



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022 10:45 Blended Service

Desperation and Hope

Prelude

As We Gather

God's Kingdom is marvelous reality for us especially as we gather to worship this day with our friends from Hungary. We welcome them with joyful hearts. Pastor György Baranka will be our guest preacher as he shares his sermon entitled "Desperation and Hope".

Welcome

+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +

Opening Song "Still" SSP 47

Hide me now

Under Your wings

Cover me

Within Your mighty hand

When the oceans rise

And thunders roar

I will soar with You

Above the storm

Father You are King

Over the flood

I will be still and know

You are God

Find rest my soul

In Christ alone

Know His power

In quietness and trust

When the oceans rise

And thunders roar

I will soar with You

Above the storm

Father You are King

Over the flood

I will be still and know

You are God

**When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God**

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- A** Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.
C **We confess, heavenly Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

- P** "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Song of Forgiveness "My Chains Are Gone" SSP 39

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

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Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;

A through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1–6

(God tells Abram he will have a large family and, through one offspring, countless inheritors of His promises.)

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my

house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

(People of faith before us are examples for us.)

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents

with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Luke 12:22–34

Luke 12:22–40

(Jesus encourages us to not fear, for God knows what we truly need.)

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.

³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" LSB 720

**We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.**

**We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.**

**For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**

**Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.**

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Message

Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever.

For the Church, that raised with Christ we put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of God. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus. In mercy,

- C** **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

- A** For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness. In mercy,

- C** **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

- A** For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. Heal with Your mercy those we lift before You Vicki Ratzloff, Delinda Hollaway, Kathy Wurzbach, Carol Schreiber, Gary, Bonnie, Jamie, Holtzman, Kevin Lubbert, Nathan Pittman, Jeane Hilsberg, Charissa & Violet Stamm, Roger Ditzenberger, Andy Puls, Yvonne Stamm, Cricket Winters, Kathy Wurzbach, John McCarty, Judy Royal, Donna & Brian Krueger, Barbara Murphy, Kathy Carlson, Henry Helmke, Barbara

Kerber, Dan Benson, Tammy Tolbert, Tisha Robinson, Bruce Zehms.
For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they
experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work. In
mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A For this congregation, that, knowing God is God and that we have
been raised with Christ, our lives be transformed from the old self with
its selfish practices to life abundant with the new self, filled with
generosity toward God and others. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and
in the lives of our children. Be with each member of St. Paul,
especially those we lift to You this day, Gary & Liz Keith, Kirk Kessler,
Roger & Peggy Kindt, James, Kathy, Jason King, Bless the children of
our CLC, Charlotte, Emma, Lincoln, Mila, along with their parents and
our staff. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated
to strangers as well as to friends. Grant that we share with them our
faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful
people. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone
before us in the faith. Guide us to follow those who have gone before
us in faith in seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated
at the right hand of God. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

A In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good
and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all
generations. Lead us to pray as Your Son has taught us...

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory " Your Voice is Always With Me"

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

1. Do I believe that I am sinful without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

(For those intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not left us without hope, for You promised a Redeemer, who by His obedient death and victorious resurrection crushed Satan underfoot and opened to us the door of everlasting life. With repentant joy we receive the salvation He won for us on the cross.

Gathered now at His bidding, we pray that You would grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood, and thereby to receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in this Sacrament. Strengthen us to live in hope each day until we join saints and angels around Your throne in eternity. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

"We Proclaim Your Death" SSP 9

L The Mystery of Faith

C **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
until you come again**

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Song of Forgiveness "Lamb of God" SSP 10

L Lamb of God,

C **You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God,

C **You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God,

C **You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

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Distribution "Forever Jesus" SSP 85

My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus

My firm foundation in shifting sands

My strength and hope

Through many fears and failures

The disappointments of the past

His constant love has held me fast

**So for all my days
I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus**

**My song of joy will be forever Jesus
Who bore my suff'ring who made a way
His life a gift His death a precious ransom
That wipes the sinner's guilt away
And turns my night to glorious day**

**So for all my days I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus**

**My final breath shall be forever Jesus
When shadows lengthen before my eyes
My Lord and friend
Companion through the valley
When dearest ones are left behind
His hand will lead me to the Light**

**So for all my days I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus**

**When I meet his gaze
I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
All my sorrows past I am home at last
With my King forever Jesus
With my King forever Jesus
With my King forever Jesus**

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Distribution Hymn "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

**Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

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Song of Blessing "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937
**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.**

**With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, health, and peace. Strengthen us through it that we reflect in our daily living the eternal inheritance that is ours through our incorporation into the Body of Christ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WE DEPART IN HIS PEACE +

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

A The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Closing Song "Christ our Hope in Life and Death" SSP 89

What is our hope in life and death

Christ alone Christ alone

What is our only confidence

That our souls to Him belong

What holds our days within His hand

What comes apart from His command

And what will keep us to the end

The love of Christ in which we stand

O Sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul

God is good God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise

Who stands above the stormy trial

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore the rock of Christ

O sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

**Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore**

**O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

**O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

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Postlude

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