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Peace and Joy in Every Day.  
—Isaiah 55:12

# The Weekly Word

**Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 11, 2020  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*All Readings Have Been Included in this week's Weekly Word*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

**Amen.**

*“You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”*

*—Isaiah 55:12*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, 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.

### ■ PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



for **MANY** ARE CALLED but **FEW** ARE CHOSEN



## ■ SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9



<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>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 co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## ■ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

<sup>4</sup>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.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his

troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>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.’

<sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill, especially (*names*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**A SIGN-UP SHEET will be on the front table of the Sanctuary this coming Sunday for those willing to serve as Worship Leaders for the remainder of the year. Many slots are filled, but we still have some open. SPECIAL THANKS to all who have volunteered to help! We really appreciate it!**



**THERE WILL BE NO TABLE TALK TONIGHT. We will resume in two weeks on Wed., Oct. 21st.**



**HAPPY UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS TO:  
Joe Santos—Wednesday, October 7th  
Katie Stoll—Saturday, October 10th  
John Race—Sunday, October 11th**

### **COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK**

The October Council Meeting will be held next **Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm via ZOOM**. Please have your Ministry Reports to the Parish Office no later than 12 noon on Monday, October 12th.

# **zoom**

**WITH US THIS SUNDAY AT 10AM**

**CALL (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788 AND follow the verbal instructions.** Enter the meeting ID followed by the # key, then the participant ID. If you do not know your participant ID, simply press the # key. Please join us!

## **Our Property Ministry Needs Servant Helpers**

The Property Ministry Team mows, trims, and weeds and we need weekly help with these tasks. We **DO NOT** expect anyone to take it all on alone. However, we do need others to “step up” in assistance. **Please let George Duda or John Race know if you can help with even one of these tasks.**

We'll get there...



...but not quite yet, so **Reformation Coffee Group** won't be meeting in October. Stay safe!



**Peninsula Pastoral  
Counseling Center  
Annual Banquet  
And Benefit Auction**

**Join us for this FREE EVENT via ZOOM on  
Friday, October 30, 2020; 6:30 p.m.**

—Mission —Video Recognition —Door Prizes  
**Register by Friday, October 23rd at 757-873-2273**  
Zoom Meeting ID: <https://zoom.us/j/97703711697>