



*The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.
Matthew 22*

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
OCTOBER 11, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

*We are Disciples of Jesus.
Growing in Faith, Serving our Community and Connecting Others to Christ.*

✝ This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. ✝

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Building a Culture of Generosity ✝ Our 2020 Stewardship Campaign

Our Stewardship Campaign is now underway for the month of October. This year, this unusual year when it seems scarcity is everywhere, we will focus on God's amazing abundance and our generous response to that gift. We will reflect this season on Jesus' teaching, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

It's Camp Sunday in the SC Synod!

In the ELCA Synods in the southeast, we have four outdoor ministry camps that are supported by all of us and loved by all of us! These "places apart" are: Lutheridge, Arden (Asheville), NC + Lutherock, Newland (Boone), NC, Luther Springs, Hawthorne (Gainesville), FL + Lutheranch, Tallapoosa (just Tallapoosa!), GA. During the Offering time, we will see a presentation on these camps by some of the development staff members. The umbrella organization for the four camps is called Novus Way with the main office located at Lutheridge.

✝ GATHERING ✝

Gathering Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>

Come to the Table

Sidewalk Prophets

Welcome + Announcements

Stewardship Mission Moment: Christ Lutheran Preschool

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrKSawW-Ylg&feature=youtu.be>

We Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Lord of the Dance

Doug Felten, guitar

Else Felten, flute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZgvYTz1-sM&feature=youtu.be>

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

✝ WORD ✝

The First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O 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.
²For 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.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For 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,
⁵the 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.

⁶On 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.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he 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.
⁹It 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQid6VgHNec>

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who

was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Confitemini Domino

Taize

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm7cYvKVkKg>

The Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Give us such gracious hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill especially all in need in our Christ Lutheran family and all those who have no one to pray for them this day. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community especially Deep Well, The Little Free Pantry, the Lunch Break. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, you give us everything in abundance. Give us eyes to see it and hearts to believe it. Continue to build in us a culture of generosity. We thank you especially today for our preschool, its staff, parents, and children, for its decades of service in our community and its perseverance through this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, we give thanks for our amazing camping ministry here in the southeast. We are grateful for all who have financially supported our camps in this year without campers. Continue to bless their ministries as places of retreat, prayer, learning, and play in your beautiful creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

While we are in these Zoom meetings, we will provide a time for worshipers to prepare an offering to be mailed in, to go to our website to make a contribution, or take time to pray and consider how God is calling each of us to share our resources with the church and the world.

Visitors in our worship today are encouraged to go to our website <https://clchhi.org/> and send us an email letting us know you were worshipping with us today. If we can support you in any way, please share your need with us.

If you have not already done so, use this time to finish setting your home table for communion.

Offering Presentation

Camp Sunday Video

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yWkxGrHW19qbwPJTDBljAtqjt_NhjGHq/view

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to the Table

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.
Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion

After the pastor says: "The body of Christ given for you, all at home may commune those in their household. Then the pastor will say, "The blood of Christ shed for you" and all may share the wine at home.

✠ SENDING ✠

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of compassion, hope and joy,
Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
Bless your feet to carry you into places of need.
Bless your lips to proclaim love and mercy.
Bless your heart to love and listen to those you encounter.
Bless your hands to care for the needs of your neighbors.
Bless you to be a blessing to others.
Now and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

We Are Called

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdj4N8FMYeY>



Camp Sunday

Sunday, October 11, 2020 in SC Synod

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Upcoming Commemorations

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to

Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

Saturday, October 10, 2020

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Thursday, October 15, 2020

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Pastor Mary Anderson – Presiding

Assisting Minister – Silke Pyrlík, Director of Christian Life

David Kuhlmann, Zoom Producer

Tami Kuhlmann and Pastor Mary – Curators of our Zoom Music Offerings

Baker of the Communion Bread – Paulette Stefanik

Altar Guild for October – Joanne Sebulsky

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