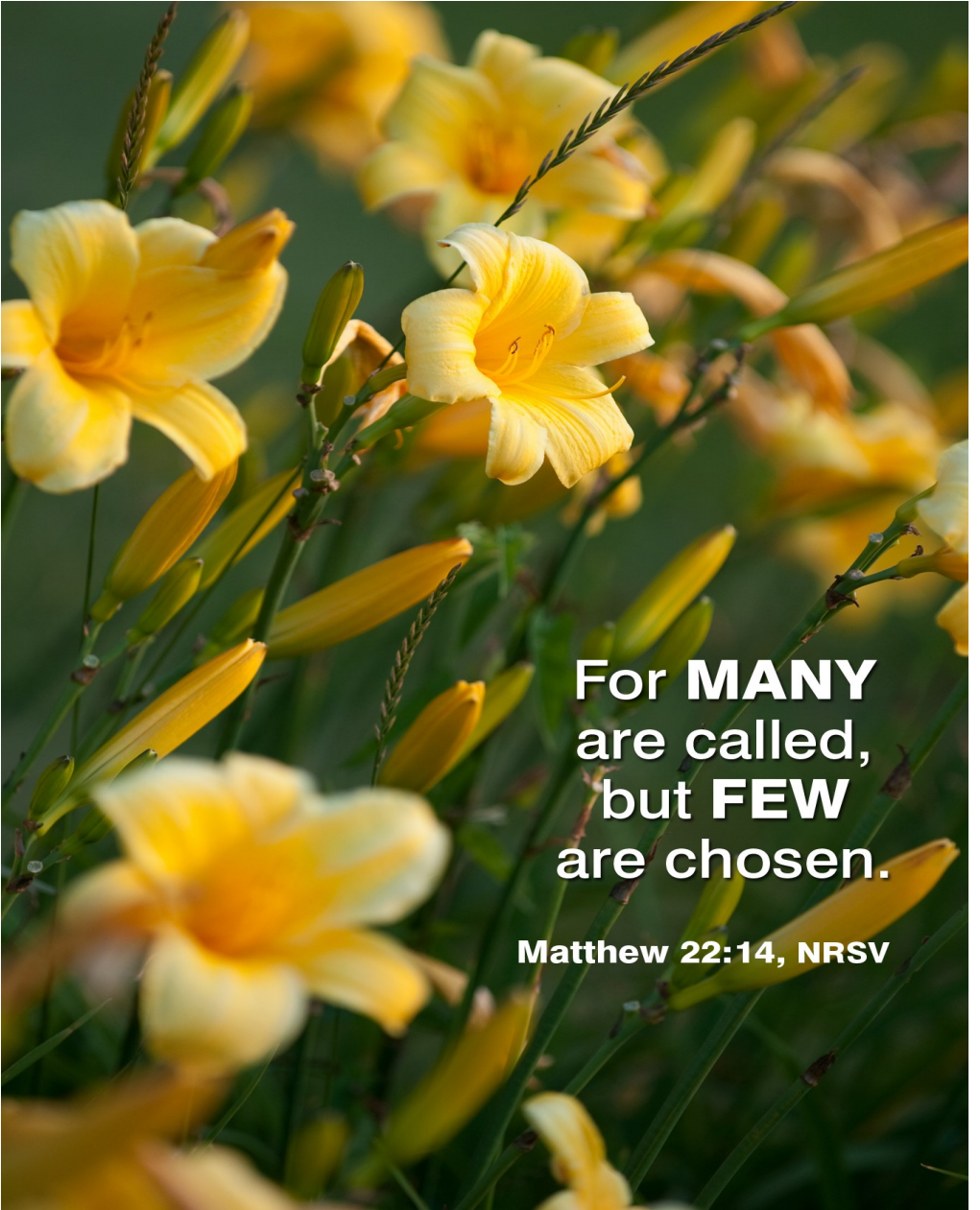


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**For MANY
are called,
but FEW
are chosen.**

Matthew 22:14, NRSV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, October 11, 2020

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **Guest Preacher:** Rev. Henry Witte

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Bob Grothaus Team

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Chaney Neff

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER "Come to the table." In our daily experiences, there is no invitation that is more readily received and fully appreciated. To be at the table is to be assured of nourishment and refreshment. In Psalm 23, we are told of a table that is prepared under challenging circumstances. Yet, even there, the cup of God's blessing overflows. Our gathering for worship and our coming to the Table of the Lord is a weekly experience of overflowing blessing filled with signs of God's gracious presence. We rejoice that we are invited to His amazing table!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP 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.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1*

P: I was glad when they said to me,

C: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

P: I will be glad and exult in You;

C: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

C: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Opening Song “Your Name”

*As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.*

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray, come, and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your name.

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'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

But Your name. But Your name.

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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Isaiah 25:6–9 (The Lord will bring salvation to His people.)

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.”

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4–13 (Encouragement for joyful Christian living)

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.

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14 (The parable about the wedding feast)

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, 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.”

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Song of Instruction “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat last line)

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The Word *"God's Great Invitation"* Matthew 22:1–14 Rev. Henry Witte

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Exodus 25:1– The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for Me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves Him you shall receive the contribution for Me.”

Offertory “The Heart of Worship”

Verse 1 When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

Chorus: I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

Verse 2 King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. (Chorus)
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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Our God”

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger. God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power. Our God, our God.
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
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And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? (repeat chorus)

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Worship Services	Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.) Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.
Youth & Adult Bible Classes	9:30 a.m.
Pastor:	Rev. Kenneth Hsu
Christian Day School:	Preschool through Grade 5 (before and after school care)
Principal:	Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis
School Financial Consultant:	Mr. Lon Stuhr
Other Ministries for Children:	Vacation Bible School
Other Ministries for Youth:	Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Juniors in Fellowship Confirmation Program
Other Ministries for Adults:	Young at Heart Club (Dinners on 3rd Sunday noon) Friends of Christ Fellowship Club Women's League, Women's Circles, Sewing Group Prayer Chain, Soup Kitchen Volunteer Church Library, Lamplighters Evangelism

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