

# St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The order of worship is based upon A Service of Prayer and Preaching I, from Worship Supplement (CPH, 1969)

## Opening Hymn: 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,  
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.  
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;  
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.  
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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## Opening Versicles of Adoration

☞ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

☛ This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be

glad in it. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

☞ Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we gladly join with them to acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever.

☛ Amen.

## Confession

☛ Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your commandments. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

☞ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

☛ Amen.

## The Psalm (Psalm 1)

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Readings

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6-9, on back of bulletin*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Philippians 4:4-13, on back of bulletin*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:1-14, on back of bulletin*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### The Apostles' Creed

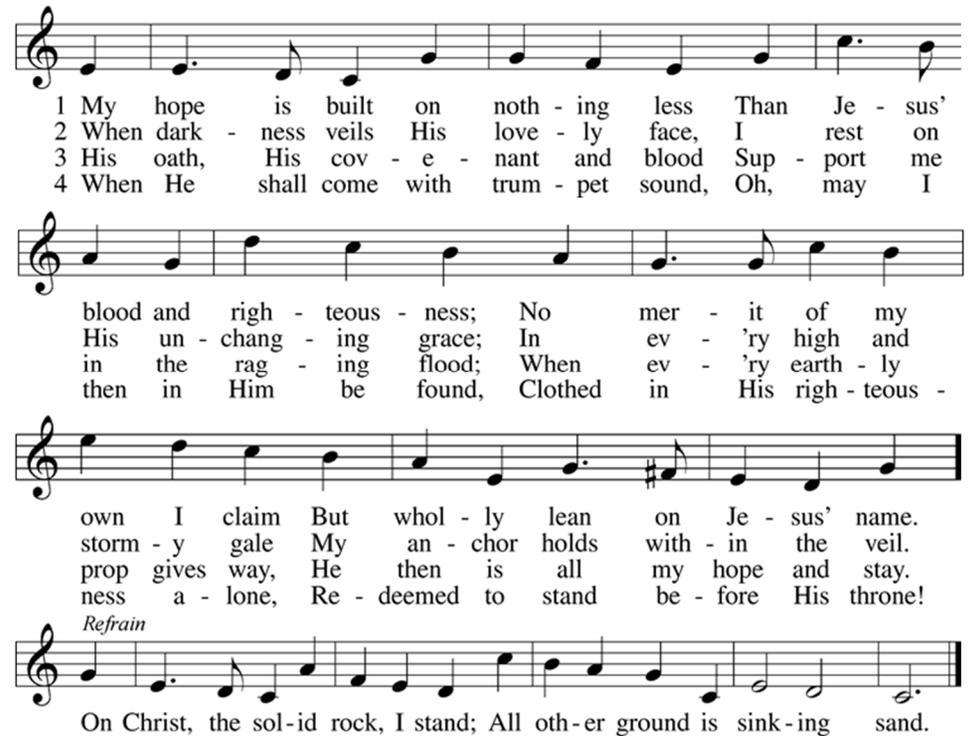
- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

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.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I  
blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -  
own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*  
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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## Sermon

### The Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

## Collect of the Day

- P** 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.

**C Amen.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Father of all mercies, we give You thanks for all Your goodness to us and to all people. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we ask You, give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we praise You not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to Your service and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

### Prayer of Supplication

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have taught us by Your apostle to make prayers and supplications for all people, we pray You for Your holy Christian Church, that it may increase in godliness and be enriched with spiritual benefits. We pray that Your ministers may be faithful, both in life and doctrine, and, setting before their eyes only Your glory, may feed the Church, which You have redeemed with the blood of Your Son. We pray that those who do not know You may be brought from the captivity of blindness and error to the understanding of Your heavenly truth, and that those who have wandered and gone astray may be gathered and brought home to Your fold.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace do proceed, kindle, we pray You, in the hearts of all people, the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love.

