



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” **803**

Confession and Absolution **203**

Introit **Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Ps. 146:2**

- [P]** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
[C] **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
[P] I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
[C] **my soul shall exult in my God,**
[P] for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
[C] **he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**
[P] as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
[C] **and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
[P] I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
[C] **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis **204**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- [P]** The Lord be with you.
[C] **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9 ESV

- ⁶ On 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.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- ⁸ He 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.
- ⁹ It 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13 ESV

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

⁸ Finally, 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I 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. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I 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. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 22:1–14 ESV

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Again 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, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ 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.” ’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ 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.

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

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed 206

Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” 515

Sermon “Uplook Changes Outlook!” **Philippians 4:4–13**

Prayer of the Church

Pam Kemp, Irene Montgomery, Kathy Miller (Neil’s, Susan’s, and Patti’s sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe’s sister), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

Final petition concludes

P Heavenly King, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise that, spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Service of the Sacrament 208-212

Distribution Hymns 628, 829

Closing Hymn “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship” 949

Postlude

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