



Welcome
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Order of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *October 8, 2023*

Welcome

(Please stand, as you are able)

Call to Worship

P For the LORD is good

C and His love endures forever;

P His faithfulness continues through all generations.

C Oh, come, let us worship Him!

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C And to the Holy Spirit;

P as it was in the beginning,

C is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn: LSB 907 God Himself Is Present

1 God Himself is present:

Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple;

All within keep silence;

Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.

He alone

On His throne

Is our God and Savior;

Praise His name forever!

2 God Himself is present:

Hear the harps resounding;

See the hosts the throne surrounding.

"Holy, holy, holy!"

Hear the hymn ascending,

Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear

To us here:

Hear, O Christ, the praises

That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,

Trusting only in Your merit. Like the holy angels,

Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.

Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

G God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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.

G Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glory

And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven

Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father;

Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory,

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,

The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior,

You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus;

Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated

At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;

and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness, but behold, an outcry

! **L** This is the Word of the Lord **G** Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading, Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord **G** Thanks be to God

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel, Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

 This is the Gospel of the Lord

 **Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: LSB 664 Fight the Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

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"Glory Be" (the Glori Patri) Michael A Schmid

Father, your praise we sing
Maker of everything
Giver of life
Author of love
Answering when we pray
Providing for each new day
Blessing in every way with gifts from above

Jesus, your praise we sing
Savior and Lord and King
Laid down Your life
No greater love.
Taking away our sin
Eternal life to win
Giving us peace within our hearts where You reign

Chorus

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

Chorus: Glory be, Glory be to the Father
Glory be, Glory be to the Son our Lord
Glory be to the Spirit
As it was and is and ever shall be
Glory be, Glory be to our God. Amen.

Spirit, your praise we sing
Faith in Christ you bring
Fruitful life
Gifts of Your love
Teaching our hearts to share
Moving us to declare
With everyone everywhere our Savior and His love

Chorus

Glory be, Glory be to our God. Amen.

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Peace of the Lord (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **G** Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

G **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.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Word of Our Lord

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."

Agnus Dei

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (Lyrics in parenthesis are an echo by the Praise Team)

Sing hallelujah to the Lord! Sing hallelujah to the Lord!
Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah to the Lord!

I give my whole life to the Lord!
(I give my whole life to the Lord!)

I give my whole life to the Lord!
(I give my whole li-ife)

I give my whole life! I give my whole life!
(Ha - le - lu - jah!)

I give my whole life to the Lord!

Jesus has set His people free.
(Jesus has set His people free.)

Jesus has set His people free.
(Jesus has se-e-et.)

Jesus has set, Jesus has set
(Ha - le - lu - jah!)

Jesus has set His people free.

I love you, Lord, with all my heart.
(I love you, Lord, with all my heart.)

I love you, Lord, with all my heart.
(I love you, Lo-o-ord.)

I love you, Lord; I love you Lord!
(Ha - le - lu - jah!)

I love you, Lord, with all my heart.

Sing hallelujah to the Lord!
(Sing hallelujah to the Lord!)

Sing hallelujah to the Lord!
(Sing hallelu-jah-ah)

Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
(Ha - le - lu - jah!)

Sing hallelujah to the Lord!

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Closing Song: I Will Boast

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Verse: Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom
Or the strong man boast in his strength
Let not the rich man boast in his riches
But let the humble come and give thanks
To the One Who made us
The One Who saved us

Chorus 1: I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
He's worthy!

Repeat Verse

Chorus 2: I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
He's worthy!

Bridge: I will make my boast in Christ alone! 4X

Chorus 2 and end with "He's worthy!" 2X

Announcements