurely Sept 15; parents Michael and Lauren Hubbard (A. Hubbard, 9.27.2020)
Katie Williams and Daniel Ellis, who were married 9/17/20, for God's blessings (K. Williams, 9.20.20)
Caitlin, goddaughter of Ben & Karen Williams who suffered a miscarriage (K. Williams, 9.20.2020)
Nick and Betty Robinson, diagnosed with Covid-19 and recovering at home (B. Robinson, 9.18.2020)
Sadie Rollins and classmates, protection from Covid-19 (R. Rollins, 9.14.2020)
Leiann Sapp, cancer surgery (L. Waldhour, 8.30.2020)
Paula Peterson, sickness (D. Vorel, 8.23.2020)
Johnnie Barnes, chemotherapy (J. Smith, 8.19.2020)
Elli, 8yrs. old, high fever (K. Wheeler, 8.9.2020)
Frank Gray, health issues (K. Hall, 8.9.2020)
David Gray, cancer (K. Hall, 8.9.2020)
Brenda Reiser, Lymphoma (M. Reiser, 8.2.2020)
Sarah Smith battling cancer again (F. Smith, 8.2.2020)
Jason Pridgen, still suffering with liver problems, friend of Betty Robinson (7.22.20)
Amy Holcomb undergoing cancer treatments (R. Ratliff, 7.22.20)
Don Hasty suffering from heart troubles (D. Vorel, 7.22.20)
Marie Callahan recovering from a Brain Aneurysm (S. Sommervold, 7.19.2020)
Pat Gollihue on diagnosis of bone cancer (R. Zipperer, 7.19.2020)
Jeff Byrd on diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (L. Byrd, 7.19.2020)
Shirley Hogan hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement *(Requests remain on list for 6 months and may be resubmitted)*

Lee Hughes, Amy Terry & Family on the loss of Helen Zeigler who went to be with the Lord (10.6.2020)
Rod and Deb Stephenson upon death of Rod's mother, now in glory (R. Stephenson, 10.3.2020)
David & Connie Zeigler and family on death of Son, Marcus. (9.6.2020)
Ben & Karen Williams and family on death of Ben's brother, Dale Williams (8.26.20)
Karen Hall and family on death of her Aunt, Sheila Saxon (8.9.2020)
Cecelia Zeigler and family on death of her mother, Mary Bloomberg (8.4.2020)
Brenda Dasher and family on death of her cousin, JW Porter (7.19.2020)
Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)
Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)
Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton
Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C. Zeigler); Michael Hubbard(A.M. Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer (Lakeview Manor); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer; Ruby & Earl Neurath (C. Bazemore, 7.30.2020);
Betty Greenwood (Home); Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home); Keith Cornell (Recovering at home;Helmlly); Clyde Johnson (Home,
Muthersbaugh); Thomas Owens (Home, Garner); Clay Stewart (Dementia, Sommervold); Rick Boyd, multiple health problems (C.
Boyd, 6.21.2020)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost 19 - October 11, 2020

'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment? - Matthew 22:12

Jesus' parable of the wedding feast seems like it will have a happy ending, but then there's an unexpected twist. The king in the story threw a wedding feast for his son and invited many notable guests. Each and every one of them had an excuse as to why they couldn't make it. ["It's the only day I get to sleep in," some said. Others said, "I don't like the kind of music they play at that banquet hall." And still others remarked, "I have no real excuse, I just don't want to go."] In the face of mass rejection, the king sent his servants out to invite all manner of people from the streets to come and eat this fantastic, already prepared meal. What a treat!

At this point, it sounds like all's well that end's well, right? Wrong. One impromptu guest comes in to the banquet and he is not dressed in his wedding finest. This doesn't mean he has shorts and a t-shirt on, rather, he wasn't prepared for a wedding party. We cannot expect that people off the street were dressed in fancy clothes, so something else must be going on here. The man's outfit, whatever that looked like, was a reflection of a heart that just wasn't into the party. He came on his own terms and not on the terms of the king. Those who come to Jesus on their own terms are not worthy of the kingdom.

What can this possibly mean? To come to Jesus on one's own terms? This parable is a bit mysterious, to be sure, but perhaps it is pointing each of us to assess our own motivations. Are we "all in" with Jesus? Or are we struggling to let go of control over everything in our life and give it over to the Lord? If the second one is the case, what would it take for us to be willing to put on that wedding garment? We know the power of the Holy Spirit is working in our lives and in the life of the world. Maybe we could ask the Spirit to fill us with a deeper love for Christ, a deeper commitment to his church, a deeper passion for the mission of God. I don't know about you but when I think of this wedding feast, I think to myself, "I sure want to be there and I hope I'm wearing the right attire." I hope I have an attitude toward Christ that the Father finds pleasing. I don't want him to come over and boot me out of the party! May we all have open hearts for Christ! Amen

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He Restores My Soul

Find the 52 bold words from Psalm 23 (ESV).

D W V N W O D A H S K W L R H
A C U P A M V N S N F I L I O
E X R N N E V E E O V L S G U
H L L I T S N D R E H P E H S
T G O T S D P E O F R I M T E
A K U H O A V A T E L G A E Y
E L T O N E D I S E B O N O F
D A G U R L B E E T R D W U S
P W N G P H N V R W U O D S Q
X D M H B C T O A O Y R F N E
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Think About These Things

Find the 34 bold words from Philippians 4:4-9 (ESV).

Y L E V O L Z R V R E S P N M
E C N E L L E C X E L Y R O I
D S U S E J R R C A B A A I C
Y E D R O L E S H S A W C T O
H M N I E Y C E R O R L T A M
T S C R A C A E I N O A I C M
R E E R A R E N S A N T C I E
O M P S D E P I T B O H E L N
W D O G S A L L V L H I G P D
G N I D N A T S R E D N U P A
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