



“I confess that the body is in heaven, I also confess that it is in the sacrament. I am not concerned about what is contrary to nature but only about what is contrary to faith.” (Martin Luther, Marburg Colloquy, *Luther’s Works*, Vol. 38).

Family and Friends of Blessed Sacrament,

7 Oct 2020

You may have noticed that the gospel texts are moving us toward the Sunday of the Fulfillment — the last Sunday in the Church calendar (22 November). The themes of law and judgment, but also gospel and redemption resonate for the good of our souls. This week is no different. Saint Matthew records the Parable of the Wedding Feast where guests are invited but one is found to be without a garment and expelled. Lest we fret, this text is coupled with Psalm 23 that assures us the Lord has provided everything, even the appropriate garment (the righteousness of Christ) for our complete redemption. So let us gather with joy and confidence around the wedding feast of Christ — the Blessed Sacrament itself. The texts this week are:

Oct. 11 (Proper 23)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 25:6–9	Psalm 23	Phil. 4:4–13	Matt. 22:1–14
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First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion catechumens will gather from 0830-0930 at the Sousa home ([915 S. Old Jellum Road, Coeur d’Alene](https://www.google.com/maps/place/915+S.+Old+Jellum+Road,+Coeur+d'Alene,+ID+83814-1000/@47.67187,-117.02187,15z)).

Catechesis. Every Sunday catechesis for all will take place from 0900 - 0945. We will continue with the 5th lesson in “Loving the Liturgy.”

Hymns. Early each week I will disclose the LSB Hymns so that you may practice/review at home. This week’s hymns: Processional: **909**; Psalm **23** (chanted responsively); Gloria **LBS** 946; Hymn of the Day: **809**; Recessional: **512**. The Bombaro family will sing The Magnificat during distribution.

Memorial Acclamation. During the elevation of the Eucharist we will sing one of the “memorial acclamations” which refers to the entire mystery of salvation through Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, which is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist. It is sung twice, prompted by the celebrant singing: “Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.” It is reproduced below for your consideration. *It is very, very easy to sing.*

Prayer of Preparation. Following the Memorial Acclamation is the *Ecce Agnus Dei*. This spoken confession adapted from Matthew 8 is a confession/absolution dialogue whereby the celebrant declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper," and the church responds, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive You. But only say the word and I shall be healed." This is followed by the Holy Absolution of the *Pax Domine*, "The Peace of the Lord be with you always," during which the Body and Blood of Christ are presented as our peace with God for the forgiveness of sins.

Search for a Liturgical Space. We extend our thanks to the MacPherson family for their wonderful hospitality, hosting the parish for Mass each week. Nathan and David have been looking for a longer-term location suitable for the Divine Liturgy and are in negotiations. Let's pray for the Lord's favor in this regard.

Upcoming Event. Rumor has it that there may be a parish Oktoberfest celebration toward the end of the month. Announcements are forthcoming. Also, be mindful that the color for Reformation (31 Oct) is red and white on All Saints (1 Nov).

Rejoice in God's Mercy. We express our thanksgiving to the Lord for His mercy on the Pickering household. Helena is recovering well and growing in strength. May the Lord bless us with her presence soon.

566 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen



Gm
Eb
Dm⁷
Gm
F
Bb
Cm
Gm
D

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en;

Eb
F
C
Gm
F
Bb

Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died;

Gratefully yours,
Pastor John