

# Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



**October 11, 2020  
10:30 AM**

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>  
or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>  
Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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**In-Person Worship TONIGHT:** Join us for in-person worship services, usually every other **Sunday at 4:00 PM**. Please bring your own chairs—spots will be marked on the front lawn. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed. Limited bathroom usage. At-risk individuals or anyone feeling unwell should not attend. Please use discretion. **Please RSVP [here](#)** so that we can plan for attendance.

**Hymnal Supplement:** The ELCA has produced a hymnal supplement to our current *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* entitled *All Creation Sings* to be released in November. If you would like to purchase a personal copy or donate toward the cost of the congregation purchase please contact the church office. \$12.50 per copy. For more information click [here](#).

**St. John's Anti-Racism Committee Book Dialogue:** *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. The discussion will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 13 at 5:00 PM**. Please join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82257936347?pwd=OT1JU3AvVEgwd3BpeGlEWW9vR1g4Zz09>, **password:** 222626.

**Cross Roads Tea:** Our benefit Tea Party for Cross Roads Camp is going virtual! We will be meeting over Zoom on **October 17 at 4:00 PM**. Upon RSVP we will deliver you a personal tea party box. Join us for a fun afternoon to support our church camp. You must sign up by **October 9**. Sign up [here](#) to reserve a spot.

**Remembrance of the Faithful Departed:** Each year on All Saints Day we remember those who have died in the past year. You are invited to submit names and a picture of any loved ones or friends who have died in the past year. For more information or to submit a name, please email Pastor Blake. Names must be submitted by **October 25**.

**Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway:** Donations of coats, hats, scarves or gloves for men, women, and children, may be brought to St. John's by **October 25**. For those living closer to Maplewood, you may also make arrangements to drop off items with Carmen Johnson. Please contact her directly to make arrangements, or call the church office.

**Reformation Intergenerational Zoom Event:** Join us **Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 PM** for a fun program for all ages. We will sing, share, and learn about our Lutheran heritage.

**Christmas Trees:** We are looking to borrow well-kept, green artificial Christmas trees for use in producing Advent & Christmas videos. This would be a loan NOT a donation--you can have your trees back. We would want them by early November and can return them to you by **December 16**. If you have a possible tree to loan us, please contact the church office.

**The ELCA Church Council** has unanimously adopted a new social message. Read [here](#).

**Calling all musicians:** Join us in our virtual music-making this fall! Email Donna Garzinsky ([dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org](mailto:dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org)) to find out how you can get involved.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. You may make your tax-deductible donation to the Relief Fund [here](#), by either check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace which is life in you. Amen.

*From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Dix*

By Christine Sullivan (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C)

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Verses 1, 4, 5*



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

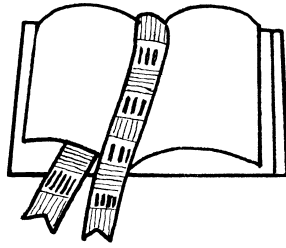
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Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## 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.**



## Word

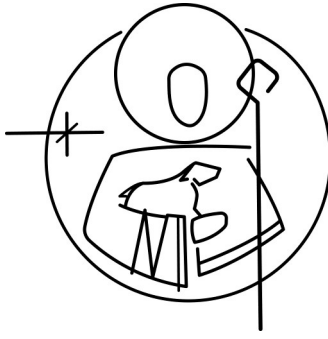
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **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

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM 23** Setting of *Brother James' Air*

By John Carter (b. 1930)

Stephanie Rothman, trumpet

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be;  
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

**SECOND READING** Philippians 4:4–9

<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 reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?—

You have the words of e-ter-nal life: Al-le-lu-ia!—

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

## GOSPEL Matthew 22:1–14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.”

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

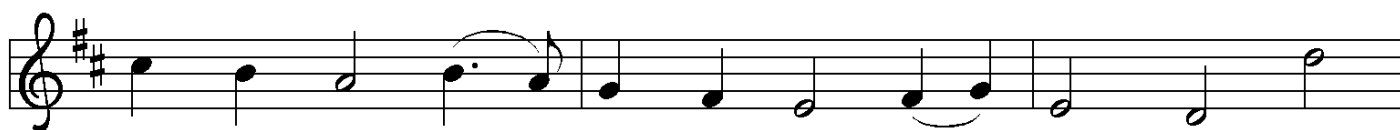
HYMN OF THE DAY 727 Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall  
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer. *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Courtney Rothman

## **OFFERING ANTHEM "Morning Response"**

By Mike Cutler (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C)

Virtual Adult Choir

From age to age our voice will proclaim your faithfulness; Your love, O God, forever we will sing.  
From age to age our voice will proclaim your faithfulness; Your love, O God, forever we will sing.

