

19 Pentecost



Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner...everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.

MATTHEW 22:4b

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020—19 PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C. **Amen.**

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

GATHERING HYMN #720 ELW—All Verses sung softly while wearing masks

"We Are Called"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assistant Minister

A. Let us pray... Lord of the feast,

C. **you have prepared a table and poured out your life for all peoples. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable and pure. Transform us into people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

Assistant Minister

¹O 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.

²For 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.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For 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,
⁵the 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.

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he 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.

⁹It 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.

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall 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, and my cup is running over.

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

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry 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, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Pastor Steven Peeler

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

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so 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 a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord. C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Steven Peeler

HYMN OF THE DAY #719 ELW—All Verses sung softly while wearing masks

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

APOSTLES’ CREED

Assistant Minister

**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 he 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.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Stephanie Hongsermeier

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant Minister

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

A brief silence.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of our enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with understanding, so that justice and peace might prevail. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to the needs of their patients. Let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill—*especially Lois Mae Helgason, Gloria Maisch, Clair Wilson, Bob Happold, Myrna Petzoldt, Michelle Lindsay, Joan Head, Marilyn Williamson, Bonnie Larsen, and Jacey Yarns. We pray also for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us that you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Assistant Minister

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Assistant Minister

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

BLESSING

Pastor Steven Peeler

P. Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #536 ELW—All Verses sung softly while wearing masks

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

SENDING

Pastor Steven Peeler

P. Go in peace. Remember the poor. C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Ministers – 8:30 AM

Asst. Minister: Duane Witt

Projector Tech: Cheryl Harder

Sound/ Video: Dennis Harder

Special Music: Stephanie Hongsermeier

Organist: Jared Hansen

Ushers: Brenda Kucera, Kathy Leschinsky

The bulletins are given to the glory of God.

WELCA is Collecting Kits for Lutheran World Relief: Drop Box Available in the Narthex

School Kits

- Four spiral notebooks (70 sheets, wide or college ruled paper, about 8" x 10 1/2", no loose leaf paper.)
- One 30-cm ruler
- One pencil sharpener
- One box of 24 crayons
- One Pink Pearl eraser
- One sturdy, drawstring cloth bag with shoulder straps, approx. 14"x 17" (no standard backpacks)

Sewing Kits

- Two 3 yard lengths of cotton or cotton blend, solid or print material
- 1-2 spools of matching thread

Wrap all sewing items in the fabric and tie it securely.

Thanks to your generous donations, we do not need any more supplies for health kits this year. Thank You!

1st Faith Lens Meeting

11:30 at Grace Abbott Park—meet at the stage

This program is designed for middle/high school aged youth.

Meetings 2nd Sunday of every month

New location for each meeting.

1st Faith 5 Meeting

Today, 7:00-7:45 p.m. via Zoom

This program is designed for all ages.

Meeting every Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Courtney Berg for details about either of these programs.

Sunday, October 11, 2020

8:30—Worship (available online at www.messiahgi.org)

10:00—St. Stephen’s Worship

Monday, October 12, 2020

9:00—Sew Quilts

7:00—Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

7:00 a.m.—Breakfast Club meets at Farmer’s Daughter Café

7:00 p.m.—Men’s Group Bible Study meets at Messiah

Thursday, October 15, 2020

1:00—WELCA Meeting & Bible Study

Friday, October 16, 2020

Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, October 17, 2020

3:00-4:30—Saturday Supper, TO GO ONLY

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:30—Worship & Communion (available online at www.messiahgi.org)

10:00—St. Stephen’s Worship

WELCA’s Ice Machine

15.5 in*13 in*15.5 in

For sale by silent auction

Interested parties send their questions or bids to
WELCA president Cathie Cure at oma2vier@gmail.com.



SATURDAY SUPPERS 3:00-4:30

Captains—Jim and Janice Elrod,

5th Saturday—Courtney Berg and the youth.

To Donate, simply mark your gift “Saturday Supper.”

To Volunteer, sign the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

285 guests 432 servings on October 3rd

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – October 4, 18 Pentecost

	ATTENDANCE	UNIFIED OFFERING
Attendance Last Week:	47	\$7,552.50
AVERAGE TO DATE 2020:	73	
AVERAGE TO DATE 2019:	87	