



**THAT
I MAY
KNOW
HIM
AND THE
POWER
OF HIS
RESUR-
RECTION**

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Arr. Pam Turner

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,

Verse 2

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

Verse 3

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away.
He then is all my hope and stay. (*refrain*)

Verse 4

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne! (*refrain*)

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace, good will toward all.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 80:7-18

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You prepared the | ground for it;

it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**

and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea

and its branches | to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**

so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this vine;

preserve what your right | hand has planted.

¹⁵They burn it with | fire like rubbish;

at the rebuke of your countenance | let them perish.

**¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn a- | way from you;

give us life, that we may call up- | on your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and

we | shall be saved.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “O Come, Let us Sing to the Lord”

Lloyd Larson

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel is written in the 21st chapter of Matthew.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

³³[Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the

Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Children's Chat

Sermon "What Do You Know?"

Verse 1

We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heav'n above.
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord
For all his love.

Verse 2

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
By him the birds are fed.
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread. (*refrain*)

Verse 3

We thank you, our creator,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all your love imparts,
But what you most would treasure
Our humble, thankful hearts. (*refrain*)

Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and
in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty,
everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord
and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your
right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples
as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company
of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore
praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven 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 Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen**

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

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Benedicamus

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation”

Larry Shackley

*We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen

Christmas Program Planning

Anyone participating in the Christmas Concert, please meet in the **conference room following worship today** for a short volunteer meeting.

Planning for the **Kid’s Christmas Pageant will be at 3pm today in the Sanctuary.** This meeting is for Sunday School teachers (pre-K – high school) and anyone who wants to help.

Recent prayer needs:

- Cindy Alligood – Recovering at home
- Jean Deal – Health concerns
- Terry Eller – Recovering, in-home rehab
- Johnny Jenkins (property brother) – Health concerns
- Michelle Orbison – Health concerns
- Betty Niedens – Recovering at home
- Mike Morris – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (10/1)	\$6848
Other Offering (10/1).....	\$830
Children’s Mission (4th qtr.–Lutheran Military Veterans)	\$86.50
Sunday School Attendance (10/1).....	68
Worship Attendance (10/1).....	153



Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 14th • 5:00pm

Traditional German fare,
including Bratwurst, sauerkraut,
red cabbage, German and American potato
salads, apple dumplings,
apple cake, tea and German coffee.

**RSVP on the pew pads
or by calling the church office
no later than October 8th.**

Binns-Counts Christmas—Now is your opportunity to **donate clothing and household items** to the Binns-Counts Community Center. These may be used items (*good condition please*) or new items. Clothing may be for children or adults. We will accept them throughout October. Donation boxes are located in the narthex and in the hallway by the conference room.

For large donations, please contact John or Carolyn Canup.
October 29th is the final day that items will be accepted.

The collection of **toys and gifts for children** will continue until **Sunday, November 19th**. If you do not want to shop, you may make a donation and note on the envelope Binns-Counts.

Sunday, October 8

- Outdoor Worship Service, 10:30am, weather permitting
- Christmas Concert participants—after worship, conference room
- Youth & Family and Outreach Committees meet, 2pm
- Planning for Kid's Christmas pageant, Sanctuary, 3pm
- Youth Group, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, October 9

- After school program for Faith Academy, 1–3pm

Tuesday, October 10

- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, October 11

- Classical Conversations homeschool 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, October 12

- Bible study, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, October 14

- Oktoberfest, 5pm

Sunday, October 15

- Outdoor Worship Service, 10:30am, weather permitting
- Kristie and Danny Ward, from Naomi's Heart Mission, will be with us for worship.
- Autumn Care Worship, 2pm
- Youth Group, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Wreaths Across America—Wreaths will be placed in the National Cemetery at the VA Hospital on December 16th. Each wreath is \$15. Money may be put in an envelope in the offering plate (**be sure to mark on the envelope “wreaths”**) or given directly to Nicole Amos. All money needs to be to Nicole by November 27th.

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Girl Scout Troop 743 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a Veteran's grave this December at Salisbury National Cemetery Annex.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NC0277



