

[We rise]	<u>The Prayers of the Church</u>	
	The <i>Te Deum Laudamus</i>	Handout
	The <i>Kyrie</i>, The <i>Our Father</i>, The <i>Collects</i>	
	“God Bless Our Native Land”	#965
	<u>The Service of the Sacrament</u>	p. 194
	<i>[Please review our Communion Policy on Page 1 of this Service Guide]</i>	
	[We are seated]	
Hymn	“Wide Open Stand the Gates”	#639
[We rise]	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	#805
	The <i>Nunc Dimittis</i>	p. 199
	Thanksgiving,	p. 200
	Salutation, <i>Benedicamus</i>,	p. 201
	Benediction	p. 202
	[We are seated for announcements]	
	[We rise for the Final Hymn]	
Final Hymn	“Father, We Thank Thee”	#652

The 20th Sunday after Trinity

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call. “See, I have prepared my dinner . . . Come to the wedding” (Matt 22.1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free. “You who have no money, come, buy and eat . . . Let your soul delight itself in abundance” (Is 55.1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5.15–21).

Next Sunday: The Feast of St. Luke,

Transferred from 10 October;

Also, The 21st Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament of the Day:	Genesis 1.1-2.3
Psalm of the Week:	Psalm 8 (v. 9)
Epistle of the Day:	Ephesians 6.10-17
Holy Gospel of the Day:	John 4.46-54

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A Guide to The Divine Service

9:00 A.M.

9 October 2011



(Johann Christian Weigel, Woodcut:
The Parable of the Wedding Banquet, 1695)

Omnia, Domine, in vero iudicio fecisti, quae fecisti nobis
Thou, O Lord, hast done in true judgment,
all that Thou hast done unto us

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p.185

Entr. Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #686

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon: The Lord is righteous in all His / works toward / us, * for we have o- / beyed not / His com- / mandments. || Glorify Thy / Name, O / Lord: * and deal with us ac- / ording to / Thy great / mercy.

Great is the LORD, and greatly / to be / praised * in the city of our God, / in His / holy / mountain. || We have thought, O God, on Thy / loving- / kindness, * in the / midst_ / of Thy / temple.

According to Thy / name, O / God, * so is Thy / praise to the / ends of the / earth; || Thy right hand is / full of / righteousness.

* Let Mount Zion re- / joice, be- / cause of Thy / Judgments.

The Lord is righteous in all His / works toward / us, * for we have o- / beyed not / His com- / mandments. || Glorify Thy / Name, O / Lord: * and deal with us ac- / ording to / Thy great / mercy.

The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186
The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187
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The Collect for the 20th Sunday after Trinity: O Almighty and Most Merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day Isaiah 55.1-9
[*"Come, everyone that thirsts"*]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[The Psalms are found in the front portion of the Service Book]
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27
Pastor: antiphon, v. 8; vs. 1-9, responsively by half-verses;
Gloria Patri; All: antiphon repeated

Epistle of the Day Ephesians 5.15-21
[*"Giving thanks always and for everything"*]
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**
The Gradual of the Day and Alleluia
(using the Introit Psalm tone)

The Lord, our / God is / righteous: *
Righteous in all His / works which / He hath / done. ||
Give glory to Thy / name, O / Lord: *
Deal with us according to the / multi- tude / of Thy / mercies.
Great / is the / Lord: *
And / greatly / to be / praised: ||
In the city / of our / God, *
In the / mountain / of His / holiness.
The Triple Alleluia p. 190

The Holy Gospel
Announcement of the Holy Gospel
Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 22.1-14
[*The Parable of the Wedding Feast*]
Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191
[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" #640
[**Note to stanza 3:** In medieval Europe, the pelican was thought to be particularly attentive to her young, to the point of providing her own blood when no other food was available. As a result, the pelican became a symbol of the Passion of Christ and of the Sacrament of the Altar.]

Sermon
Worship Center? Or Divine Service of Grace?"

[We rise] **The Offertory: "Create in Me" p. 192**
[We are seated]
The offering is received
God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!