

**Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**WOV: Bread of Life**  
**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)**

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. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 30)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>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,

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.**

### **PSALM: 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

### **SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9**

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

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, 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.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>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.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>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.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON & CHILDREN’S TIME**

**OFFERTORY INTERLUDE**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (WOV p. 32)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**\*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (WOV p. 32)**

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 enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how 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 in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 (WOV p. 41)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

**Amen**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 10/18/20**

Isa 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9[10-13], 1 Thess 1:1-10, Matt 22:15-22

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pam Bennie, Mary Bailey, Frank Bowles, Christopher, Loni Clark, Brian Dell,  
Linda Eichelberger, Betty Gaither, Shannon Hildebrand, Don Miller,  
Jim Ream, Susette Stallard, Dave Swartz, Bonni Whitman, Earl Williams

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Blanket Sunday.** The blankets will be prepared for shipping on Monday, October 12th at 6pm in the fellowship area of the church. Help is needed and appreciated for packing the blankets on Monday evening. The sewing group will transport the blankets to New Windsor on Tuesday, 10/13.

**Harvest Home will be Sunday, October 18th.** Please join in celebrating God's bountiful blessings this fall by donating non-perishable foods for the South York Food Bank. Food items can be brought to church any time between now and 10/18. If you prefer to donate by cash or check please mark your envelope Harvest Home.

**Dedication of Communion Elements:** Now that we are having communion regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, the congregation is invited to dedicate the bread and wine. A donation of \$20 is suggested to help cover the cost of the prepackaged chalices. Contact the office at 717-235-3276, or at [office@zionglenrock.org](mailto:office@zionglenrock.org) to reserve a date.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Please see Donna Price if you would like to be added to the current lector list.

### **Lectors for October:**

Oct. 11: Sue Hengst

Oct. 18: Diane Bortner

Oct. 25: Carrie Miller

**Altar and high altar flowers may be sponsored each Sunday.** If you would like to sponsor flowers, call (717-235-3276) or email ([office@zionglenrock.org](mailto:office@zionglenrock.org)) the office to check available dates. A flower sponsorship list is available on the table where bulletins and the offering plate

are to show which Sundays are reserved and which Sundays are open. At this time, there will not be an option to write in your name beside a date. You must contact the office.

**Remote worship options are available.**

Recorded services and other virtual fellowship opportunities are available on Zion’s Remote Worship web page at <https://zionglenrock.org/worship/remote-worship>.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York broadcasts their 11:00am Sunday service on FM 98.9 radio station.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.**

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**FINANCIAL Information for YOU**

**Weekly Contributions and Expenses**

**2020 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,464.00**

10/4/2020 Regular Contributions \$ 4,005.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 278.77

-\$ 343.77 Dedicated Dollars

\$ 3,940.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,743.60

**Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2020**

Regular Contributions \$ 81,200.82

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 12,336.65

*Dedicated Dollars* - \$ 14,331.25

Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 79,206.22

Expenses to date: \$ 88,837.39