

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Ludington, Michigan**

Welcome in the name of Jesus!  
We're so glad you chose to worship with us this morning.  
May Gods' Spirit touch us all through His Word today  
and through the love of His people. Nothing is too hard for our God!  
If you are physically unable to stand for any or all of the worship service,  
please feel free to remain seated.

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 23**

At the Table of God

October 11, 2020



**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!

**✘ PREPARATION ✘**

**INVOCATION**

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

**HYMN** “Christ is Our Cornerstone” *LSB 912*

**Christ is our cornerstone, On Him a lone we build;  
With His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.**

**Here may we gain from heav’n The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv’n, Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.**

**Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1*

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,  
People: **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

Leader: I will be glad and exult in You;  
People: **I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD;  
People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Leader: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.  
People: **Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*LSB 549 vs. 1, 6, 7*

**All Hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!**

**We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

## **SALUTATION**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Leader:** 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Isaiah 25:6–9*    The Lord will bring salvation to His people.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**    *Philippians 4:4–13*    Encouragement for joyful Christian living

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**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*    The parable about the wedding feast

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

## SERMON

"Celebrations"

Vicar Pete Engblade

## CREED

*Apostles' Creed**as found in back of hymnal*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING &amp; PRAYER

(Members and Visitors: We would appreciate it if you would please take this time to fill out and pass the "Who's In The Pew" folders, located at the center aisle end of each pew.)

Leader: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, symbols of your gracious love.  
People: **Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: 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,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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, [*especially . . .*]. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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,

**People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Leader: We sing our Lord's Prayer:

"Lord's Prayer"

HFG 440

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

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

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING SENTENCES** *Philippians 3:20–22; 4:20*

**Leader:** But 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.

**People:** **To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** 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 ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**HYMN** “On What Has Now Been Sown” *LSB 921*

**On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow’r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!**

**To Thee our wants are known,  
From Thee are all our pow’rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.**

**O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home:  
E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

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