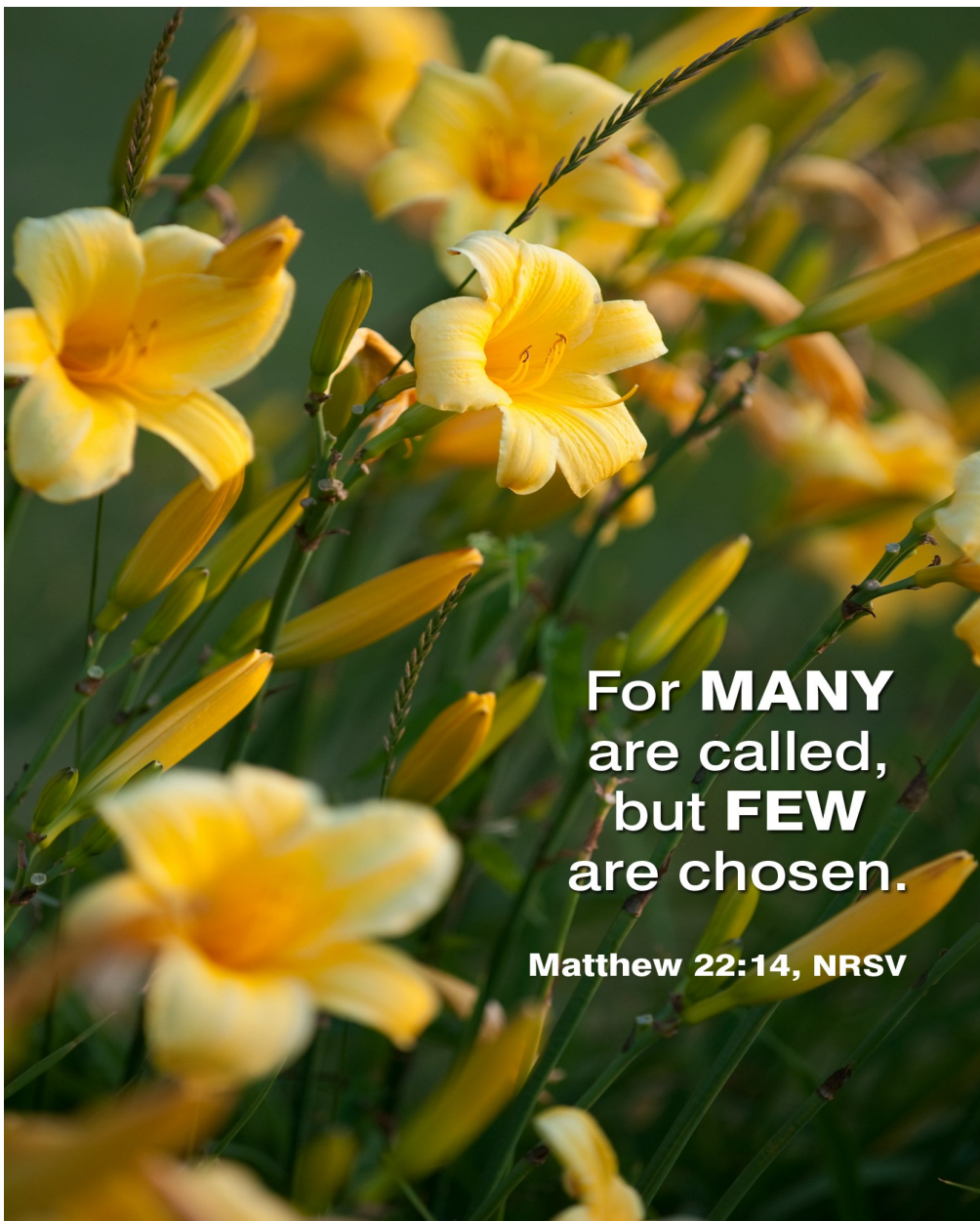


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**For MANY
are called,
but FEW
are chosen.**

Matthew 22:14, NRSV

6 p.m. Sat., October 10 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., October 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

(6 p.m. Sat., Oct. 10 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Oct. 11, 2020)

Servants of God's House

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

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Ushers: Nick Gunn Team

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

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Charlotte Grothaus

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.

DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

LSB 981 vs.1,3,5,7

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

(A moment of silence for reflection of God’s word and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

The Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy” (*Sung*) *Mark 10:47*

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis- “Glory to God in the Highest” (*Sung*)

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P: Glory be to God on high,

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness and care. Grant us a full sense of being a community gathered together in Your love as we await the company of saints and angels in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King. Amen.

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

<p>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</p>	<p>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.”</p>
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

**C: He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

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

<p>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,</p>	<p>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,</p>
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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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Verse *Revelation 22:17*

C: Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” Let the one who hears say, “Come.” Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*Sung*)

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.

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 be to Thee, O Christ. (*Sung*)

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The Apostles' Creed

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day

“In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

Sermon “God’s great invitation” Matthew 22:1–14 Pastor Henry Witte

Offering of God’s People to their Beloved Savior

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: Thank you for joining 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 Hymn

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB 894

(stand as you are able)

The Offertory (Sung) Psalm 51:10-12

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

P: With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are in need of special petitions this day, including the injured or ill, people in hospitals or other care centers, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, especially Linda Brinkert. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Patricia Peirce, Anthony Strong, Rachel Carney, Christopher Ford, Rane Collins, Julie Collins, Tyler Dodds and Candice Davis. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen. *(Sung)*

The Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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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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