

Welcome!

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 19, 2025 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Nicene Creed	Pastor Joel and Vicar Fritz	Rooms 1-4
Prayer	Pastor Davenport	Rooms 5 & 6
Reading the Bible Together	Marie Schlosser	Library
The Hymn of the Day	Tom Schroeder	Sanctuary Balcony
Bethel: The Intertestamental Period	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
Habits of the Household	Lindsay Miller and Josh Kittleman	Gym

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

SERMON SERIES: GOD'S PEOPLE

We continue to read through the entire book of 1 Peter. We want to see ourselves in community with one another because God has called us to community and established us in it by our baptism. In this series we are cutting away the ways we instinctively reject community. Then we are guided in what it looks like to live as God's people.

This week we will build up what needs to be built up. We will name relevant and practical ways in which we might live as God's Holy community. God calls His people to *humbly serve* one another.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Lindsay Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

LSB 812

- 1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.**
- 2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "For He was slain for us!"**
- 3. Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.**
- 4. Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18*

- P** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**
- P** This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.
- C** **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.**
- P** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- C** **The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

KYRIE

LSB 168

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

continued

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST *(sung)*

LSB 171

- P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Make Me a Servant"

Kelly Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:7—5:14

^{4:7}The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ^{5:1}So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all

of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹²By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(The parable of the persistent widow)

Luke 18:1-8

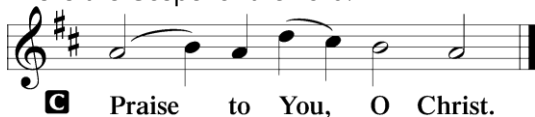
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the

unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

LSB 857

All: 1. **Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.**

Choir: 2. *You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.*

All: 3. **No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.**

Choir: 4. *You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.*

All: 5. **Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.**

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SERMON

"God's People Serve One Another"

1 Peter 4:7-5:14

CREED

"We All Believe in One True God"

LSB 953

1. **We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.**
2. **We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.**
3. **We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE SING

"Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

LSB 779

- 1. Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.**
- 2. Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.**

[P] Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. Ever-hearing Lord, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

WE SING

- 3. With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.**

[P] Ever-providing Lord, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

WE SING

- 4. Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.**

[P] Ever-guiding Lord, You place us where we are to be lights in a dark world and proclaim Your Word in truth and love. Empower us in our witnessing among family, friends, and strangers that they too may know the relationship You desire with all people through the Savior You have given. Grant Your Spirit to open ears and soften hearts that Your Gospel may be received and furthered throughout the world until You come again. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

WE SING

- 5. While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.**

- P** Ever-present Lord, grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer. . . For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

WE SING

6. Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.

Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.

C **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**

- P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.

C **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (*sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 178

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P 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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C **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.**

PAX DOMINI

The Peace of the Lord

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI (sung)

Lamb of God

LSB 180

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

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

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

1. Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
2. Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.
3. Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
4. God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
5. Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
6. Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

"Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"

LSB 847

- 1. Christ, our human likeness sharing, Heaven's love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, In His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Be Your life in us displayed.**
- 2. Hear the word that Christ has spoken, Help the weak, the hungry feed;
See the pow'rs of darkness broken, Sinners pardoned, captives freed:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Help us meet our neighbor's need.**
- 3. Christ, in ev'ry congregation Build Your temple, stone by stone,
With Your word as firm foundation For a faith matured and grown:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Make in us Your Gospel known.**
- 4. Come, O living Christ, renew us, As of old in wind and flame;
With the Spirit's pow'r endue us, Servants of Your saving name:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Heidi and Bob Nance, in loving memory of Bobby Nance.

By Jeff and Heather Schulz, in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary on 10/19.

By Kitty's children and grandchildren, in honor of Kitty Witt's 80th birthday on 10/20.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

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Preaching: Pastor Werner

Director of Music: Tom Schroeder

Musicians: COS Festival Choir

Elder: Nathan Troike

Communion Assistants: Dennis Puishes, Josh Kittleman, Gunther Ruck, Mark Anders

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