

A long dining table is elegantly set for a wedding feast. The table is covered with a bright yellow tablecloth. Each place setting includes a white plate with a silver rim, silverware, and a glass. Yellow napkins are folded into tall, pointed shapes and placed in the center of each plate. The table is adorned with several large, vibrant floral centerpieces featuring pink, white, and green flowers. Plates of food, including what appears to be a ham, are visible on the table. The chairs are upholstered in a rich, patterned fabric with a red and gold floral design.

*A king . . . gave
a wedding feast
for his son*

Matthew 22:2

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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At the Table of God

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.


Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion

 **Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.**

- **TO PREPARE:** Please use the Christian Questions with Their Answers from “The Sacrament of the Altar” on page 329 in the front of the Lutheran Service Book. You are not obligated to partake if you feel, for whatever reason, the need to refrain from the Lord's Supper for a short time.
- **Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.**



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. He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces. *Isaiah 25:6, 8a*

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!

WITNESS & OUTREACH

Matthew 22:1-14: Have you ever been to a wedding rehearsal? The wedding is looked forward to with such great anticipation, but the rehearsal? Not so much. Jesus teaches a parable concerning His Kingdom that says that we should be living life prepared for the marriage feast every single day. He invites us to experience a foretaste of His eternal banquet here on earth. Therefore, what is life but a rehearsal for the never-ending feast of heaven? Why not invite someone to view life from a whole new perspective: an eternal one! By sharing the truth of God’s Word, you can help people cast aside the temporal cares that are here today and gone tomorrow to see the true joys that God has in mind by living here and now as a rehearsal for the eternal.

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

INVOCATION *(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Here I Am To Worship”

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Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor **Refrain**

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross **Refrain**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1*

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,
People: “**Let us go to the house of the LORD!**”
Pastor: I will be glad and exult in You;
People: **I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**
Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD;
People: **He is our help and our shield.**
Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
People: **Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and self-examination.*)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “O Sing to the Lord”

LSB 808

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.
And sing to our God, And sing to our God.

O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6–9 (*The Lord will bring salvation to His people.*)

BACK OF BULLETIN

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

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

BACK OF BULLETIN

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VERSE *Revelation 22:17*

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.

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

BACK OF BULLETIN

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”

LSB 588

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong:
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in. **Refrain**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: 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,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: With hope-filled hearts we pray for the community of world nations, especially remembering the people of Canada as they observe their country's National Day of Thanksgiving. O Lord,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,
People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,
People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,
People: in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy LSB 161

Holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth, for You have prepared a gracious feast for us at Your Table. Grant that we receive the bread and wine, that is, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as a guarantee and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God 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. A---men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never
For Thou my faithful Shepherd art! **Refrain**

Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously, and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628

Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 211

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once
again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the
body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live
with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love
through acts of mercy. Support us in this life, and bring
us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom,
where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Philippians 3:20–22; 4:20*

Pastor: But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a
Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our

lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

People: **To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last
And our eternal home!

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest, so please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 45:1–7 *(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)*

PSALM Psalm 96:1–9

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 *(The Thessalonians’ faith and example)*

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15–22 *(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

- 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."

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."