

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
October 11, 2020



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastorale

Christopher Tambling

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnesses to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

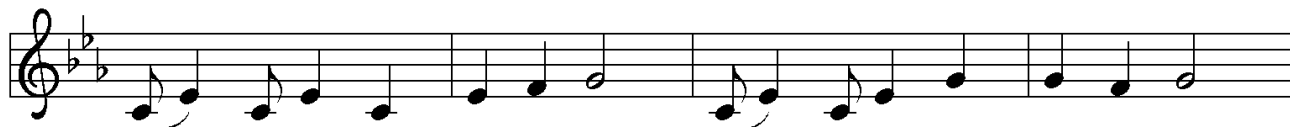
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Reader/ A reading from Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Renée Schulz, alto

God Is My Shepherd

Antonin Dvorak

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite

everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

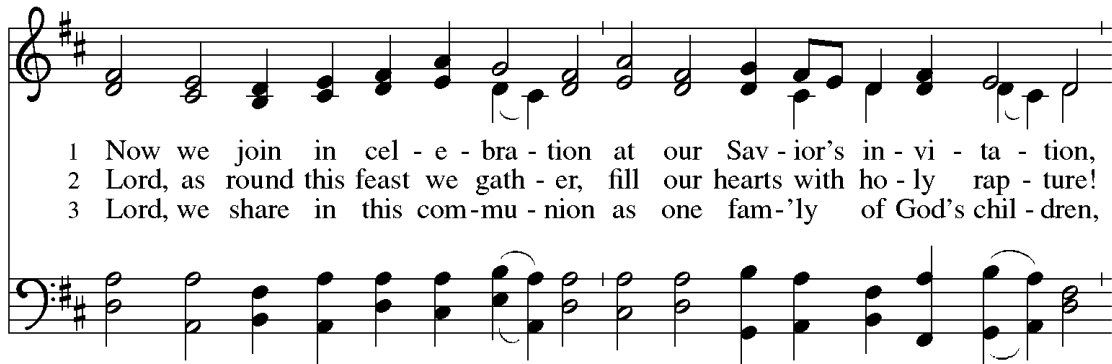
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

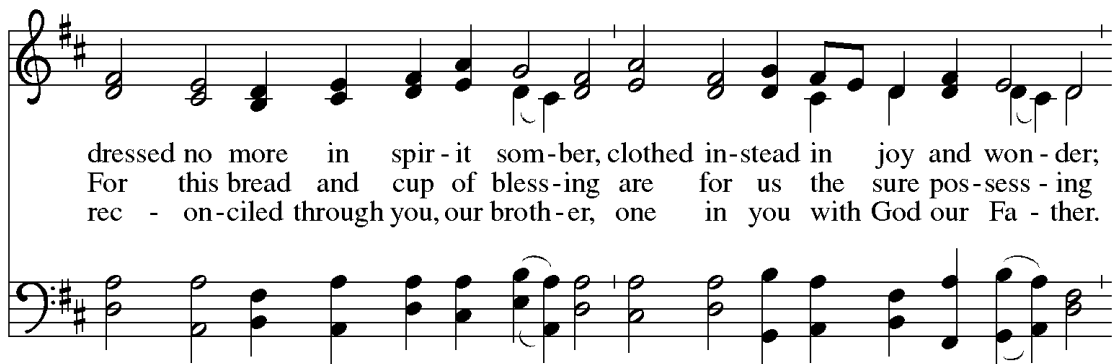
Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