Merciful Father, since we are members of the body of Christ, we pray for those who are afflicted in any way, whether it be suffering of body, unquietness of mind, or sorrow of heart, especially Claris, Joseph, Pam, Paula, Jim and Shirley, Don, John, Bob, Betty, Dick, Arlyn, Derek, Harley, Lillian, Lynne, Clinton's Family, Crystal, Jodi, Mike, Virginia, Jim, John, Marilyn, Casey, Jim, Drew, Kathleen, Kelly, Carolyn, Carolyn, and Karen. Grant to them patience and constancy until You send them deliverance out of all their troubles. Bring comfort and hope to all who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Duane Miller.

Almighty God, we give you praise and thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue revealed in all Your saints, who have been chosen instruments of Your grace and lights of the world in their generations. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in faith and obedience, that at the last we, with them, may inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our only Mediator, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Prayer for the LWML

**P** O gracious Father, give special blessing to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and to the many ways they bring the good news of Your salvation and the works of Your love across our nation and world. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### The Blessing

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be on you and remain with you always.

**C Amen.**

### *Silent Prayer*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel Reading)

Other Texts: Isaiah 25:6-9 (Old Testament Reading); Philippians 4:4-13 (Epistle)

### **“The Most Glorious Feast”**

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God the Father through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Friends in Christ, today’s Gospel records our dear Lord’s *Parable of the Wedding Feast*, in which He speaks about both the depths and riches of God’s grace and the most horrific warnings of despising and rejecting that grace. So let us consider what He has to say.

Certainly, the basic comparisons are easily identified. The king is God the Father, His Son is the Lord Jesus Christ, the wedding is the marriage to His bride the Church, and the servants who invite to the feast are His spokesmen: the prophets, apostles, evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.<sup>i</sup> The original group to be invited was the Jews who, though His chosen people, would not come, despite their being invited time and time again. But they despised the invitation into the heavenly banquet because they focused too much on this life and the things of this world: hopes of an earthly kingdom even as they went about making money, worrying about business and income. In fact, some were so resentful towards their heavenly King and His Son who called them to focus on spiritual truths that they persecuted the ones that were sent.

And so, though the gracious invitation went out numerous times, finally the king stopped His calling to the nation, and in terrible, yet righteous judgment sent His armies to destroy the murderers and burn the city. This happened in AD 70 when the Romans slaughtered the rebellious Jewish nation, burning Jerusalem. Thus the pagan Romans, though acting under their own motivations, became the tools of God’s vengeance, just as Assyria and Babylon once were.

But the ingratitude, wickedness, and rebellion of these people, which made them unworthy of His call and rightly led to His great wrath upon them, *even all that* could not quench the King’s goodness, mercy, and His gracious determination to fill the banquet hall with guests for His Son’s wedding. And so the invitation is sent out again, and this time to all, not just Jews, but also Gentiles. And not just a select group of Gentiles, but all of them, both the bad and the good, that is, those whose externals are open wickedness and sin as well as those whose externals are decent, honest, good, and noble in the eyes of people. *Everyone* is to be invited!

And that gracious invitation still goes out. “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”<sup>ii</sup> The King of heaven and earth has laid out the noblest of feasts, “a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined” as Isaiah proclaimed.<sup>iii</sup> This is the great wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end, the culmination of history when death is swallowed up forever as the bodies of believers are raised in power and glory, and the saints are brought into the fullness of eternal joys in the new heavens and earth.<sup>iv</sup>

Dear Christians, note well what the king does *not* say, “Come *work* on the feast, help me get it ready, and then I’ll let you be a part of it.” No. No works are required by those who are invited; the king says, “I have prepared my dinner.” The heavenly wedding feast is all set, made such when His Son whom He sent cried out on the cross, “It is finished!”<sup>v</sup> and rose again.

And you are being invited to that great feast once again this very morning. This invite comes to you by me, God’s servant, as I speak His Word and administer His Word-empowered Sacraments. Through these means the king warmly calls, “Come to the feast. Receive My Son’s gifts: forgiveness of all your sins, rescue from sin’s bondage and Satan’s tyranny, the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit, the certain hope of life everlasting in the kingdom of glory.” Yes, the invite is proclaimed again and again. All that is left is for people to hear the invitation and accept it.

