



## Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ October 11, 2020

### Prelude

*"My Jesus Leadeth Me" – Johannes Brahms*

Dr. Steven Gray

### Gathering Hymn

**"We Are Called" - ELW 720 (vs. 1&2)**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

*refrain:* We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### The Greeting

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who creates, redeems and sustains us and all of creation.

**C Amen.**

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*(All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins)*

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Faithful God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**“Spirit of Gentleness” - ELW 396 (vs. 1&4)**

*Refrain:* Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *refrain*

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *refrain*

**Prayer of The Day**

P The Lord be with you

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**Lesson** Isaiah 25:1-1 (OTp.666)

**Psalm 23** (OTp.507)

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” - ELW 172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Gospel** Matthew 22: 1-14 (NTp.23)

**Sermon**

“The Really Rotten Wedding”

Pastor Jonathan Doolittle

**Hymn of The Day**

**“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” - ELW 523**

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.  
The table’s set and a place is waiting; come, ev’ryone with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community’s waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I’m walking with my friends and my family. *refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together and to share ev’rything we have. *refrain*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Prayers**

P With confidence God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*After each portion of the prayers*

P Lord, in your mercy. **C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P ... and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

## **Song of Prayer**

**"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## **The Peace**

Pastor: While we cannot share God's peace with each other we still live today and always with the assurance that the peace of the Lord is with us always.

## **Special Music**

Katy Lundeen

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **The Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P God the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **C Amen.**

## Dismissal

P Remain in God's great peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Hymn

### **"Thine the Amen" - ELW 826 (vs. 1,3&5)**

Thine the amen, thine the praise, alleluias angels raise,  
thine the everlasting head, thine the breaking of the bread,  
thine the glory, thine the story, thine the harvest then the cup,  
thine the vineyard, then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the truly, thine the yes, thine the table we the guest,  
thine the mercy all from thee, thine the glory yet to be,  
then the ringing and the singing, then the end of all the war,  
thine the living, thine the loving evermore, evermore.

Thine the glory in the night, no more dying only light,  
thine the river, thine the tree, then the Lamb eternally,  
then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee,  
thine the splendor, thine the brightness only thee only thee.

## Postlude

*"Toccata in C" – Johannes Pachelbel*

Dr. Steven Gray

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## **Serving Us today**

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Doolittle

Rev. Cyndi Jones, Liturgist

Dr. Steven Gray, Organist & Director of Music

Angela Jackson, Ministry Assistant

Eddie McCoven, Audio/Video Technician

Lewis John TenHulzen, Audio/Video Technician

**Remember in prayer:** Jesús & Virginia Mecina, Carol Nass, Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill & Kathy Reed, Sandy McCauley, Janet Wood, Evelyn Salvog, Merle Flattum, Ken Doolittle, Len Partyka, Valerie Carlsen, John Tucker, Howard & Joan Knop, Laura Sarvis, Nadine Anderson, and Bryan. We also pray for all those affected by Covid-19.

**Building Project vote result:** With 93 percent of those attending the Congregational Meeting voting in favor of the Building Committee's proposal, the resolution is adopted. The Building Project will continue to move forward, and the Building Committee will report back with

modifications and costs. Please direct any questions about the Building Project to Gary Jaus by phone or by email, [clcbuildingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:clcbuildingcommittee@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support.

**We are offering worship in person** at 8:30 a.m each Sunday. We are limited to 75 people in the sanctuary for now so we ask that you call the office or go to our website to make a reservation to ensure your spot. We ask you to not come if you have been feeling ill or been exposed to someone with the virus. You will be asked to wear a mask the entire time, and we will be assigning seating for each person/family. We will offer communion as you exit church. We are only able to offer worship at 8:30 so that we have time to clean the sanctuary before the worship at 11:30 in Spanish. We continue to livestream our worship each week on our YouTube channel (which you can access from our website as well). The church council meets this coming Tuesday and will discuss the state guidelines for gatherings.

**The office is now open Monday-Friday**, from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Pastor Cyndi is currently available Monday & Tuesday in the office with other time being flexible at this point. Pastor Jon is still available Tuesday – Friday in the office. We appreciate your continued patience.

**To quote a line from our Christmas letter** we send out each year “This year we might need Christmas just a little more” or something along those lines. Each year we face challenging events in our world and we all try to figure out how we can do our part to help others, to help each other, and be about sharing God’s love. We spoke with CCSA to determine how we might be able to support the community with the usual Christmas Baskets we begin to gather in November. It seems the be best option under the current circumstances is to purchase gift cards. If you normally like to purchase grocery items to go in the baskets we invite you simply donate that amount to church or purchase a gift card on your own. We will collect funds in November to purchase gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, or Target.