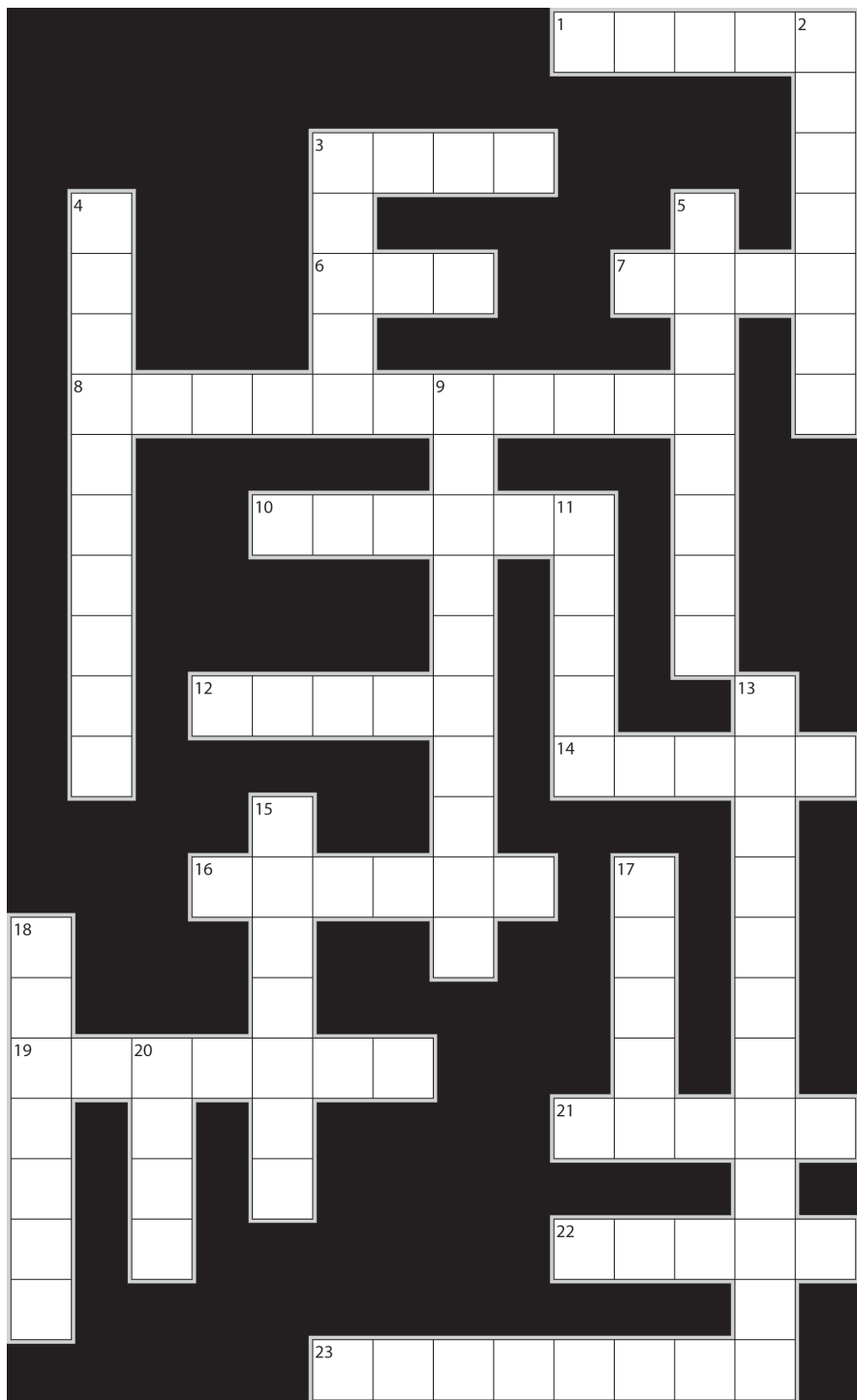
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I Will Bring Them Back

Find the 27 bold words from Zechariah 10:8–12.

Y S W O T Q U Z E B W D B U M
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K X E V C F I D I S L P P E H
L G K R A N D S R I R L Y B T
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“I will **whistle** for them and **gather** them, for I have **redeemed** them. And they shall be as **numerous** as before. Though I **dispersed** them among the peoples, they shall **remember** me in **distant places**, and they shall **live** and **return** with their **children**. I will bring them back from the land of **Egypt**, and gather them from **Assyria**, and bring them into the land of **Gilead** and **Lebanon** until there is no space for them. He shall pass through the sea of distress, and **conquer** the **waves** of the sea. And all the **depths** of the **Nile** shall be dried up, and the **pride** of Assyria shall be brought **low**, and the **scepter** of Egypt shall be **removed**. And I will **strengthen** them in the **LORD**; and they shall **walk** in his **name**,” says the LORD.



Pentecost 18A

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

1. The righteousness of God depends on this.
3. The kind of grapes in the vineyard of the Lord
6. Eventually, the master sent him?
7. The mountains were covered with its shade.
8. The stone the builders rejected has become the...
10. The Apostle Paul persecuted her.
12. A vine was brought out of this nation.
14. Let your face shine, that we may be...
16. What the tenants did to the son
19. Who had the vineyard?
21. The master put this around his vineyard.
22. The master sent servants to collect what?
23. The Apostle Paul was of this tribe.

DOWN

2. The Apostle Paul was a Hebrew of...
3. The Lord will change his vineyard into this.
4. It was planted in the middle of the vineyard.
5. It was on a fertile hill.
9. Jesus asked the chief priests and elders if they had ever read these.
11. Turn again, O God of...
13. The Apostle Paul wanted to know Christ and this power.
15. It was hewn in the vineyard.
17. What the psalmist wanted God's face to do
18. The Apostle Paul considered everything this, in order that he might gain Christ.
20. The vine took root and filled this.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14