Yet, as the parable says, people *don’t* accept it. They don’t care enough about spiritual needs and eternal blessings. Some are caught up in their sins and their heart is attached to wickedness. But many more are simply “too busy.” They find making money and making merry, yes; *just sleeping in*, more important and more valuable than hearing God’s Word of invitation.

But someone says, “*I already have faith*. So, I don’t need to hear the invite any more, or at least not all that often.” Oh how many walk around in the delusion that they are fine Christians even though they despise hearing God’s Word, receiving the Sacrament, and gathering with their fellow believers. But their delusion is no one’s fault but their own, for they fail to hear the Word and so forget the truth it proclaims, “Faith comes *by hearing the Word of Christ*.”<sup>vi</sup> The fact is that until we are in the fullness of the wedding feast, we need to keep hearing the Word of invitation, for if we don’t, our heart gets hardened against it or, just as dangerous, deadened towards it, so filled with the meals of this world that it no longer truly desires the heavenly feast.

God grant that this warning strike home in each of us for the sake of our own entrance into the feast as well as the entrance of those whom we love. For while all sins are dangerous to our souls, while any one of them, whether big or small in our eyes, can lead to a loss of faith, truly no sin compares to having a disdain for God’s Word. For all other sins are forgiven *when the Word is heard in faith*, but a disdain for the Word makes hearing it in faith impossible, and so makes being forgiven and saved impossible. Make no mistake, it as a great insult to the King to refuse to hear His Word and, to add insult to injury, to think that such is really no big deal.

But simply showing up and hearing, as essential as such is, is obviously not enough, as if that were some great work that the King should be utterly impressed with! Martin Luther once said in a sermon on this very text, “Truly, I am shocked to see how people in the church, on the right and on the left, yawn away, so that out of a great throng there are hardly ten or twelve who are actually present in order to learn something from the preaching.”<sup>vii</sup> Are you yawning away, checking your watch, praying to the King that His messenger would wrap it up since you are tired of hearing His Word? May God preserve us from such a despising of His Word!

Truly, it is the most disrespectful thing to ignore the almighty King’s Word, to spurn His invitation, to despise His messengers who speak it. But for those who hear it in faith, there is joy that has no bounds, a joy that can still fill us no matter how bad the famine is in this life, for we hope for our entering the great wedding feast as honored guests. Yet, what of the man found not

wearing the garment and being cast out into the outer darkness where the weeping of utter hopelessness and the gnashing of teeth of excruciating torment go on forever?

The question is what is this garment that the man lacked? Not a few think that this refers to a person who claimed to have faith, but did not have true works to back it up. Truly this is a sad indication of how self-righteous and works-oriented Christianity has become! So what does the Holy Spirit reveal in His Word:

[The LORD] *has clothed me* with the garments of salvation; He *has covered me* with the robe of righteousness.<sup>viii</sup>

Again: For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.<sup>ix</sup>

And again: Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”<sup>x</sup>

Clearly the wedding garment is nothing other than the righteousness of Christ Jesus Himself, the only one who actually lived the full holy life demanded by the Law which He covers us with as a gift, even as He took the filthy rags of our sins upon Himself and washed us clean in His blood. Thus the man was not too poor to buy the wedding clothes, but he actually *rejected* the wedding clothes which the King Himself had provided, thinking his own should be “good enough.” No wonder He was speechless as his rudeness and insult know no bounds!

Consequently, this man was not truly one of the guests, *but a pretender*. Not because he was a “dead Christian” who had no works. No, because he was a “dead Christian” for having the audacity to believe that his works, represented by his own clothing, could actually stand before the holy throne of God. He thought so highly of his own works that he rejected the robe of *Christ’s* righteousness. And such rightly left him condemned.

