



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020

*Service of the Word*

*11:00 a.m.*

*In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. We go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity  
on the first day of  
the week  
(Isaiah 48:14  
John 4:23-24  
Acts 20:7)*

*We worship on the  
first day of the  
week because our  
Savior was raised  
on that day. Every  
Sunday celebrates  
the Lord's  
Resurrection.*

*We confess our  
sins to God and  
receive God's  
assurance of  
forgiveness  
(1 John 1:8-9;  
Eph. 4:32;  
1 Jn. 2:12)*

### PRELUDE

**Allemande from French Suite in G Major, BWV 816**  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**  
"Blessed Assurance"

**ELW 638**  
*Assurance*



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

(2 *Corinthians*  
13:13-14)

**APOSTOLIC 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.**

*Asking for  
God's mercy  
(Luke 17:13;  
18-38-39,  
Psalm 123:3)*

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



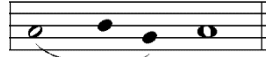
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort,  
and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



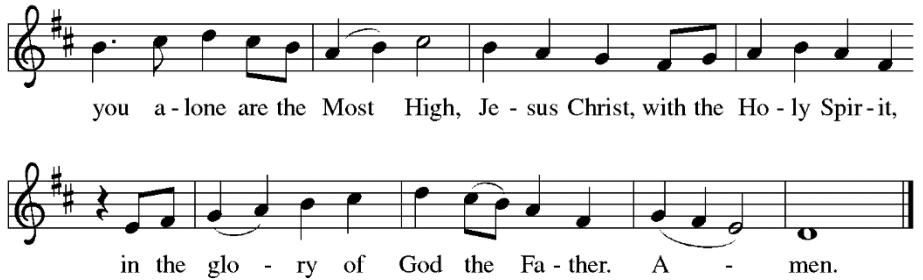
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



*This prayer  
“collects”  
the theme of  
the day.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

*This reading  
bears witness to  
the early church.*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Philippians 4:1-9**

The reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We acclaim the  
living Word,  
Jesus Christ,  
present in the  
gospel reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Appointed  
reading of God's  
Word from the  
four Gospels  
(Matthew, Mark,  
Luke, John)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SERMON

**Pastor Patrick Ballard**

*"Viva Vox," the  
Living Word of God  
interpreted  
(Romans 10:14-17)*

*Ancient church  
councils adopted  
the summary of the  
church's faith in the  
Nicene, Apostles'  
and Athanasian  
Creeds*

*We pray for  
ourselves and  
particularly on  
behalf of others.  
(1 Timothy 2:1-2;  
1 Thessalonians  
5:17; Acts 2:42)*

*Extending God's  
word of peace  
to others  
(Romans 16:16;  
Matthew 5:23-24)*

*We present tithes  
and offerings for  
God's ministry  
and mission.  
(1 Corinthians  
16:1-4;  
Romans 12:13)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole Christian church on earth, we recall the Creed spoken on the day of our baptism that continues to shape our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 THE CHURCH**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## **OFFERING**

*Please continue to provide generously for the work of the Church by giving online through our congregation's website or by mailing offerings to the office.*

## **SOLO**

**We sing to him whose wisdom formed the ear**

Henry Purcell

Sarah Berger, soprano

We sing to him whose wisdom formed the ear, our songs, let him who gave us voices, hear. We joy in God who is the spring of mirth, who loves the harmony of heaven and earth; our humble sonnets shall that praise rehearse, who is the music of the universe. And whilst we sing we consecrate our art, and offer up with every tongue a heart.

- Nathaniel Ingelo

*We give thanks  
for the living  
Word of God  
(Hebrews 4:12)*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word, for calling creation into being, declaring forgiveness from the cross, and delivering the spirit of rebirth. **We praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your word is a lamp lighting our path, a mirror reflecting our selves, a shield providing us refuge, a fire burning for justice and truth. Your word is sweeter than honey: it nourishes our bodies like milk, it sustains your people like bread. We receive your promises, more treasured than gold. **We bless you, O God, for your Word.**

Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints, and to all the cries of the needy. Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ, that heeding your voice of beauty and power we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.

To you, Father, Son, and Spirit – the Source, Word, and Breath -- **we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word. Amen.**

*Jesus teaches his  
disciples to pray  
(Luke 11:2-4;  
Matthew 6:9-13)*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus 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.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*A personal  
blessing from God  
in the name of the  
Triune God  
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

On our way  
rejoicing  
(Colossians 3:16;  
Philippians 4:4)

**CLOSING HYMN**  
"O Day Full of Grace"

**ELW 627**  
*Den Signede Dag*

*This virtual hymn setting, arranged by David Cherwien,  
is a gift to churches from the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.  
Over 1,300 musicians were involved, including members of our choir.*



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.  
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842  
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*Going forth to  
bless the world  
(Luke 7:50;  
Romans 10:12-13)*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;  
hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak,  
and help the suffering; honor all people;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Gigue from French Suite in G Major, BWV 816**  
Johann Sebastian Bach

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of James and Dorothea Stubbs  
by their daughters.*

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