



***“Reaching, Caring and
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WELCOME TO BETHEL in the name of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We're glad that you've joined us for worship! May this time together, gathered around God's Word, be a blessing to all. As you hear of and receive God's forgiveness in Christ, and return your thanksgiving and praise, it is our prayer that you will be strengthened in your faith and your life as a child of God.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE which we will be following this morning is printed in the Lutheran Service Book found in your pew rack, and the appointed Scripture readings for today may be found in this bulletin. Feel free to ask a member of Bethel who may be sitting near you for help if anything appears unclear.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the belief that, as He says, our LORD gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our LORD invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin and who desire to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. In order to be faithful to our LORD's command that those who commune first examine themselves according to the Word of God (I Corinthians 11:27-30), and because participation in Holy Communion demonstrates agreement with the faith and teachings of this congregation (I Corinthians 10:16-18), we ask that those who commune be confirmed members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor if you have any questions.



*For those unable to drink wine, white grape juice can be found in
the center of each individual cup tray.*

*For those with gluten sensitivity, gluten free bread is available upon request
from the Pastor at the Communion rail.*

PLEASE NOTE: If you, or someone in your family, would like to receive communion where you are seated, please let Pastor or one of the ushers know.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 15, 2017

HYMN OF INVOCATION #813, stz. 1-4 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

READINGS: *(printed on the back pages of the bulletin)*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(sung)*

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

HYMN OF THE DAY #516 “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN # 619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

HYMN # 676 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

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

HYMN # 636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

CLOSING HYMN #813, stz. 5-7 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,
²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And 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.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”