

Classic Worship

Sunday, September October 11, 2026

8:00am

Order of Worship

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Christian Guebert, Organ

Welcome

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

Tune: *Etlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the Source of everything,
Thy Portion shall remain.

He is your Treasure, He your Joy,
Your Life and Light and Lord,
Your Counselor when doubts annoy,
Your Shield and great Reward.

Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care;
He makes your burdens light.

His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessed ending makes.

Author : Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676)

Original German Title: "Nicht so traurig, nicht so sehr"

John Kelly (1833–1890), published in Paul Gerhardt's Spiritual Songs

Tune Settings: Johann Crüger (1647); William Croft (1708) Richard Redhead (1853) Arthur H. Messiter (1883)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

All: Amen.

The 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

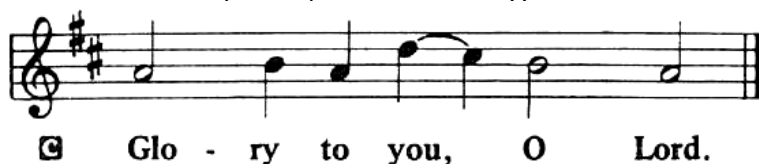
Please stand for the Holy Gospel.



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-14

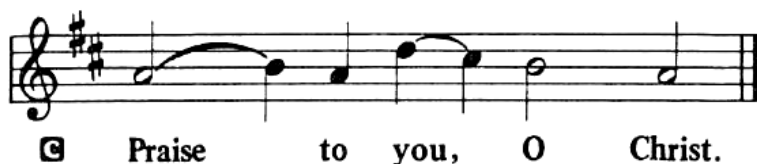
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.



The Reading of the Holy Gospel

¹ And 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, ³ and sent his servant 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice,
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Translator: John Kelly (1833–1890), altered
Tune Source / Composer: Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, Frankfurt, 1738;
The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 (Setting)
Concordia Publishing House (2006)

The Sermon

Rev. Glenn A. Lucas

“Let Us Be Glad and Rejoice in His Salvation”

Isaiah 25:6–9

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.

Offering

Musical Offering

Praises Ring Handbell Ensemble

“Baroque Fanfare”

Jean-Joseph Mouret and arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Prayers Of The Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people
according to their needs.

After each petition the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we
pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

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

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in celebration of the anniversary of **Phil and Joan Ces**.