

Sunday Devotion for Martin Luther Church

Thanksgiving, 19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 11, 2020

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A. GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Opening

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with always.

A: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn: Sing to the Lord of Harvest ELW 694, 1-2 (See next page)

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

¹Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**²Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or proclaim in full God's praise?**

³Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right.

**⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your salvation;**

⁵that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**⁶We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

¹⁹They made a bull-calf at Horeb
and worshiped a molten image;

**²⁰thus they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

²¹They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,

**²²wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



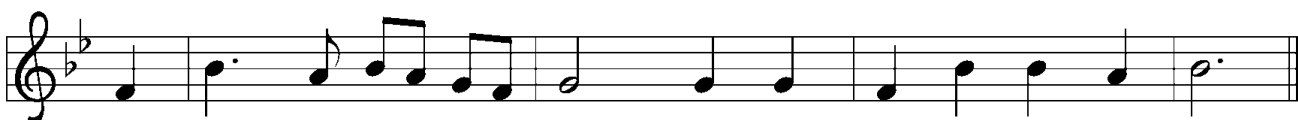
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

²³So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach, to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God,

A: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

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 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.**

B. WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A; **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."

Sermon by Vicar Adam McComb

Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West ELW 650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Prayers of Intercession

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

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed by 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.**

C. SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Announcements

- Sunday Worship: 11:00 am [In-Person](#) and Live-stream, then a recording on our [YouTube Channel](#) at www.tiny.cc/MartinLuther. Please subscribe and comment. Please register to attend in-person by 5:00 pm on Thursdays before each Sunday service (Eventbrite: <http://tiny.cc/MartinLutherRegister>), complete COVID waiver and review guidelines. Schedule is subject to change.
 - ◇ **October 18, 20th Sunday after Pentecost:** 11:00 am English-German service with Confirmation
 - ◇ **October 25, Reformation Sunday:** 11:00 am German Service
 - ◇ **November 1, All Saints Sunday:** 11:00 am English-German Service to remember people who have passed away
- German [Radio Devotions](#) on our website and Sundays at 9.30 am on CHLO Radio AM 530

Announcements continued...

- [Sunday School lessons](#) (April-June) on our website. Join our team to help plan fall lessons!
- [Virtual Coffee Shop Talk](#), Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm on Zoom led by Vicar Silke Fahl. Email vicarfahl@martinluther.ca to sign up.
- [Virtual Prayer Circle](#), every other Wednesday 7:00 pm through Zoom led by Solveig Christina Voss. Next date: October 14. We also have a Prayer Request Wall in the Church Foyer. To request a prayer or join our prayer circle, email prayers@martinluther.ca.
- [Fall Bible Study](#) on the Book of Ruth. Email vicarfahl@martinluther.ca for Zoom log in.
 - ◇ Dinner with Ruth every other Tuesday, 5-6:30 pm, October 13-December 8
 - ◇ Coffee with Ruth every Wednesday, 8:30-9 am, October 14-December 16
 - ◇ Lunch with Ruth every Wednesday, 12:15-12:45 pm, October 14-December 16
- Dinner Church Online- Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 am
- [Give Peas a Chance](#)- A grow some, give some movement hosted by Martin Luther and Redeemer Lutheran with donated seeds.
- [Masks for Good](#) - A project to ensure that everyone has access to masks. Everyone who wants to get involved can find an activity that suits them. Contact Vicar Adam McComb if you'd like to volunteer, vicarmccomb@martinluther.ca
- [Corona-Care Calls](#)- Volunteers are continuing to call you with more information and to understand your needs. Let us know if you'd like to join the call team!
- Please phone or email the church office:
 - ◇ if we can help you in any way or to give feedback on what we're offering
 - ◇ if you'd like to volunteer during Sunday services
 - ◇ to support our church and [donate](#). Best ways are PAR or send cheque to church office.

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