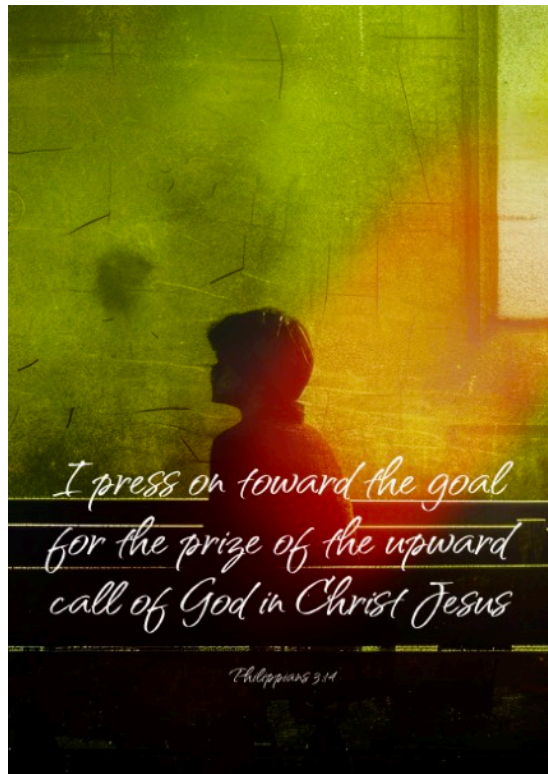


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Prayer Upon Entering Church: O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion Statement: All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ring of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 375 "If Thy Beloved Son, O God" Δ

**If Thy beloved Son, O God, Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine In hell eternally would pine
Because of its transgression.**

**But now I find sweet peace and rest, Despair no more reigns o'er me;
No more am I by sin opprest, For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me He died That, reconciled, I might abide
With Thee, my God, forever.**

**I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sorrow ceases;
His words abiding peace impart, His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through Him I now obtain; He washes me from every stain,
And pure I stand before Him.**

**All righteousness by works is vain, The Law brings condemnation;
True righteousness by faith I gain, Christ's work is my salvation.
His death, that perfect sacrifice, Has paid the all-sufficient price;
In Him my hope is anchored.**

**Δ My guilt, O Father, Thou hast laid On Christ, Thy Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, Thou my debt hast paid And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Ghost, Thou Fount of grace, The good in me to Thee I trace;
In faith do Thou preserve me. Amen.**

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

**P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and
iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution TLH Page 16

**P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word,
announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus
Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.**

C: [Sung] Amen.

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

P: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you! C: And with thy spirit!

(prayed together) – **Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.
Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 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!

Epistle Reading – 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.

Gradual (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings... **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:33-46

³³[Jesus said:] “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 ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn *TLH 406* "Lord, as Thou Wilt, Deal Thou with Me"

**Lord, as Thou wilt, deal Thou with me; No other wish I cherish.
In life and death I cling to Thee; Oh, do not let me perish!
Let not Thy grace from me depart And grant an ever patient heart
To bear what Thou dost send me.**

**Grant honor, truth, and purity, And love Thy Word to ponder;
From all false doctrine keep me free. Bestow, both here and yonder,
What serves my everlasting bliss; Preserve me from unrighteousness
Throughout my earthly journey.**

**When, at Thy summons, I must leave This vale of sin and sadness,
Give me Thy grace, Lord, not to grieve, But to depart with gladness.
To Thee my spirit I commend; O Lord, grant me a blessed end
Through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 447 "Fight the Good Fight"

**Fight the good fight With all thy might; Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.**

**Cast care aside; Upon thy Guide Lean, and His mercy will provide;
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is All in all to thee. Amen.**

TLH 178 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

**We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross;
The sinners' Hope let men deride, For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon that cross we see In shining letters "God is Love."
He bears our sins upon the tree, He brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross!--it takes our guilt away. It holds the fainting spirit up,
It cheers with hope the gloomy day, And sweetens every bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes all terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light.**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinners' refuge here below, The angels theme in heaven above. Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving: TLH Page 30

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. C: [Sung] And His mercy endureth forever.

The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31

**P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.**

C: [Sung] A- - - - men.

The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [Sung] And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: [Sung] Thanks be to God.

The Benediction: TLH Page 31

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.**

C: [Sung] Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Hymn TLH 444 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you,
For Satan has designed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious; Our God will set you o'er them all.
Is Satan strong and fell? Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield, And we as conqueror's hold the field.

Cast afar this world's vain pleasures, Aye, boldly fight for heavenly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might. He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you; By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul! Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run; The combat done, Thy crown of glory will be won.

Wisely fight, for time is fleeting, The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way. Then the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking, With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure, Tho' long we did endure Scorn and trial.
Thou, Son of God, To Thine abode Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

Jesus, all Thy children cherish And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven Whenever fearful is our mood.
Thy spirit on us pour That we may love Thee more-- Hearts o'erflowing;
And then will we Be true to Thee In death and life eternally. Amen.

Silent Prayer - Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, October 5th:** 2 Thessalonians 1
- **Tuesday, October 6th:** 2 Thessalonians 2
- **Wednesday, October 7th:** 2 Thessalonians 3
- **Thursday, October 8th:** 1 Samuel 1
- **Friday, October 9th:** 1 Samuel 2
- **Saturday, October 10th:** 1 Samuel 3
- **Sunday, October 11th:** 1 Samuel 4

Prayer for Departing Church: O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.