

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:1–9*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### Epistle: *Ephesians 5:15–21*

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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### Holy Gospel: *Matthew 22:1–14*

And 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.”

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### ✠ Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness ✠

*The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast” (Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: “He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.” (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21).*

# Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

October 17, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2021

**COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

**Introit** *(Sing to the Tune of C)*

**☩ The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,**

**for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.**

**Glorify your name, | O Lord;**

**and deal with us according to your great | mercy.**

**Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised**

**in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.**

**We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,**

**in the midst of your | temple.**

**As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.**

**Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**

**Let Mount Zion | be glad!**

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!**

*(Sing Gloria Patri p.186)*

## Prayers of the Church

**☩** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**☩** Holy One of Israel, righteous in all Your works toward us, Your name be glorified. Deal with us not according to our sins, but according to Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Your kingdom come, O Lord. Preserve the invitation of Your saving Gospel among us, that many may come into Your Son's eternal wedding feast. Protect and vindicate Your servants who preach and teach Your Word, and guard their families from those who oppose their ministry and way of life. Open our ears to listen diligently to Your living and life-giving Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Your will be done, O Lord. Bless our homes, that generation after generation may walk not as unwise but as wise, and so redeem these evil days until Your Son's return. In this foolish world, fill us with Your Spirit, that we would give You thanks and submit to all authorities out of reverence for Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Give us bread that satisfies and all that is needful not for our sakes, but graciously on account of Christ. Provide, we pray, for every need of body and soul, especially for.... Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Forgive us our trespasses, O Lord, in this Supper prepared through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and delivered according to His testament. Gathered together with Your guests, lead us to forgive those who trespass against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**☩** Spare us from all temptations, Lord, and deliver us from evil. In true repentance, lead us to forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and return to You for abundant pardon, seeking You while You may be found, that when Christ returns in His glory, we may not be cast into the outer darkness but welcomed into His everlasting wedding hall by grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Divine Service

*Setting Three*



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