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19th Sunday after Pentecost

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Matthew 22:1,2

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

We strive to live to follow God's commandments but we fall short. In this time of confession we will bring before God our shortcoming and ask God for forgiveness. Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism that in Confession "[you] reflect on your walk of life in light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or injured anything." (ELW page 1165)

This morning we confess to God in silence.

You may read the Ten Commandments to help you reflect last week.

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P: Apostle Paul reminds us that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8: 38-39) God forgives all our sins. Let us live in new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

ELW# 521

Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Scripture 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.

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.”

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

ELW# 719

Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others.

We especially pray

for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;

for the well-being of creation;

for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, and our community;

for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely;

for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Additional prayer will be lifted here.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Leader will lead the Lord's Prayer and you may pray in silence .

Sending

God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again ” ELW#536

