



Sunday, September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

OPENING SONG ELW 580 vs. 1, 4 *How Clear is Our Vocation Lord*

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored done.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW 858 vs. 4 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God,

your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

First Reading: Acts 2:41-47

¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

The missionary church (“the seventy-two”) is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Music: Jesus Loves Me – ELW #595

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Music: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying – ELW #752

(Please be seated)

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY ELW 719 verses 1,6 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

(Please stand as you are able)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, Gods 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its leaders: for council members and music ministers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales, oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are suffering this day (*especially*). Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accept our thanksgiving for the people you surround us with, especially for those who celebrate their lives and birth this week:

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enrich them with a sense of joy and grace for yet another year. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For police officers and firefighters, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For your people in the midst of war, civil unrest, or conflict, grant protection, strength and hope for a better tomorrow. Bring peace and an end to the conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead (*especially*). At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the Lord's Peace with one another...

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING

The Worship/Communion Registration Card may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed.

Thank you for your support of our ministry.

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY ELW #186 *Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Text: Lutheran Book of Worship

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times

and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,

O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Music: *Holy, Holy, Holy* – ELW Service Page 144 (Setting 3)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

The presiding minister invites the assembly

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*

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.

Text: Evangelical Lutheran Worship

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION BEGINS

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(Please stand as you are able)

The body and blood of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, strengthen you and
preserve you in his grace.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW #207 *Thankful Hearts and Voices*

**Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✚ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG RW 228 vs 1 & 2 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

- 1 [Leader] You are salt for the earth O people;
[All] salt for the kingdom of God!
[Leader] Share the flavor of life, O people:
[All] life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

- 2 [Leader] You are a light on the hill, O people;
[All] light for the city of God!
[Leader] Shine so holy and bright, O people:
[All] shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

- 3 [Leader] You are a seed of the word, O people;
[All] bring forth the kingdom of God!
[Leader] Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
[All] grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

- 4 [Leader] We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
[All] bound for the kingdom of God!
[Leader] Love our journey and love our home-land:

[All] love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 536 vs 1 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

ADDITIONAL READINGS FOR THE DAY

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOR

October 6, 2024

Genesis 2:18-24

Created for relationship

Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

God has spoken by a Son

Mark 10:2-16

Teaching on marriage

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 29, 2024

LECTIONARY 26

Sharing in Holy Work

In the late first century, when the author of Mark was writing the story of Jesus for the new Galilean Christian church, other Christian churches were forming in neighboring regions too, with other teachers sharing and professing the wonders of Christ Jesus. And, well, like churches of all times, each one did things a little

differently. They told the stories in their own unique styles. They emulated the works of Jesus in their healings, teachings, and evangelism in varied ways. And some in the church in Galilee started to think, "Hey! Those other Christians are doing it wrong!" So the author of Mark made sure to include this account about Jesus and the first apostles.

In our world today, there are so many kinds of Christians professing and teaching in various ways. So who is right when Christians around the world all see Jesus and his ministry a little differently? Many of these churches have their own supporting documents: Lutherans have the works of Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon. Methodists and other churches with English heritage have the work of John Wesley. From historical theologians like Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Julian of Norwich to modern theologians like James Cone and Rosemary Radford Ruether, theologians and writers about Jesus have inspired our faith and how we are to live in and share the love of God through Jesus Christ across time and space.

As Jesus shares with the disciples, any work that shares love, grace, mercy, and justice in his name is holy. Many of our faith communities partner with people of other traditions to share Jesus' love through holy work. What holy work are others in your community doing? What ecumenical partnerships do you share in? Is there a Jesus movement truly inspiring you right now, even if it's not through your own church? If so, thanks be to God!

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Upcoming Commemorations

Michael and All Angels

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Monday, September 30, 2024

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Friday, October 4, 2024

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Friday, October 4, 2024

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

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