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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Opening Song Gathering in Spirit & Grace “Blessed Be Your Name”

Redman

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

vs. 1 Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.

vs. 2 Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.
Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

ref: “Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.” *(repeat refrain)*

Litany Trusting God’s Signs of Love, written, based on Psalm 145

Pastor: Today, we celebrate and give thanks, the One whose name is truly blessed, invites us to live anew in every sign of God’s love and grace, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: People of God: The Lord knows our hearts go astray; we do not always follow his ways. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to accept God’s invitation, to be, and to see, his blessed signs of love. *(silence for reflection)* Friends in Christ: Hear God’s inviting grace in these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. You are his treasured signs of love! He is our God, we are his people, the sheep of his hand. Trust anew God’s eternal invitation: You are a beloved, forgiven, and saved, child of our heavenly Father!

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and loving God, we thank you and praise you, for all good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. By your Holy Spirit and grace, reveal to us once again, the countless signs of your love. Give us faith to answer your every invitation, to see you invite us each and every day, to trust you love us first, to treasure all you place in our care, to share your invitation and signs of love with one and all. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

(all read bold print)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, **but they would not come.** Again he sent other servants, 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.’ **But they made light of it and went away,** one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then 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.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” (NRSV)

“Jesus Loves Me” (*Sung by Worship Leaders*) & **Children’s Sermon**

Sermon

“Signs of Love . . . Answering The Invitation!”

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song Of Abundant Grace “**Children of The Heavenly Father**”

(*Sung by Worship Leaders*)

- vs. 1 Children of the heav’nly Father, Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven, Such a refuge ne’er was given.
- vs. 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, In his mighty arms he bears them.
- vs. 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children, ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy.

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

All: We trust anew in your signs of love and grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

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, as you trust anew every sign of God's love, in the grace of Jesus Christ. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, blessed to be God's people and God's Church, together serving The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew in Spirit & Grace "Better Is One Day"

Redman

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

vs. 1 How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty
My soul doth long and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

ref: Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere
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Better is one day in Your house,
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Song During Holy Communion “The Table”
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

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- vs. 1 I will feast at the table of the Lord.
 I will feast at the table of the Lord.
 I won't hunger anymore at His table. (*repeat*)
- ref: Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy,
 His burden light. He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.
- vs. 2 There is peace at the table of the Lord.
 There is peace at the table of the Lord.
 I won't worry anymore at His table.
- vs. 3 There is healing at the table of the Lord.
 There is healing at the table of the Lord.
 Oh, and I won't suffer anymore at His table. (*refrain*)
- bridge: Oh, I know He has a place for me.
 Oh, what joy will fill my heart.
 With the saints around the mercy seat of God. (*refrain*)
- vs. 4 I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
 I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
 He says come just as you are to His table.

***Join us next Sunday, October 18, as we celebrate
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, "Signs of Love ... All Is God's!"
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!***

***As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!***

You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!

***Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to
God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings
of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab
to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab
to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!***

Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!

Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.

***For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the Signup Genius links
in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!***

***For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.***

***We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.***

***In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible
to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed
to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!***

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!

***From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days,
days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet,
still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org***

***We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew***

***God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every sign of God's love and grace!***

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“SIGNS OF LOVE ANSWERING THE INVITATION!”
OCTOBER 11, 2020 – INDOOR WORSHIP
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ISAIAH 25:1-9; PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9; MATTHEW 22:1-14
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

When you get an invitation, what is your reaction? Are you excited? Do you wonder who you will see, what you will do? Are you quick to RSVP? Do you wait and see how your schedule plays out? If nothing else comes up, if the time stays open, if nothing better comes your way, is that when you say you will attend? Do you look at who the invitation is from? Maybe the invite comes from someone you do not know well? Maybe the invite comes from someone who is not your favorite person? Maybe you wonder why you were invited, how you made the list? Do you know Jesus is inviting you, has invited you, wants to welcome you, is ready for you? As we share the parable of the wedding banquet, as we continue our journey through God’s signs of love, we are reminded: God invites us every day to receive, come to, celebrate, trust, pass along, signs of love entrusted into our care! God invites us every day to come to the table together, to build on our relationships, faith and spirit! God invites us every day to boldly say, yes, to his invitation, without delay! God invites us to be blessed each day by the signs of love God shares with us, gives to us, to join in the feast, and much more! As we accept God’s invitation, let us see there is no other place we would rather be than with Christ and God’s people, sharing a table full, a heart full, with signs of love!

1. What is your first response when you get an invitation? Matthew 22:3,5
 - A. “I can’t wait!”
 - B. “I’m going to try and make it.”
 - C. “I’m busy, but I’ll see.”
 - D. “I don’t want to go and be with so and so.”
 - E. “I don’t even know this person that well.”
 - F. “Why was I invited?” vs. “I can’t believe I was invited!”

2. Do you know the signs of love God invites you to behold? Have you ever not accepted an invitation, and then found out later what you really missed? We are invited to receive signs of love, to come to signs of love, to celebrate, trust anew, pass around signs of love, to not miss a thing, thanks to God’s grace! Philipians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:2-4,11-12,14
 - A. We are invited to be reconciled.
 - B. We are invited to take our place.
 - C. We are invited to a feast.
 - D. We are invited to know peace.
 - E. We are invited to be graced with a calling.
 - F. We are invited to be part of the Kingdom.
 - G. We are invited to be signs of love!

3. How do you feel when you plan a get together, when you have thought long and hard about the list, and then people appear disinterested? How does it feel when people either say they cannot come, or they do not even respond?
Philippians 4:8; Matthew 22:3,5,7-8,11
- A. How do you think God feels when we do not RSVP?
 - B. God, our perfect Sign of Love, has created, provided, graced us with signs of love. As we accept God's invitation, come to the table, and boldly believe, we will be surprised once again!
4. Do you trust God, who could invite anyone, invites you? Trust God invites you, wants you, saves a place for you, graces you, saves you, has signs of love waiting just for you!
Philippians 4:1,4-8; Matthew 22:2,9,14
- A. Do you know Jesus has prepared a place just for you? Trust all God has done, is doing, so you have a place in the Kingdom!
 - B. Jesus chose to invite you, and the person next to you. Believe anew, God has invited you and your neighbor! Receive, enjoy, live in God's grace! God's signs of love, are for one and all!