The heavens bear witness to your wonders,  
And to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.  
Your love, O God, forever we will sing.

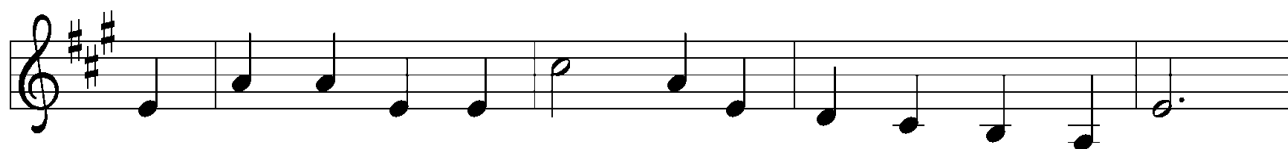
Who is like you, God of hosts?  
O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around.  
Your love, O God, forever we will sing.

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;  
Love and truth go before your face.  
Your love, O God, forever we will sing.

Glory to the creator, redeemer and sanctifier.  
From age to age our voice will proclaim your faithfulness;  
Your love, O God, forever we will sing.

## OFFERTORY 681 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

### Verse 3



3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

#### *Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.  
Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  $\dagger$  Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and rest upon you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN 873 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

*Verses 1, 4, 5*

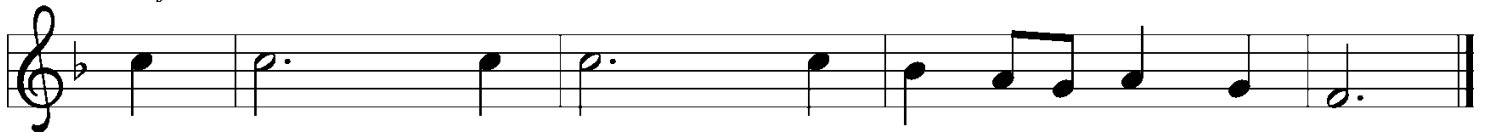


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.

Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Mit freuden Zart*

By Michael Costello (b. 1979)

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR:** URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

**Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM.** Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.** Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88523165763>

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# READER

Pentecost 19

- Today is the **19<sup>th</sup>** Sunday after Pentecost.
- At Pentecost the Holy Spirit **rushed in**.
- The Holy Spirit didn't need an invitation to come to the **Pentecost party**.
- During the Pentecost season, we think about the **Holy Spirit**.

## Who Will Come to the Banquet?

In today's story, many people hide from the king. God doesn't want us to hide. God wants us to come to the feast. Draw some people hiding in the tree. Draw yourself standing boldly in front of it!