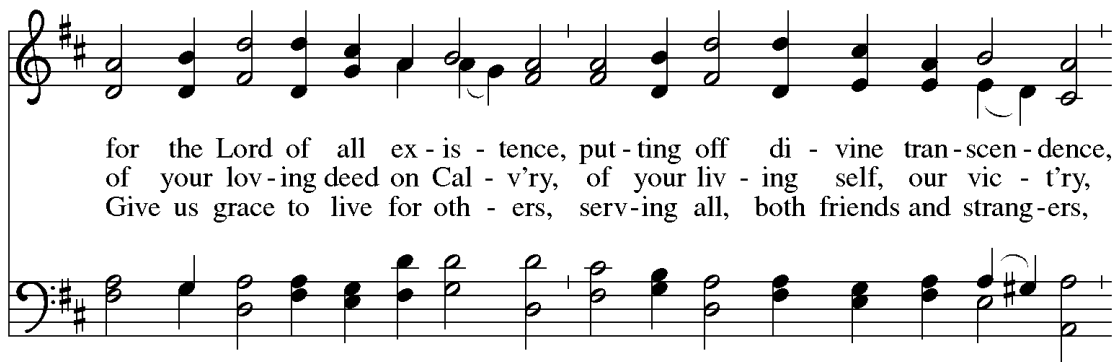
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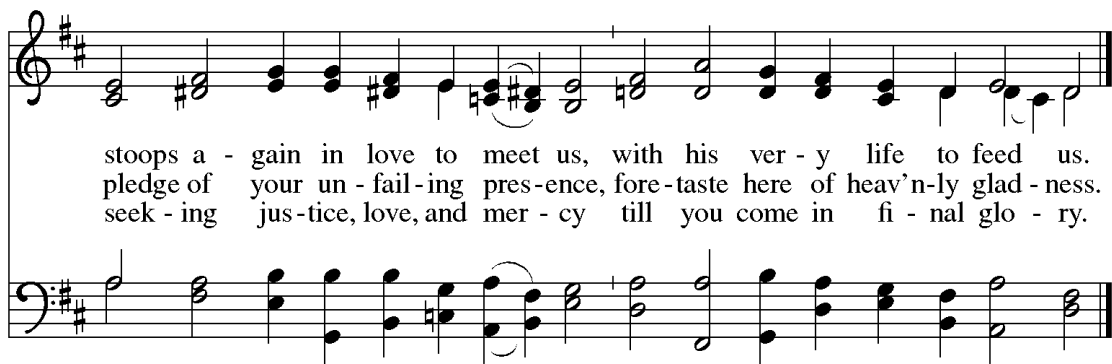
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/cracker and wine/grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you without leaving your pew.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Communion

Communion will be in one kind, bread only. Both the body and blood of Christ are fully present in each element. The left side will commune first, at the ushers' instruction followed by the right. The pastor will place a wafer in your hands. Please consume the host only once you have returned to your pew.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons

Christopher Tambling

Saint Paul's Weekly Calendar

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

Confirmation Class- Zoom meeting, 6:00 pm

- **10/12 Red Cross Blood Drive-** Fellowship Hall, 8 am - 6 pm
- **10/14 Church Council Zoom meeting,** 7:15 pm
- **Evening Christian Fellowship-** Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
- **10/15 Women's Christian Fellowship-** Zoom meeting, 1:00 pm
- **10/18 Holy Communion,** 10:00 am

Tomorrow

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 12

8 am – 6 pm

(double drive)

Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org & search sponsor code: StPaulArdmore,
Or contact Christina Wagner at cmwagner97@gmail.com



“Charity is never lost; it may meet with ingratitude...yet it ever does a work of beauty and grace upon the heart of the giver.”

Please continue to support CFF through both monetary donations and meals as we turn to colder months ahead - these are challenging times for our homebound hungry neighbors. Blessings.

Families with Young Children

Halloween Event Saturday, October 24

The Event

Where: Outside St. Paul's in the field behind the church

When: Saturday, October 24th 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm. (Sunday, October 25th, weather backup)

Activities:

Halloween craft

Halloween game

Costume show (children with stand in their area)

Watch "Charlie Brown & the Great Pumpkin" on an outdoor projection screen

Required Safety Measures

To protect the health and safety of attendees, families will be asked to stay together in their area. Areas will be marked on the grass and adequately separated. In addition, all families are asked to abide by the following:

Wear masks over nose and mouth at all times (except for children under 2).

Maintain 6 feet distance from attendees not in your family.

Stay home if you are not feeling well.

Instructions

Prior to 10/6: Please RSVP to the church office indicating the number of kids.

Prior to 10/24 Please email pfreestone@gmail.com with children's names, ages and costume (for announcing during the costume show).

At the event: Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit on in your designated area.

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Barb Dieter, Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Tom Keyser, Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Allen Sack (uncle of Jason Sack); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissing); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); Fin Parker and we pray for Stark Lash and family upon the death of Betty Lash.

(Please notify the church office to add a name to the prayer list.)

We are continuing our congregational support to our partner congregation Mediator, Philadelphia, and the Ardmere Food Pantry. The church has many fixed expenses including staff salaries and care of the building. We encourage you to continue giving to support our ministry, as you are able to in these times. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.





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