“Many are called, but few are chosen.”<sup>xi</sup> These words cause no little concern among sincere Christians. (I say sincere as those who despise the Word don’t think about such to become concerned!) So understand: it is not that God does not sincerely call all people to the wedding feast; He *does*. It is that *people* do not respond to the invitation in sincere repentance over their sins and true faith in Christ and the forgiveness of sins He has won for them.

They are those who could care less about hearing the Word, about preaching, about the garment of Christ put upon them in their Baptism, about being absolved (forgiven) of their sins which would stain that garment, about receiving the life-giving body and blood of Christ as a foretaste of the heavenly feast which keeps their appetite alive for it. They are those who despise Christ’s righteousness by thinking that His sacrifice was not needed, they are good enough on their own, or not enough, but needs their works to finish what He merely began. (So much for “It is *finished*”!) Such people will not enter the heavenly banquet, keeping themselves out of it.

But for those who love to hear the invitation again and again, who gladly hear and learn God's Word,<sup>xii</sup> who hunger for the heavenly banquet as proven by hungering and thirsting for the righteousness of Christ given through the Gospel Word and Sacraments,<sup>xiii</sup> who, even while daily fighting sin and struggling to grow in holiness, also know their own righteousness is but filthy rags and so thankfully and joyfully receive the wedding garment of Christ's righteousness, yes, for those, they have not only been called, but have been chosen, elected by God unto salvation.

God grant us to respond to His invitation like that, and so enter that most glorious feast. Amen!

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<sup>i</sup> See Ephesians 4:11.

<sup>ii</sup> Matthew 22:4. All quotes are from *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (ESV)* unless otherwise noted.

<sup>iii</sup> Isaiah 25:6. Isaiah 25:6-9 is the appointed Old Testament Reading for this Sunday.

<sup>iv</sup> See Revelation 19:6-9; 21:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:35-57.

<sup>v</sup> John 19:30.

<sup>vi</sup> Romans 10:17 (emphasis mine).

<sup>vii</sup> Sermons of Martin Luther, *The House Postils*; Eugene F. A. Klug, ed.; Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 1996.

<sup>viii</sup> Isaiah 61:10 (emphasis mine).

<sup>ix</sup> Galatians 3:27.

<sup>x</sup> Revelation 7:13-14.

<sup>xi</sup> Matthew 22:14.

<sup>xii</sup> Cf. Third Commandment and Meaning in Luther's Small Catechism.

<sup>xiii</sup> Cf. Matthew 5:6.

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**Pastor**

**+In God's Grace—In God's Service+**

Elder: Brad Gehn  
Videographer: Joel Werling  
Ushers: Preston Smith Family  
Organist: Sally Brockway

Today's Readings: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

**WE PRAY:** Almighty Trinity, who because You created us also understand us, and who understanding us gave us faith, and who dwelling in us gives us strength to face life's crises, we thank You, and pray You never let us forget; who lives and reigns, one God, with dominion over us forever. Amen

**WELCOME BACK TO ALL!**

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

**IF YOU DESIRE** a visit or call from Pastor Nerud, please contact the church office (309-949-2516).

**OFFICE HOURS**

Terri's hours (Monday—Friday) 8 am—12 pm  
Pastor's hours **(Monday, Pastor's day off)**  
(Tuesday) 9 am—12 pm  
(Thursday) 9 am—12 pm & 1 pm—4 pm  
(Wednesday & Friday) please call ahead.

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

Sunday school—12 Adult Bible Class—18 Worship—55

**LIVE STREAMED SERVICES** are available on St. John's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and posted on Monday on the church website: [www.stjohnsgeneseo.org](http://www.stjohnsgeneseo.org) found under the 'Sermon' tab and

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Offering \$3,112.00  
Weekly income needed per 2020 Budget \$4,011.98

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Today 8:45 am SS/Adult w/Youth Bible Study  
10:00 am Divine Worship—LWML Sunday  
3:00 pm Installation @ St. Matthew, Milan  
Tuesday 1:00 pm LWML meeting  
7:00 pm Council meeting  
Wednesday 6:00 pm Confirmation  
Thursday 1:30 pm Bible Study  
5:30 pm Evangelism  
Next Sunday 8:45 am SS/Adult w/Youth Bible Study  
10:00 am Divine Worship/Communion

