

## October 11, 2020

Welcome to God's church *19th Sunday after Pentecost. These communities of faith, North Beaver Creek and Blair Lutheran Churches have one great aim and purpose: to help people grow in life-giving relationships with their neighbors, their own selves, the earth and God.*

*Remember that we are in the holy presence of God. Let us take a moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

### **Welcome**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      521 O Day of Rest and Gladness

**Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie**                      Hymn 157

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

L: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
For the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,  
For the strength to live your word, Let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

L: Help save and defend us, O God    **C: Amen**

**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 aliens 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 aliens 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 sheet 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, 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 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.

## **Philippians 4:1-9**

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 co-workers, 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 worry 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, 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. 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.

**Gospel Acclamation** 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

L: The Gospel is from the Gospel of **Matthew 22:1-14**

**C: Glory to You oh Lord**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people 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.”

## **SERMON**

**Hymn of the Day**

523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

**The 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 to the dead.**

**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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**The Prayers of the People**

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

*a brief silence*

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 (safely) to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys mountains and pastures especially those

devastated by wildfire, and restore still and running waters which have been polluted. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, those distributing food around the world, 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.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (especially Karmen, Bob, and Roger) and all those diagnosed with COVID-19. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 food, clothing, and other personal care assistance in our communities (Food for the Poor, LWR). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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.**

### **The Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **The Offering**

**Offering Resp. # 686 We Give Thee But Thine Own (V 1 only)**

## **The Offering Prayer**

God of life,

you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,

& use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Light.

**C: Amen**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**Let us pray**

## **The Pre-Communion Prayer**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus  
Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy (p 153)**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith until he comes:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

### **The Invitation**

The table is open to everyone, without exception. Behold who you are, become what  
you will receive. Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
and make us one with you.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy and compassionate God,  
in bread and wine you give us gifts  
that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice  
of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our  
redeemer. **Amen.**

L: We have asked God to change us by his grace, fill us with his goodness and make us a mirrored reflection of the Divine. We ARE the body of Christ – giving ourselves for others. We are the blood of Jesus – may our lives and love be spilled out for those around us who are hurting. We have become what we received.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing:**

..May your life be a brush in the very hand of God—painting new creation into every nook and cranny of reality that your shadow graces. Be courageous. Be free. Prune that which needs pruning, and water that which thirsts for righteousness. You are the body of Christ, the light of the world. Pick up your hammer. Your brush. Your trumpet. Your skillet. Your pen. Lift up your head. And walk. Run. Dance. Fly. The great Artist calls you into being. So go into your world, your valley, your garden, and **create forgiveness, generosity, hospitality and faithfulness** with His grace and in His peace. Amen.

**Sending Song** 536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the good news

**Thanks be to God.**