

20th **Sunday after Pentecost**
October 15th, 2023
Divine Service Four
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AS WE GATHER

Food is at the center of our lives—we either live to eat or eat to live, but we always eat. In the parable of our Lord this morning, we hear the kingdom of God compared to a wedding feast. When those invited proved to be unworthy, God called every kind of person from the highways and byways of life and equipped them with a wedding garment as well as an honored place at His table. This feast is the promise of Isaiah the prophet, the joyful refrain of the beloved Psalm 23, and the promise still given and kept by our Lord as we gather around His holy body and blood. But the Meal is not simply about the eating, but the food—Christ’s flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sin. Because of this, it is the supper of our joy here on earth and the supper of our glory in heaven forevermore.

Opening Hymn: LSB #733 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *sts. 1–6*

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*

Kyrie *LSB 204*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*
Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 25:6–9*
Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*
Epistle *Philippians 4:4–13*

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:1–14*

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

Hymn of the Day: LSB #510 “A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

Children’s Message/Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon
Prayer of the Church
Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 208*
Sanctus *LSB 208*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 209*
Lord’s Prayer *LSB 209*
The Words of Our Lord *LSB 209*
Pax Domini *LSB 209*
Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Distribution
Distribution Hymn: LSB #556 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*
Post-Communion Collect *LSB 212*
Benedicamus *LSB 212*
Benediction *LSB 212*

Closing Hymn: LSB #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

At last the march
shall end;
The wearied ones
shall rest;
The pilgrims find
their home at last,
Jerusalem the
blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing!
LSB 813:6

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