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19th Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 2025

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AS WE GATHER - PERSISTENCE PAYS

From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1–8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

+ PREPARATION +



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INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

GAmen.

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Thess. 5:16-18; Phil. 4:6; 1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18

- PRejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- ©Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- PThis is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.
- Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.
- PTruly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, and you say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- Cand nothing will be impossible for you.
- PLet 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.
- The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8-9

- PAs the Psalmist writes, "When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles." Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts; to speak to Him in prayer.
- **@**We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.
- POur Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."
- **©**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- PUnlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.
- CForgive us, Lord.
- PAs Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.
- CForgive us, Lord.

P As in Jesus' parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

CForgive us, Lord.

PIn the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CAmen.



+ WORD +

SALUTATION

LThe Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PSALM

Psalm 121; antiphon: vv. 1–2

LA reading from Psalm, chapter 121.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

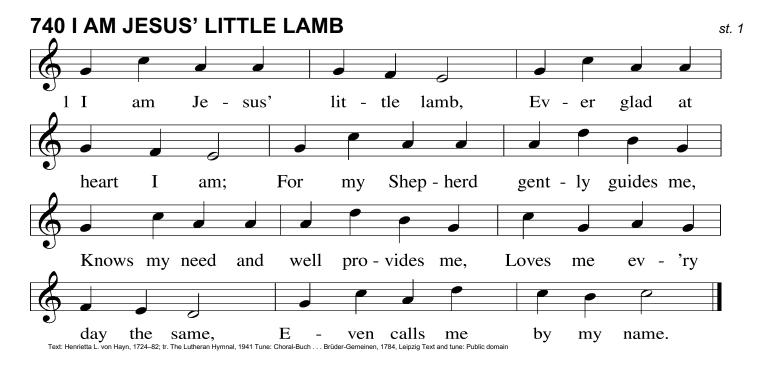
LO Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

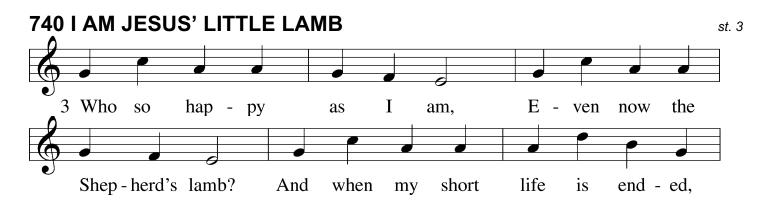
LLLet us pray.

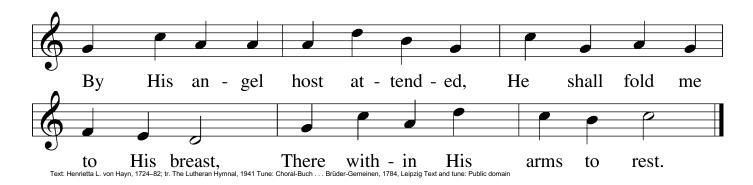
O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,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

CAmen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





OLD TESTAMENT READING

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."

LThis is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

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.

LThis is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

GGlory 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?"

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

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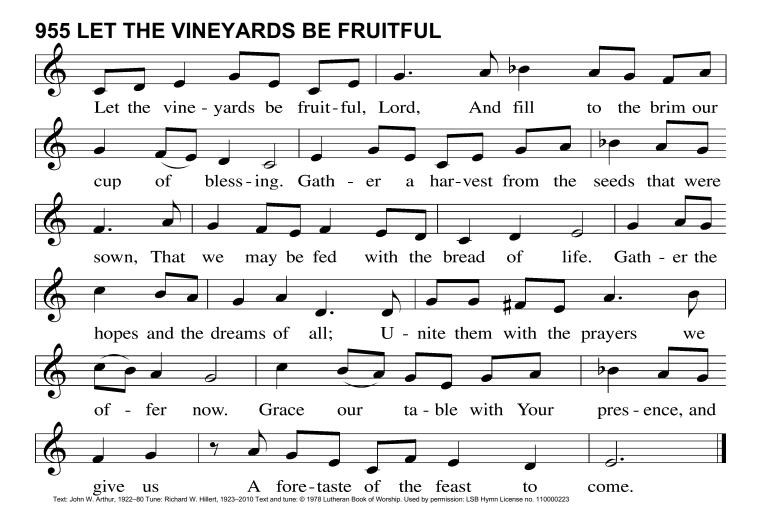
l believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 779 COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE

sts. 1-2



PRAYER 1

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.



PRAYER 2

Lever-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.



PRAYER 3

Lever-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.



PRAYER 4

Lever-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.

