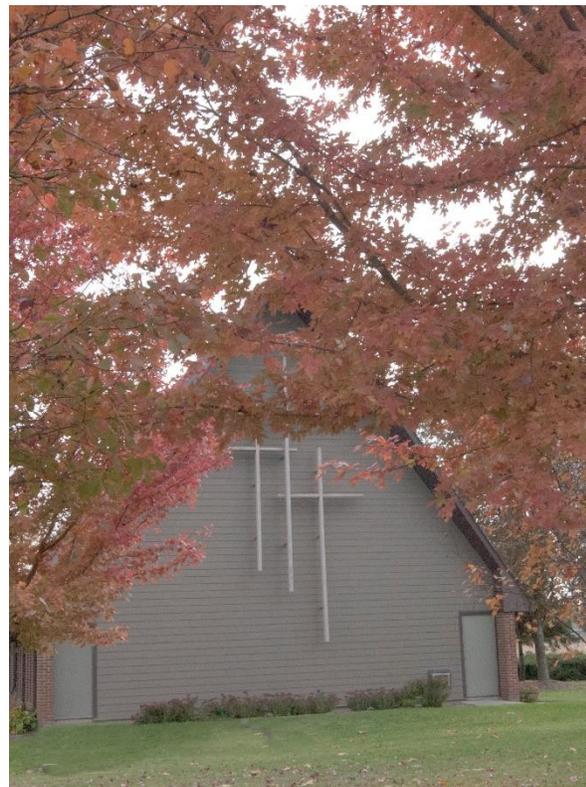


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25th 2020

By Grace Alone! We Thank You, Lord

1. By grace alone! We thank you, Lord, for showing us your kindness.
We could not find our way to you; sin had us plunged in blindness.
No good in us your love has earned; Your gracious heart alone has yearned To make us yours forever.
2. By faith alone! With this we claim the righteousness God gave us.
We live by faith in God's free grace, what he has done to save us.
The Holy Spirit makes us wise To turn from sin and then to prize God's promises in Scripture.
3. In Scripture only! There we see God's truthful revelation Of our deep need, and Jesus' love that worked for us salvation.
The Holy Spirit's means of grace, The Bible is the only place To learn of God's rich mercy.
4. Through Christ alone! His sinless life fulfilled God's precepts for us.
His death removed God's righteous wrath that hung so fearsome o'er us.
His resurrection proves that we Are saved, and have the right to be God's heirs, with heav'n before us.
5. All glory be to God alone! We praise and bless him ever.
Free grace, true faith, his Word are ours, and Christ will leave us never.
O Holy Spirit, be our guide,
That we in saving faith abide And serve God with our actions!



Joy Higuchi, 2017

May be sung to "Allein Gott in der Höh Sei Ehr" (CW 263), "Nun Freut Euch, Lieben Christen" (CW 377), or "Es Ist das Heil" (CW 390).

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am – Bible Class 9:15

WELCOME

ORDER OF SERVICE:

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who works in us both the desire to throw off the slavery of sin and the power to live a new life.
May the Lord renew us in body, mind, and spirit.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, you are our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress. With contrite hearts and troubled spirits we come to you for healing and help. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and refresh us with your Holy Spirit, that we may declare your praise and teach your saving ways, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father,**

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.

For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.**

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

Prayer

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Scriptures

Old Testament—*Isaiah 25:6–9*

Epistle—*Philippians 4:4–13*

Gospel—*Matthew 22:1–10*

The Church Year

In the Old Testament reading, Isaiah 25:6–9, the prophet places the picture of a festive banquet before our eyes to depict the joyous blessings of salvation which the Lord has prepared for all people. A jubilant song of praise follows the good news that our Lord “will swallow up death forever.”

The Epistle lesson, Philippians 4:4–13, is characterized by Paul’s exhortation to “rejoice in the Lord always.” The Apostle urges his Philippian brothers to put into practice all he had taught them. Finally, Paul lets them in on the “secret of being content” whatever the circumstances.

In the Gospel lesson, Matthew 22:1–10, we hear Jesus teach the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. Those who refused to attend the king’s lavish banquet were destroyed. The king then sent out his servants to invite all to come, and in this way “the wedding hall was filled.”

All three readings serve to remind us that our heavenly King has gone to great lengths to bring lasting joy and happiness into our lives. Our gracious God spared no expense in preparing the feast of our salvation, not even the life of his one and only Son.

Isaiah 25:6–9 (NIV84) — 6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Philippians 4:4–13 (NIV84) — 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content

in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Matthew 22:1–10 (NIV84)

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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1 When all your mercies, O my God,
My waking soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

3 Through ev'ry passing phase of life
Your goodness I'll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

2 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ,
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes these gifts with joy.

4 Through all eternity to you
A joyful song I'll raise,
But, oh, eternity's too short
To utter all your praise.

SERMON: Matthew 22:1-14 -- My Time is Your Time!

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

C: Amen.

219 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.