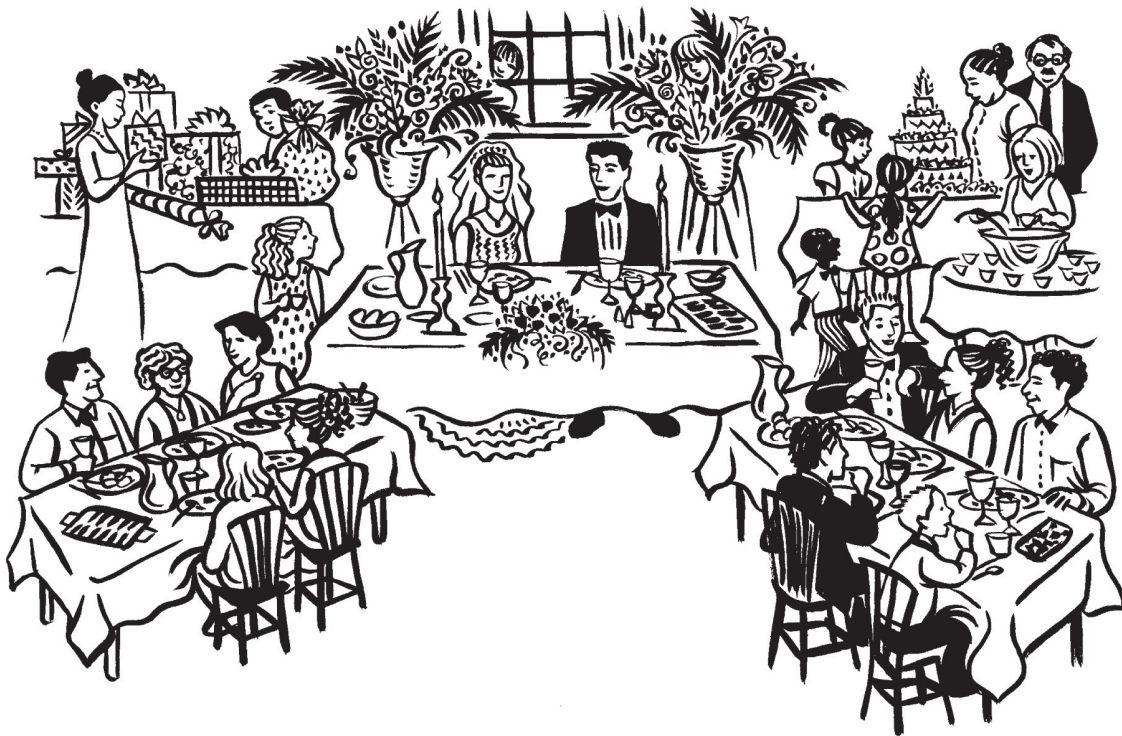


# The Fabulous Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

Today's Gospel is about a huge wedding feast. The king invited everyone—even strangers! God is like the king in this story. Each of us is invited to be a wedding guest. Will you go to the party?

**Draw yourself at this fabulous feast. Find 3 people who don't feel welcome to join the party and are hiding. How might you help them? How can you tell God is at this party?**



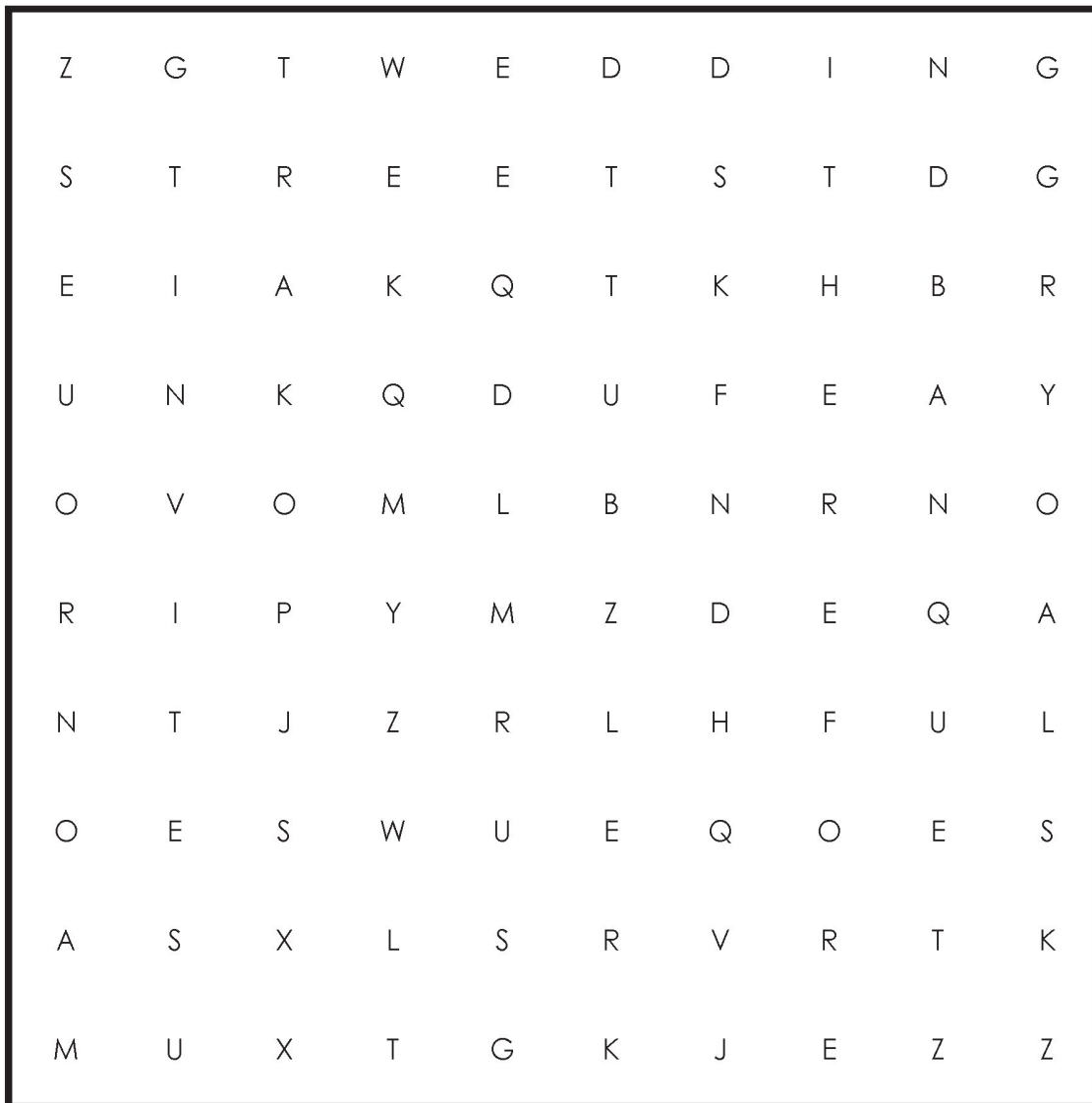
Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

