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**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023**

Divine Service, Setting One (p 151)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 813 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

Invocation

Exhortation *LSB 151*

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

Absolution *LSB 151*

Kyrie *LSB 152*

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 25:6–9*

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He 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.

⁹It 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23;

antiphon: v. 5a



¹The LORD is my | shepherd,*

I | shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.
³He re- | stores my soul.*
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.
⁴Even 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.
⁵You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my | enemies;*
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup | overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days | of my life,*
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious 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, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

The Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

¹Again 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, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.

⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And 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. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day: 754 “Entrust Your Days and Burdens”

Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

(During the offering we will sing, "Holy Is the Lord" (Tomlin))

Verse 1

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength

We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Verse 2

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

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Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

vs. 1-2, 5, 7, 10

Announcements and Blessing

Preface *LSB 160*

Proper Preface (Full)

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: "Amazing Love/You Are My King" (Tomlin)

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King

Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You (repeat Verse and Chorus)

Bridge

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King (Chorus)

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Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *LSB 166*

Hymn to Depart: 515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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This Week at St. James

Today (10/15) Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Communion Service – 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Monday (10/16) **Service – 6:30 PM**

Tuesday (10/17) Pastor Starts Vacation – 9:00 AM

Wednesday (10/18) Darrell Bible Study – 10:00 AM

Thursday (10/19) Adult Bells – 6:00 PM
Adult Choir – 7:15 PM

Sunday (10/22) **Worship Service – 9:30 AM**

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (10/15)

Officiant Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector..... Cindy McAuliffe
Organist..... Beth McKay
Deacon(s) David Hood / Bryan Ensing
Ushers..... Dale and Grace Rosema
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
October Altar Guild..... Butler Family
KidzTime Kelsey Butler

Serving Next Sunday (10/22)

Lector..... Irene Talen
Organist..... Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Bryan Ensing / Jerry Talen
Ushers..... LWML
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
October Altar Guild..... Butler Family
KidzTime Cindy McAuliffe

Financial Discipleship: October 8 & 9, 2023

General Fund	\$5,695.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$74.00)</i>	
Tessaro Ministry (Nigeria Mission)	\$123.00
Memorials	\$75.00
TOTAL Contributions	\$5,893.00

Announcements

ISJ Fundraiser: Please join us on Thursday, October 19th from 4pm-8pm at Qdoba on 5150 Northland Drive NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525. 25% of the sales will be given to ISJ. Please pick up a poster on the table in the Narthex.

Dorcas October Lunch: Women of St James are invited to gather at Russ' on Alpine Ave. for lunch. We will meet at 12:30 on Thursday, October 19th. Our

devotion time will focus on prayer and you are invited to bring your thoughts of thanks and concerns that you wish to offer to our Lord in prayer. Please contact Rachel Palmer (616-883-6949 or at palmerrm@comcast.net) to reserve your spot.

A New Four Week Bible Study Will Begin October 29th!

An integral part of our stewardship emphasis, **Stewards Living with Purpose**, is a four week Bible study. The first of four Bible studies will begin on Sunday, October 29th. The Bible study is entitled, **"Do All to the Glory of God"** --*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31). In all we do, we should strive to give God the glory that He deserves. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live lives that seek to please and honor the Lord. As people of faith, our purpose is not to live for ourselves but for Jesus.

The other Bible studies in this discipleship emphasis are:

- Be My Witnesses (November 5)
- Serve One Another (November 12)
- Be Generous in Every Way (November 19)



NECM: We are still doing a drive for food. Please find that the drop off box has been moved into the coat room!

Trunks of Treats: We'll be putting up the **Trunks of Treats** banners in the next couple days! Neighborhood yard signs and fliers will also be distributed later this week. Less than 2 weeks away now, and you are working to fill up the church parking lots so keep it coming; the more the merrier! Saturday, 10/28, 2:30- 4, *with set up beginning at 1:15!* We also would like to thank Thrivent for a \$100 grant for extra candy.

A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine, but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcohol grape juice. Just let Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.