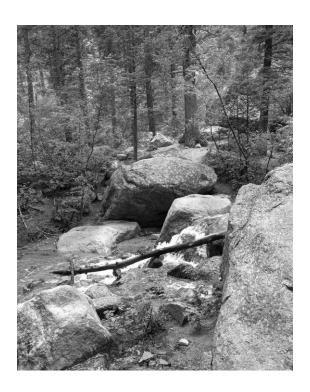
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday of the Wedding Feast

"Resisting the Flesh at Home in the World"



"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!"

Isaiah 55:1

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask **visitors who are not members of the LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Samuel Frank (8 a.m.), Brett Allen (10:45 a.m.)

Kantors: Cantate Domino Choir (8 a.m.); Women's Kantorei (10:45 a.m.)

The Word in Music

Prelude: "Built on the Rock" – Settings by Zach Unke & Pamela M. Robertson

Offering: "What Is the World to Me" –Setting by Elizabeth Grimpo Postlude: REGENT SQUARE – Setting by Pamela M. Robertson

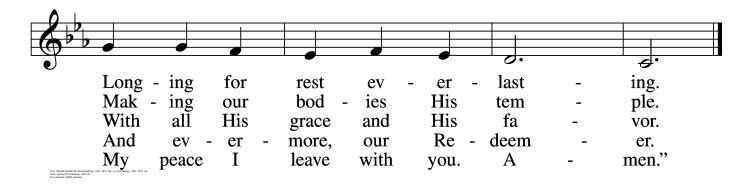
Kantor's notes: Both our Old Testament and our Gospel readings today invite us to find our spiritual sustenance in God's promises in Word and Sacrament. God graciously calls and invites us, and we respond to Him by seeking Him where He may be found. Today's hymnody reflects on God's calling and our seeking. The third stanza of our hymn of the day (LSB 557), for example, assures us that Christ "will impart His blessings without measure" to those who seek Him. Thus, we depart from the Lord's house praying, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (LSB 924).

Hymn of the Season: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB 940) (www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns)

Divine Service Setting 3

Prelude:





Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Absolution

- 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.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text



The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,* for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.

Glorify your name, | O Lord;* and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,* in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.* Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,* for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.

Glorify your name, O Lord;*

and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Isaiah 55:1–9

1"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

Gradual "All Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Spring" (8 a.m.) – Handel/Ehret "All who are thirsty, come to the spring which shall never run dry.

Drink deep of the spring of eternal life. Come to the spring, the Word of God.

Drink deep of the spring of eternal life, which is the living Word of God."

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary" (10:45 a.m)

LSB 684

Epistle Ephesians 5:15–21

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

Stand

Verse LSB 190

- C Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.
- A Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;* incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!
- C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1–14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 191

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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Sermon

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

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.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

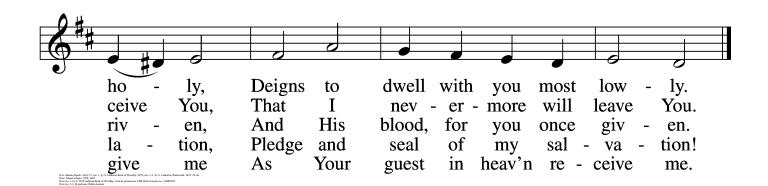
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

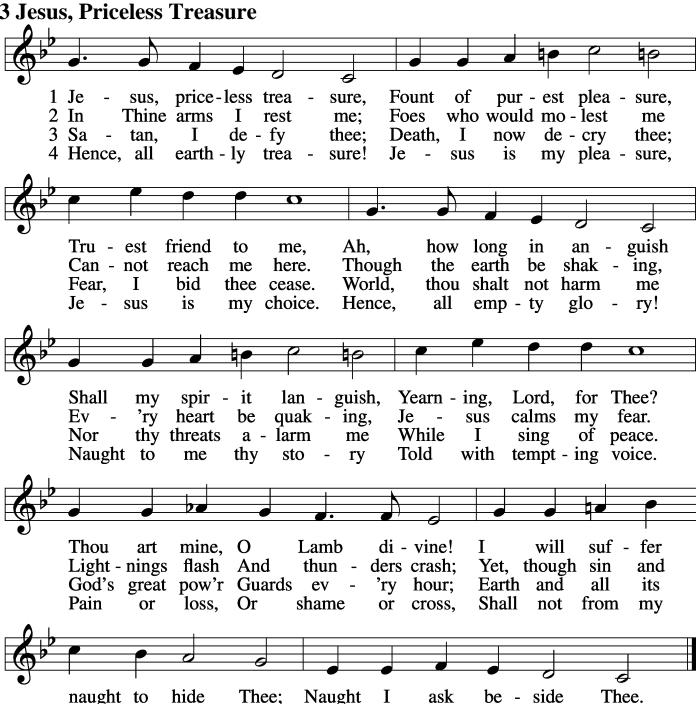
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution





743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me. Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.

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Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
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Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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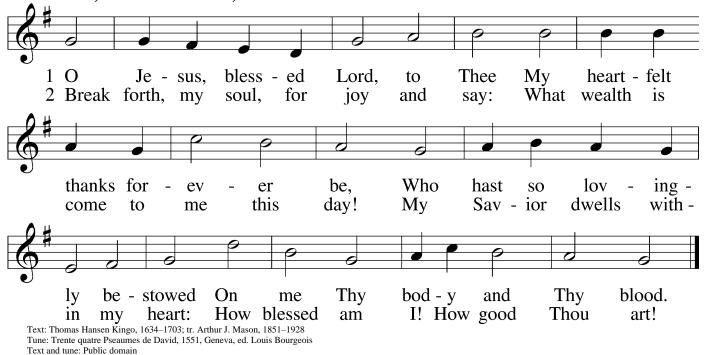
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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- **A** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

- 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.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
•	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Festival Choir
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Christ Academy
	7:00 p.m.	October Fun Fest Wrap Up
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Miles Maurice (grandson of Joel & Paulette Maurice), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Barb Kallesen, Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony and Shirley Gust), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn)

Steve and Alynn Cory and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt Our circuit congregations and pastors Our nation, city, and community; Those serving in the armed forces

News and Notes

Christ Academy Meal: Sponsors for this week's meal are Jan Steenbock and Shirley Walker. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. If you would like to sponsor a complete meal, the sign -up sheet is downstairs by the coffee pot. If you have questions, please call Karen Burns of the Hospitality Team (712-309-1070).

Oktober Fun Fest wrap up – There will be a meeting after Christ Academy Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00pm to discuss this year's October Fun Fest, and to begin planning for next year.

October Sing-Along will be on Thursday, October 17th, at 3:00 p.m. at FoxRun Assisted Living (3121 Macineery Dr.). Join Dr. Christensen and the group for a fun hour of singing, with cookies to follow.

If you are interested in singing in the **Festival Choir** for Reformation Sunday, please join us for rehearsal the next two Mondays at 7 p.m. All singers are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Frank.

Reformation Potluck – Be thinking what you want to bring for the Reformation Potluck after the late service on October 27. More information to follow.

You are invited to a **Bride-To-Be-Brunch** in honor of Laura Jean Wurdeman on November 16th, here at St. Paul's. Please R.S.V.P. to Paige at (712)-307-2399. Laura and Adam are registered at Target and Amazon.

Website: adamandlaura.minted.us.

Catechism

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

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