

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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FAITH CLINGS TO THE WORD AND PROMISES OF GOD AND PERSEVERES IN PRAYER- “Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2-3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2)

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN “WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK”

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✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 74:18-19, 21, 20A, 22A; ANTIPHON: V. 2A

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

**Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.**

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.

**Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.**

Have regard for the covenant;
arise, O God, defend your cause.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 32:22-30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 91:11; 103:1

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!

EPISTLE

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 18:1-8

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

C Glory 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.

G Praise to You, O Christ

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HYMN OF THE DAY “ETERNAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST” 769

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

G Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Maya Radtke	+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Jeremy Radtke	+ Chad Feltmann
+ Darian Litzau	+ Angela Litzau
+ Darvin Heldt	+ Larry Hoof
+ Leonard Schuette	

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 160-164

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY”	623
“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”	686
“WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH”	545
“THE GOSPEL SHOWS THE FATHER’S GRACE”	580

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CLOSING HYMN “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING” 924

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 208

Bible Study: 20

Sunday School: N/A

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

Scripture Reader:

Jeff Engen

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING- Please plan to attend the Quarterly Voters Meeting TODAY Sunday, October 19th between services.

2. SPECIAL COLLECTION- A door collection for the Bahr/Strei Scholarship fund will take place TODAY. This scholarship is designated for college and seminary students attending an LCMS school, pursuing a degree in church work. Our church is currently supporting one student in this field.

3. ALTAR GUILD orientation will take place on Monday, October 20th at 7:30 PM.

4. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY- Thank you to everyone that helped with our ditch clean-up. Thank you to: Barb Kegler, Mike Kegler, Jim Hlavka, Dale Klaustermeier, Fred Holasek, Don Hoof, Tracy Peterson, Brooklyn Peterson and Jim Klaustermeier.

5. CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION- Church Worker

Appreciation: October is Church Worker Appreciation Month.

Boxes will be located on the narthex desk for Amanda, Ellie, and Pastor Barlau. Feel free to drop a note or card of appreciation into their box. You may bring your own from home or use the supplies provided.

6. KFC - Everyone in grades 4-8 is invited to carve a pumpkin on Wednesday, October 29th at 3:00. The pumpkins will be displayed and voted on by the community at the St. Paul Trunk or Treat on Halloween. The winner will receive a \$15 Target gift card! Please email Ellie or sign up on the youth bulletin board so we can have enough pumpkins! Friends are more than welcome!

7. SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades N3-4 will sing Sunday, October 26 at the 10:30 service.

8. CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING: New photo dates of Wednesday, November 5th and Tuesday, November 11th have been added for you to schedule an appointment to be included in the new church directory. See October Lamplighter or table in Upper Narthex for more information.

9. THANK YOU: The Stewardship committee wants to express sincere gratitude to all the congregation members who assisted in any way to execute the recent church directory photo project. Your kindness and giving of your time was a wonderful reminder of HIS love in action. It's truly a gift to know so many people are always willing to help out when needed. We are looking for a couple more helpers for the last two photo dates on November 5th and November 11th. If you are able to help please sign up at the photo directory table in the upper narthex.

10. TRUNK OR TREAT will be October 31st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in our church parking lot. There is still time to sign up to participate by decorating a trunk and handing out treats! Please sign up in the narthex! Thrivent funds available to help pay your expenses! Questions? Talk to Jane or Ellie.

11. ALL SAINTS DAY-We will be observing and celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2nd. On this day, we will be remembering those from our church family that have passed away during the past year.

12. THANK YOU to Mike Foust and Julie Hoof for sharing your time and talent in helping paint the library.

13. THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY for Season 5 will be on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the education wing. We have DVDs from the previous seasons, if you want to catch-up and join us!

14. 2025 FALL SESSION MUSIC CLASS will be on ALL THURSDAYS in October - 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the education wing music room. Please join us for some music-making fun, and invite a family from the area to join us too! Babies through age 5 are welcome!!

15. BIDS- The Trustees are now taking bids for Church Grounds keeping, Cemetery Grounds keeping, Janitorial services and snow removal. For more information talk to a Trustee (Jim Hoof, Dave Dressler, Steve Dietel).

16. SCHEDULE- *October 26:* Ushers: 1st Service- Peter Feltmann, Cameron Mogenson, Duane Litzau; 2nd Service: Joey Schauer, Jack Schauer, Carolyn Toenies, Brandon Schmidt; Acolytes: 1st Service- A. Lind, T. Herrmann; 2nd Service: C. Bebo, A. Kosek; Greeters- 1st Service: Audrey Litzau; 2nd Service: Jerome Herrmann; Scripture Reader: Larry Hoof; Flowers: Jane Roth; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Oct 19	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Quarterly Voters Meeting No Sun School/ACT/Bible Study WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Bahr/Strei Scholarship Offering
Mon. Oct 20	Noon 7:30 p.m.	Release Time Classes Deadline for Lamplighter Altar Guild Orientation
Wed. Oct 22	Noon 3:00 p.m. 3:05 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin KFC Pumpkin Carving 6 th Grade Release Time 7 th Grade Confirmation 8 th Grade Confirmation
Thurs. Oct 23	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Release Time Classes Music Class <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study
Sun. Oct 26	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sun. School/ACT/Bible Study Sunday School N3-4 Sing WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION