



*“At the Table of God”*

*Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm*  
*Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 8:00 am & 11:00 am*

## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **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!

*Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (\*).*

### **THE PRELUDE**

Laura Moes, Accompanist

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **THE WELCOME**

Pastor Chris Matthis

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

LSB 694



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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**+ PREPARATION +**

**\*INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and ✠ of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

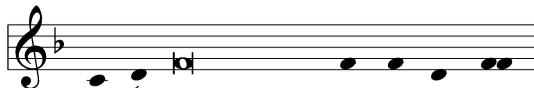
People: **O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O 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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## \*KYRIE

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Pastor: **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



People: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: **A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



People: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: **A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: **A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

People: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: **A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

People: **C** A - men.

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"This Is the Feast"*

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*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

*(Death shall be swallowed up forever.)*

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.

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

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.

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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SONG** (8:00 am & 11:00 am)

*“What a Friend”*

Men’s Ensemble

### EPISTLE

*Philippians 4:4-13*

*(Rejoice in the Lord always.)*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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. Not that I am

speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*ALLELUIA

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:1-14*

*(The Parable of the guests to the wedding feast)*

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 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.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 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.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding

garment?’ And he was speechless. 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.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Matthis

## SERMON HYMN

*“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”*

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1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, “Come to the wed-ding feast.”  
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er’s face;  
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic’s voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav’n - ly joy takes place:  
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets’ ho - ly band;  
 From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
 And grant us heav’n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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## SERMON

Pastor Chris Matthis

## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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 shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped 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.

## OFFERING

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.epiphanylc.org](http://www.epiphanylc.org) and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.*



*If you wish to mail your gift, send your check to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 550 E. Wolfensberger Rd., Castle Rock, CO 80109.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

Handbells

*(8:00 am & 11:00 am)*

*Taken from LSB 849, handbell arrangement – John Behnke*

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.*

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition is read Pastor says, "Let us pray to the Lord," and Congregation responds with, "**Lord, have mercy.**"*

## **+SACRAMENT+**

### **\*PREFACE**

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**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **\*WORDS OF OUR LORD** (*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*)

**Pastor:** 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."

### **\*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**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.

### \*THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### \*AGNUS DEI

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☐ 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.

### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion or the Eucharist, is celebrated at Epiphany Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, and to strengthen our unity with Christ and our Christian brothers and sisters. Our Lord invites to His table those baptized Christians who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive others as He loves and forgives us. Scripture urges us to examine our conscience and belief about Holy Communion before we partake of the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28). Because those who partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily do so to their great harm, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder. For further study, see Matthew 26:26-29; 5:23-26; 18:15-35; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:17-34.

Children and uninstructed youth and adults may receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest, which is known as the sign of St. Andrew's cross.

White grape juice and gluten free Communion wafers are available for those with alcohol sensitivity or gluten intolerance.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN (5:00 pm only)

*"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"*

LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

Handbells

(8:00 am & 11:00 am)

*The communion song, "Dona Nobis Pacem" is arranged by Larry Sue (ASCAP). The Latin words Dona nobis pacem mean "Grant us peace" and come from the Agnus Dei portion of our Divine Service.*

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (*Thank the Lord*)

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless You and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
*Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**  
(11:00 am)

*"Dona Nobis Pacem"*

Adult Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”*

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1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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# SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND

(October 10-11, 2020)

**Readings:** *(Old Testament)* Isaiah 25:6-9  
*(Epistle)* Philippians 4:4-13 *(Holy Gospel)* Matthew 22:1-14

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Preacher</b>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
<b>Elders</b>	<i>Rich Rath</i>	<i>Todd Rychecky</i>	<i>Mike Huntley</i>
<b>Accompanist</b>	<i>Laura Moes</i>	<i>Laura Moes</i>	<i>Laura Moes</i>
<b>Sound System</b>		<i>Mike Kozimko</i>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Shawn Clark</i>		<i>Heidi Stewart</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Karen Engebretson</i>		<i>Karen Engebretson</i>
<b>Children's Message</b>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>NURSERY CLOSED</b>	<b>NURSERY CLOSED</b>
<b>Greeters</b>			
<b>Lectors</b>	<i>Cathy Beers</i>	<i>Noye Balmer</i>	<i>Chuck Jones</i>
<b>Snacks</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Suspended</b>
<b>Ushers</b>		<i>Jerry Sundby</i>	



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