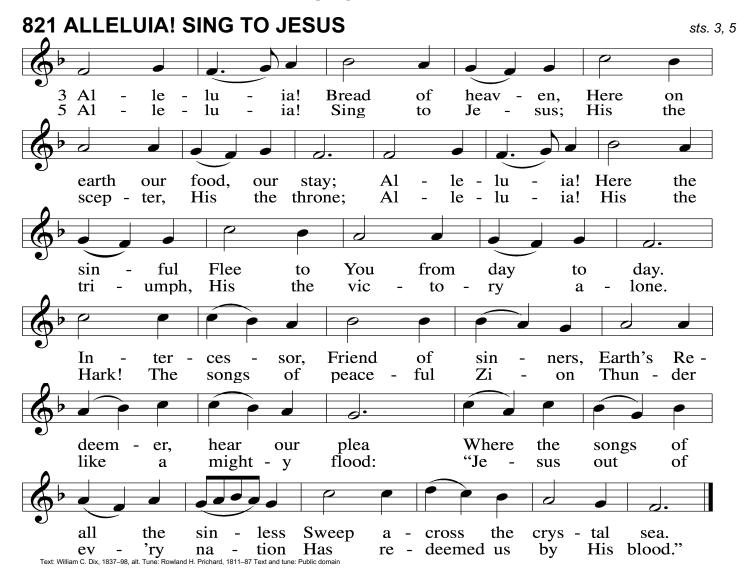


CONCLUSION

Linto Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CAmen.

+ SACRAMENT +



PREFACE

PThe Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

PIt is truly good, right, and salutary 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 saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PBlessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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.

CAmen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.

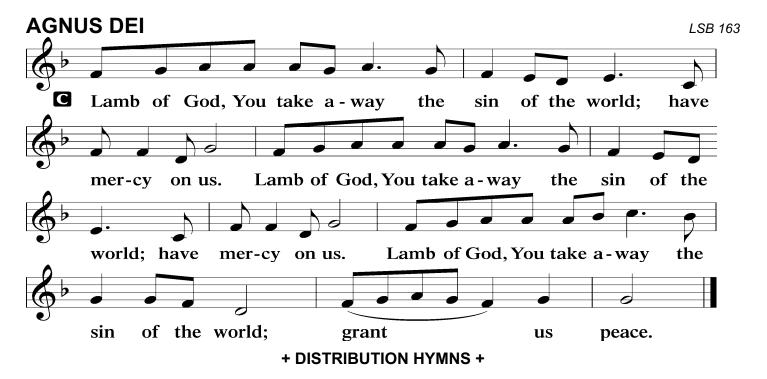
PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

©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

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.



10,000 REASONS (video)

Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come;

Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Yes, I will worship Your holy Name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name. Jesus, I will worship Your holy Name, worship Your holy Name.

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HOUSE OF THE LORD (video)

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.

We worship the God who evermore will be.

He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.

My God, He holds the victory.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today,

And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise. Oh-oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave,

My God's still rolling stones away.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today,

And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise.

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.

We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

'Cause we were the beggars. Now we're royalty.

We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today

And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today

And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise. We shout out Your praise.

There is joy in this house, there is joy in the house today.

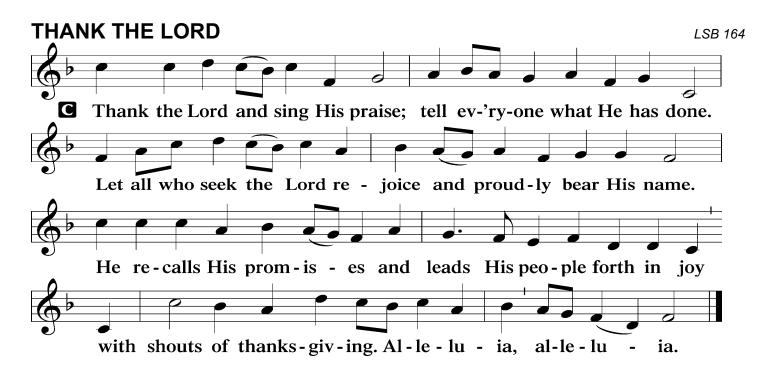
We shout out Your praise. We shout out Your praise.

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PThe body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

CAmen.



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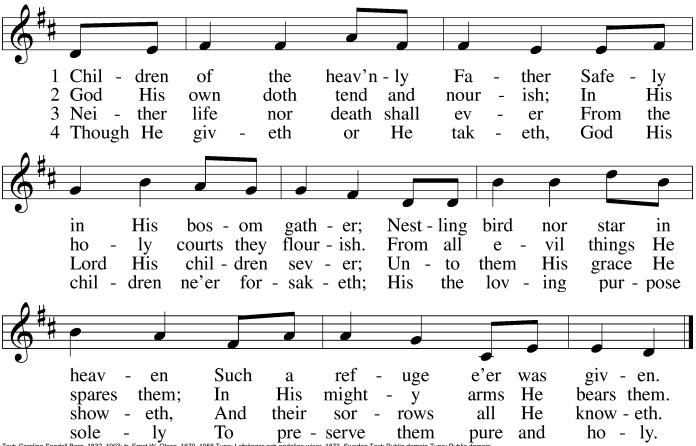
PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

CAmen.

725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



GUIDING STATEMENT

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CLOSING PEACE

LGo in Peace as you serve the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

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