## Memory Verse



### Matthew 22:9

The king sent his servants to find people to come to the banquet. Go on a hunt for words from the memory verse.



# All Are Welcome

Holy Communion is a feast for all of us—friends and strangers. We share bread, wine, and blessings together at the table (altar), sing songs, and pray.

People celebrate Holy Communion many ways. Circle the picture closest to the way your congregation shares this fabulous feast!







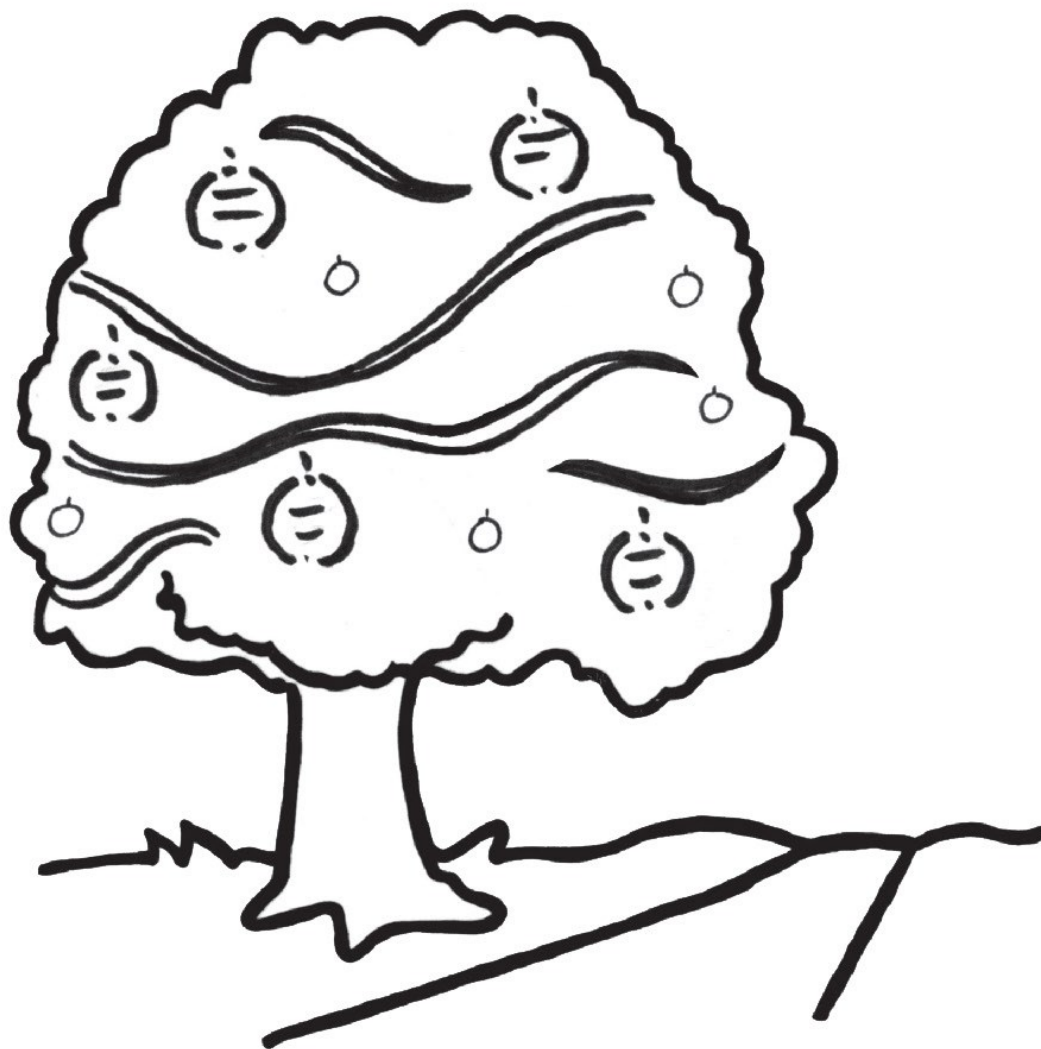
# PRE-READER

Pentecost 19

- Today is the **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow with **God's people**.

