

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading - Isaiah 25:1-9

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.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

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

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,
the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

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.

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

It will be said on that day,
“See, 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 (*read in unison*)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:1-9

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

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 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 coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, 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. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, 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 Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

M 10/12	12:30pm Mahjong
T 10/13	9:30am Communications Committee 2pm Mt. Carmel Worship 3:30pm Bible Study
W 10/14	9am Finance Committee 11am Jackson House
H 10/15	9:30am Book Discussion 1pm Worship & Music
F 10/16	9am Council Meeting Newsletter Articles Due
S 10/17	4:30pm Hospitality 5pm Worship
S 10/18	8:30am Hospitality 9am Worship

- **Happy Birthday to Lee Baldwin, Suzi Poulsen, Eileen Miller, Dick Gunderson & Millie Heisler**
 - **Happy Anniversary to Phil & Carolyn Gustafson**
 - **Flowers donated by Lance & Eileen Miller celebrating Eileen's birthday**
 - **Keep e-blast submissions brief & submit by 10 am on Friday**
- Our prayer list is e-mailed to members every Friday. If you need a printed copy of this list, please contact the office.*

Attendance last week: 19 Saturday 35 Sunday

Hymns: 553, 362, 873 Choir Anthem: 522 As We Gather at Your Table

Looking Ahead

	Saturday, October 17	Sunday, October 18
READERS	Don Gohr	Robin Pearson
GREETERS		Eileen & Lance Miller
USHERS	Terry Sterzik	Jerry & Dorothy Fager
COMM. CARE	Karen Sterzik	Joyce Gerharty
WORSHIP ASST.	Karen Sterzik	Jerry Fager
SOUND	Terry Sterzik	John Plautz
OFFERING CTRS.		Ina Gohr & Dorothy Fager