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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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START COUNTDOWN SLIDE AT 9:20

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AT 9:25

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Now is the Time to Worship (VIDEO)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON (TIMELINE)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

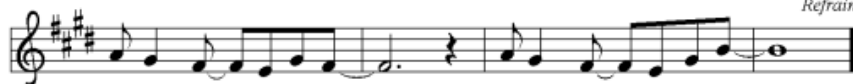


u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this	ho - ly	house,	for	all	who	wor-ship	and	praise,
we	may	live	out		truth	and	jus -	tice and grace,
life	and	for	love,		for	our	work	and our play,
nour-ish	our	souls	. . .	with	your	bod - y	and	blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE (TIMELINE)

Glory to God in the Highest...



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

GREETING (ACAPELLA)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

L: The First Lesson is from the 25th chapter of Isaiah.

6 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.

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

8 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.

9 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.”
L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 23

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**
3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
**4 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.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
**6 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-13

L: The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of
Philippians.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to

everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 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. 9 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.

10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it.

11 Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.

12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need.

13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACAPELLA)

L: Please rise in honor of the Gospel.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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



22 Once 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. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 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.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 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.

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

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Are You Dressed for the Party?"

VIDEO DURING SERMON

PRAISE SONG

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing vs 1,2,7,8,
210(G)*

**** FADE ACCOMPANIMENT OUT AFTER VERSE 8****

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell.**

**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 again 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.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (VIDEO)

We Give Thee but Thine Own LSB 781

OFFERING PRAYER

**C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you
welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts
be joined with our prayers, our presence, and
our service, that we may live as faithful
disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope
and healing to your people. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all people according to their
needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

L: 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 give you
peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING

CLOSING SONG

On Our Way Rejoicing (VIDEO)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pantry Items Needed: Soups, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, cereal and any other food you would like to share. Toilet paper is always in need. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:12-13

Pies for Pastor- Pastor appreciation celebration today after service.

Women's annual meeting November 1st right after service.

Special Harvest Offering today and next Sunday
Tartu Academy and Home of Hope in Estonia

New Bible Study! Beginning Oct. 13th for 10 weeks. Right Now Media presents the book of Daniel. The movie "Daniel and the Fiery Furnace" is playing in theaters now. During the Jewish exile to Babylon, Daniel and his friend's faith is tested under fire! Come and learn about Daniel and go to the movie with us!

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Oct. 13 - @10:30 AM Sunporch & SCHR Bible Study

@New Bible study tonight in person or online!

Oct. 14 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 4:45-6:15 PM Confirmation

@ 7:00 Youth Meetup Online.

Oct. 15 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

Future Date:

Oct. 31st - SCMA is sponsoring a pancake feed and Trunk or Treat at First Christian Church. Mark your calendars!

Sunday, Oct. 18th

Scriptures for 21st Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Title: Still choosing!