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God invites all of us to a party. Look! Our Pentecost tree is ready for a party. Color the decorations on the tree. Then add some more!





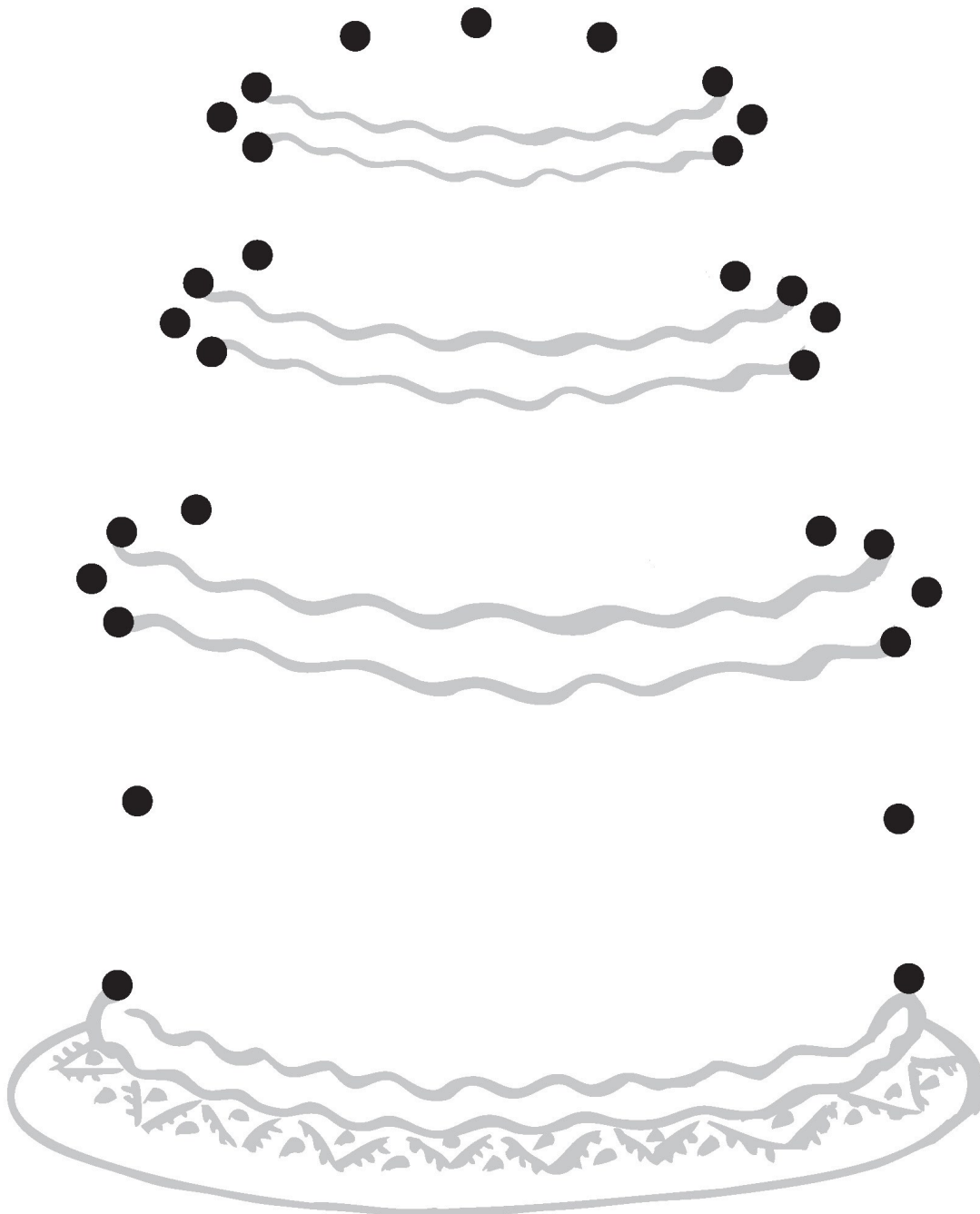
**Soon the party was crowded with laughing and dancing people!**



God invites us to a party. What do you like to eat at a party?



**Connect the dots. You will find something everyone likes to eat at a party.**



At church, God invites us to a feast. We eat a meal together at church called communion. Everyone is welcome.



**Draw in some more people in the empty spaces at the meal.**

