



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.'

Matthew 22:8-9

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

11:00AM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN

“Praise the Almighty”

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C my soul shall exult in my God,

P for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

C He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Allen Pote

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-13

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

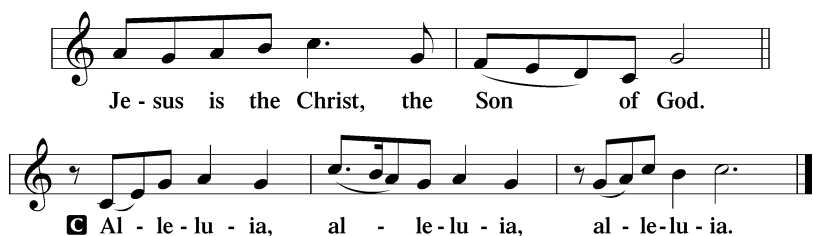
ALLELUIA & VERSE



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



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” 813

SERMON

“Save the Date”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

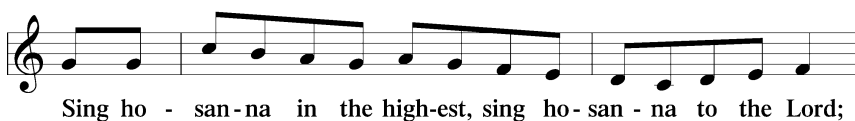
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

¶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

¶ Holy and mighty Lord, we give You thanks for having made all things and for Your patient mercy in dealing with us sinners who deserved nothing of Your kindness. Grant us grace in Christ that all our sins be forgiven and that we be covered with the righteousness of Christ and may worthily approach the

Table of our Lord today and in eternity be welcomed into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **633**

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” **631**

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” 923

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