*One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and seek him in his temple.*  
*Psalm 27:4*

**MATTHEW 22:5** – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

**LWML (LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION)** - The power of God is evident in the dimes and quarters placed in Mite Boxes. This is celebrated each fall on LWML Sunday. We thank you for your support of LWML. Read our LWML Vision Statement: “The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.” This is what LWML has been doing for 78 years and will continue to do with the help of the Holy Spirit and your support. Look for the LWML Mite box in the Narthex to add your contributions.

**JOIN OUR CELEBRATION**—The members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan IL, invite you to the Installation Service for their new pastor, Rev. Kurt Larson, on Sunday, October 11 beginning at 3 pm. This service will

take place outside in the church parking lot following appropriate COVID-19 precautions. Following the service will be a time of fellowship and a dinner with a catered box lunch. All attending the dinner are asked to RSVP by Tuesday, October 6 by calling the church office (309-787-4295 or email: stmatkarenb@gmail.com.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

*Remember God's gift of Baptism as you pray:*

**MISSION**—*Thank God for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.*

**ST. JOHN'S—Mr. Gary Post**—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Gary and Kathy and ask your blessing on them.

**ST. JOHN'S FAMILY**—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

<b>Drew Schillinger</b>	<b>Jim Rahn</b>	<b>Carolyn Wildermuth</b>
<b>Arlyn Helke</b>	<b>Bob Esterlein</b>	<b>Lynne Johnson</b>
<b>Derek Helke</b>	<b>Lillian Hock</b>	<b>Jim/Shirley Dahl</b>
<b>Carolyn Werner</b>	<b>Betty Firch</b>	<b>John Erdman</b>
<b>Paula Chapa</b>	<b>John Neumann</b>	

**Andrew Hill, Sarah, John, Daniel** (2019/2020 Seminary Student)

**Don Eggers** (son of a friend of Marilyn Woods)

**Mike Miller** (friend of Bob & Sherry Wechsler)

**Jodi Martins** (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

**Jon & Anita Clausing** (missionaries in Kenya)

**Marilyn Potts** (wife of Cal Potts, former St John Laborer For Christ)

**Pam Bennett** (friend of Dan/Roselyn Maeltzer)

**Karen Wright** (wife of Pastor Gary Wright)

**Virginia Miller** (mother of Jamie Werling)

**Casey Powers** (husband of Lisa (Bear) Powers)

**Kelly Wechsler** (cousin of Bob Wechsler)

**Kathleen VanDeRostyne** (friend of Bob & Sherry Wechsler)

**Joseph Baamonde** (Friend of Paula Mooney)

**Clinton Kane Family** (son of Sandy Kane)

**Jim Neumann** (father-in-law of Brad Gehn's son)

**Harley Hepner** (cousin of Sarah Hock)

**Claris Anderson** (mother of Sarah Hock)

**Dick Fornasiere** (brother-in-law of Sherry Wechsler)

**Family of Duane Miller**

**MILITARY**—We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

**Mandy & Richard Davila** (daughter & son-in-law of Dale & Linda Aper)

**Luke & Nicole Thompson** (son & daughter-in-law of John & Kindra Thompson)

**Ken Willeford** (husband of Alicia Willeford)

**Tyler Hynes** (nephew of Mark Ague)

**Karl Flynn** (son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Flynn)

**Zachary & Tiffany Gardner** (nephew & wife of Bob & Lois Esterlein)

### LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Laws of the State clearly matter, and the message they send affects the mindset of society. But, if our battle cry for life begins on the abortion table, then we’ve waited too long to speak. If our efforts to model life end in the courtroom, then we’ve already lost our children. God help us; it’s time to ask ourselves if we speak life or whisper death.” *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**G.R.I.T  
RUN**

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