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19th Sunday After Pentecost
"The Great Banquet"

Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!

We Gather In The Presence Of God

“The Great Banquet”

Matthew 22:1-14

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.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Today is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: We rejoice in the Lord always, for He is good! Our circumstances may be hard, our lives may be full of sorry, but we will choose to rejoice in the Lord! He gives and He takes away. We trust You, God.

Pastor: Father in Heaven, we are the sheep of Your pasture and You are our Great Shepherd who leads us beside the quiet waters. We watch Your staff as You lead us through the valley, and we do not fear for You are with us. We are surrounded by evil, but Your goodness prevails. Give us today Your peace and Your comfort, we pray.

People: In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Opening Song – O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
to the great God triune.

New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises,
to Father, and to Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.



We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Lord, You tell us to not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, to present our requests to You.

People: **You promise us peace that transcends all understanding as we guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: But we confess that we choose anxiety and worry and grief over prayer. Our tendencies to turn to addictions, fear, gossip, or numbness overtake us too often. We are weak without You.

People: **Please forgive us of our sin habits. Give us the motivation, encouragement, and strength to pursue You, Jesus, with all that we are. We need You!**

Pastor: What a joy it is for me to share this great news: When we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness, the Lord keeps His promises and reconciles through the blood of Jesus Christ. We are made new and cleansed from all unrighteousness. You have been created in the image of God and are freed for service in His name. You are forgiven! You are loved! Thanks, and praise to God! The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

God Speaks Through His Word

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.

Pastor: 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. ... This is God's Word

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Pastor: 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." ... This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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Message

“The Great Banquet”
Matthew 22:1-14

We Bring Our Praises, Prayers And Gifts

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: We believe in the Eternal God, the Creator of the Universe and Beyond, the Giver of life and breath.

People: **We believe in Jesus Christ, the begotten Son of God, who was crucified, died, buried, and was resurrected on the third day. We believe that He is the only way to Heaven, and He is the only way, the only truth, and the only life.**

Pastor: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Healer, and the lover of our souls. We believe He is with us and sustains us and directs us always back to the Father.

People: **We believe in the Kingdom of God. His Kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.**

The Prayers

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

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

Pastor: O Lord,
People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

The 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.

Closing Sentences (Philippians 3:20–22; 4:20)

Pastor: 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

Pastor: 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.

Closing Song - Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Birthday Blessings To - Sebastian Stein on Tuesday

Anniversary Blessings To - Bob Atkins& Nancy deVillers on Friday

Worship Services – There are three ways to worship at Peace Lutheran Church during this time of Covid.

Live Stream - Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73855305624?pwd=ZEZpQkZNBEx5VmtUYTBKUnlLQjJkZz09>

Meeting ID: 738 5530 5624

Passcode: plcmarin

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Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

Communion – After worship from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Carport Fellowship – Sunday, October 25, 10:15 a.m.

Weekly Devotional Helps

October 11- October 17, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – October 12

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 11:1-25

Matthew 12:1-21

Tuesday – October 13

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12

Matthew 12:22-37

Wednesday – October 14

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 12:13-32

Matthew 12:38-50

Thursday – October 15

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 13:1-18

Matthew 13:1-23

Friday – October 16

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23,
14:28-15:15

Matthew 13:24-43

Saturday – October 17

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22

Matthew 13:44-58

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Pentecost 20

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Commemorations

October 15 - Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582: 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.

October 17 - Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115: 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.

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