

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

25 LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

²You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will honor you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

⁴You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.

For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall

⁵ and like the heat of the desert.

You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace

from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 will be read responsively.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴**Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,**

**I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Gospel Response **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come,

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord – **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

ASSISTING MINISTER and LECTOR: Marty Goetz

GREETER: Phyllis Metz

CHILDREN: Available on the back pew are coloring books and crayons.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Are Given to the Glory of God by JaLeen Anderson in loving memory of her mother, Marg Meeder.

FLOWERS ON THE PIANO

Are Given to the Glory of God by Mike Wilson in honor of his and Alicia's 30th Wedding Anniversary on October 13.

BOILER REPAIR

The church boiler is now up and working. As stated in your October newsletter to help with the cost of this expensive but needed repair, any donation will be greatly appreciated. Just mark the white pew envelope or your check as "boiler repair" and leave in the offering plate.

WORSHIP NOTES

As we worship together once again, we want everyone to feel safe and comfortable during worship. Therefore, with that in mind the following steps will be taken:

We will sit every third pew to keep a safe distance from each other.

The offering plates will not be passed around, instead you will leave your offering in the plate as you leave worship along with the attendance form.

Hymns are also included in your bulletin as an insert. Hymns and liturgy will be sung by a cantor at this time. We will not have a Gathering Hymn. If you wish to sing along you may do so, but we request that you keep your mask on during any singing.

Communion will also be done together in the pews from the prepackaged wafer and juice you picked up on your way into the sanctuary. A waste receptacle will be on the table in the narthex for you to dispose of your communion as you leave worship.

Open the clear cellophane for the wafer first and then open the purple tab for the juice.

Included in your bulletin is an attendance form, please fill out and leave in the offering plate. This is to help us keep track of our members each Sunday.

FOOD CUPBOARD – OCTOBER NEEDS

Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER – OCTOBER 22 – 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Sign up sheet for donations of needed food items and help on the day of the dinner is located on the back table in the narthex. Next to the offering plate. This dinner will be free to the community and will be take out only. Monetary donations will also be greatly appreciated to help with the cost of the meat and paper supplies. **Meeting at 10:30 tomorrow morning.**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We need 3 voting members to represent St. Paul for the 2020 Synod Assembly. The Assembly will take place on Saturday, November 14 via ZOOM meetings. Please see Pastor Tim if you are interested or have any questions.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Will be observed on November 1. The tradition is to name before God all those who died and have been buried through the ministry of the church since the previous All Saints' Sunday. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, we would also like to recognize them by including their name in the prayers of the church. Please inform the office or Pastor Tim by October 27, of anyone special you would like to have included in the prayers.

CAMP LUTHERLYN

Want to enjoy the great outdoors while supporting Lutherlyn? This is your chance! Whether you choose to run a few miles all at once on one day, track your morning walk around the block with your dog every day, or if you just want a reason to get outside and get moving, you can use your miles to support Lutherlyn's Annual Fund (which provides important things like camperships!) while enjoying the great outdoors. Go to www.lutherlyn.com to register and for more information. The event takes place the month of October and all donations are due by November 6 to Lutherlyn, PO Box 355, Prospect, PA 16052.

DEPOT DAY TRUCK

Please note the change in day, the truck will be here on Wednesday, October 14 at 8:00 AM. If you are able to help with the loading of the truck, please see Phyllis Metz. Phyllis could also use help the drop off day of Monday, October 5 from 9:00 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 6:00.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally members of our congregation need assistance with transportation to and from doctor appointments and help with groceries or meals especially during this time of the pandemic. We would like to make up a list of volunteers that would be able to assist. See Colleen today in church or email the office at 215stpaul@gmail.com include the days and times you would be able to volunteer and contact information.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond.

If you would like to give a donation to Lutheran Disaster, please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran and leave your donation in the white pew envelope. Mark on the memo line or on the envelope California Wildfires.

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, please fill free to take a copy of the newsletter in the pamphlet rack in the narthex. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.

