

**THE 19th SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



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IS  
MORE**

**October 3, 2021**



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As We Gather: Throughout Scripture and in the hymnody of the Church, we are reminded that all time is God's time and that we spend every day in His care and with His blessing. Through the centuries, Christian writers have crafted prayers and hymn texts that are specific to certain times of the day. In monastery life, there are customary readings and services fashioned for about every three hours around the clock. All our times are God's times—may we reflect the shining mercy of God throughout our days!

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Welcome

### Opening Hymn, LSB 908 [TLH 5]

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

P 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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## **Confession of Sins**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

## **Forgiveness of Sins**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **The First Reading, Genesis 2:18-25 (NIV)**

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Second Reading, Hebrews 2:9-18 (ESV)**

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your

name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading, Mark 10:2-16 (NIV)**

P The Gospel according to Mark:

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

Some Pharisees came and tested [Jesus] by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

“What did Moses command you?” He replied. They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will

become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn, LSB 564 [No TLH]**

“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”



1 Christ sits at God’s right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
 3 Christ’s al - tar was the tree, Where on the world’s be - half  
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!  
 Δ 6 All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who in - ter - cedes,



To reign till ev - ’ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?  
 Our great High Priest en - throned a - bove Who knows our needs;



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
 To seal God’s guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured  
 And to the Fa - ther sing Our songs of thank - ful praise,



When first He said, “Lord, here am I To do Your will.”  
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.  
 Who with the Spir - it reigns in love For end - less days.

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**Sermon, “Less is More” Hebrews 2:9-18**



...Jesus, crowned with glory and honor  
because of the suffering of death,  
so that by the grace of God he might  
taste death for everyone.

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**LWML Hymn, "Serve the Lord with Gladness"** by Prof. Lewerenz  
*(Tune, LSB 662, St. Gertrude, "Onward, Christian Soldiers")*

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

## **LWML Sunday Observance**

Doris duBois

### **The LWML Sunday Prayer**

L For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring.

C **Amen.**

### **The LWML Pledge**

C In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## **LWML "Mites" Are Received**

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## Prayers

P Let us pray. We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and never neglect the salvation won by Jesus Christ, but joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world, especially Haiti and Afghanistan, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and for all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted but help us to encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, especially Harold and Evelyn Sand, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are not known to us. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we bring our prayers to You, Lord, we remember the decision this congregation will make on October 17. Lord, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your

Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and in obedience to Your will. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These things and all else that we should have asked, grant to us with Your blessing for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

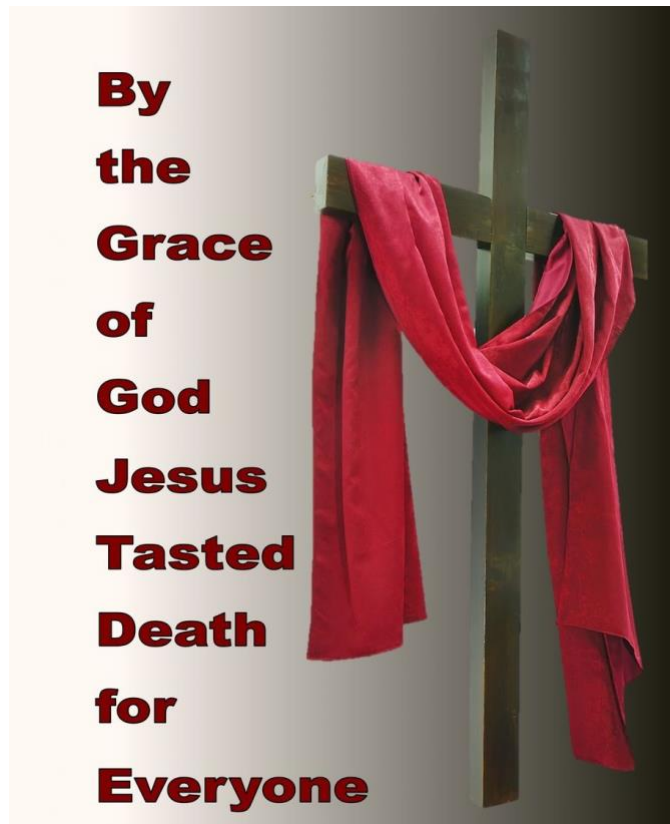
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

### **Benediction (NIV)**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**



**Hymn to Depart, LSB 834 [No TLH]**

"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to

fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark

less mote, A death-ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.

Thy Word meant life tri - um-phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads

Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran

Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!

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## Announcements

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### Numbers from Last Sunday

The attendance on 9/26 was 47. The total offering was \$1,820 including \$256 to the Capital/Building Fund and \$40 to Trinity First.

### Voters Meeting and Potluck

Our next voters meeting will follow the worship service on October 17<sup>th</sup>. A potluck in the Fellowship Hall will follow the voters meeting.

## **Attendance Cards**

The blue attendance cards were out-of-date and have been removed from the pews. We will let their future be determined by the new pastor.

## **Prayer Requests**

Prayers are requested for Evelyn Sand who has a broken hip and Covid-19 and is in hospice. Also pray for Harold Sand who is hospitalized with Covid. We do not have an update at this time.

## **Sunday Treats**

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Family Room. Sign-up if you are willing to furnish treats to go along with our refreshments. Either home-made or store-bought is fine. See Judy Sorenson for more details.

## **Available On The Table**

- The October-December *Portals of Prayer*.
- The October Newsletter

## **Celebrations this Week**

- Happy Birthday to Ed Copeland (10/5), Evangline Woltman (10/7), Stephen Blomberg (10/7), Adam Horrmann (10/8)
- Happy Anniversary to Paul and Julie Brammer (10/3) and Gus and Lisa Glaisner (10/4).

**Socktober** is here! Get ready to help us reach our goal of 100 pairs of socks for the Pillar of Warmth and Love this winter.

As we get ready to focus on Beautiful Feet in bible study, let's consider ways we can

serve the Lord, keeping in mind these words from Ephesians 5:1-2, "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us."

A collection tote for socks will be set up in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome – you can put them in the offering plate, or use the online offering link on the Holy Cross website. In both cases, designate the gift for the sock drive.

New or gently used hats, scarves, gloves and mittens are also welcome.



### **Christmas Wreaths**

Pictures of what is available, and an order form are on the front table.

### **Minneapolis Bag Ordinance**

Starting October 1, a city ordinance requiring a 5-cent fee for each carryout bag provided by a store goes into effect. This applies to any bag provided by the store.



**Serving Today, October 3**

October Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon  
October Deacon: Lyle Horrman  
Choir Director: David Hinrichs  
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot  
Counter: Lynn Oolman  
Lector: Tim Phelon  
Organist: Julie Wright  
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger  
Recorder: James Blomberg  
Treats: ?  
Ushers: Keith Lange & Tim Phelon

*Thank  
you!*

**Serving Next Sunday, October 10**

October Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon  
October Deacon: Lyle Horrman  
Choir Director: David Hinrichs  
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot  
Counter: Keith & Mary Lange  
Lector: Kimberly Blomberg  
Organist: Julie Wright  
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger  
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