

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Gifts of God are Many! Guard against Envy and Jealousy!



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



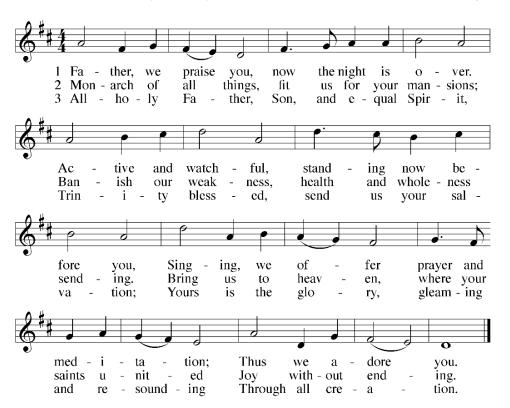
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

October 3, 2021

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 581)

Father, We Praise You



Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt. Tune: Christe Sanctorum (11 11 11 5) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

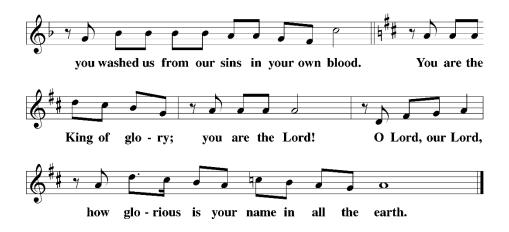


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





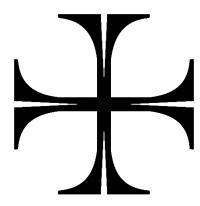
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you…²⁴ Moses went out and told the people the LORD's words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. ²⁵ The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

²⁶ Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide from his youth, answered, "My lord Moses, stop them!"

²⁹ Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD's people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

VERSE OF THE DAY

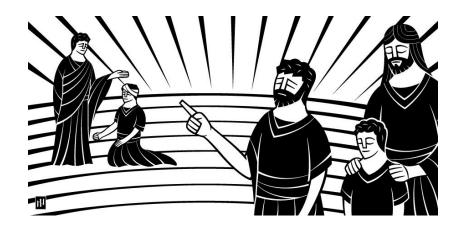
M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

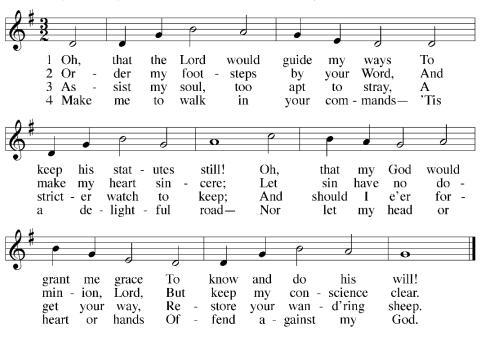
³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴ 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁶ 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."



HYMN (CW 462)

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793-1870, adapt.

SERMON James 4:7-12

⁶ It says, "God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble." ⁷ So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹ Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law and judging the law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. ¹² There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Grace for the Humble

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, help us by your Spirit to receive your kingdom in humble repentance like little children, that we may enter it in the joy of your forgiveness in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, in a reflection of your eternal love, you join man and woman together so that they are no longer two but one flesh. Bless the engaged, the newly married and those who have shared many years together with even more of your love, that they may live together in it with joy their whole lives long. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, help all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism also to bring them to him faithfully in the Divine Service, that he may continue to take them in his arms and bless them through his Word. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord God, help us when we do not see everything in this world in subjection to Jesus. Give us eyes of faith to see him crowned with glory and honor at your right hand, and so believe that nothing is outside of his control. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, comfort _____ and all others who suffer in body or mind. You made the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering, that in all their trials they might put their trust in you. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord God, deepen all who eat and drink Christ's body and blood today in the truth that he has made them bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, that they may not doubt but believe that he will hold fast to them forever. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C:** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.

We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

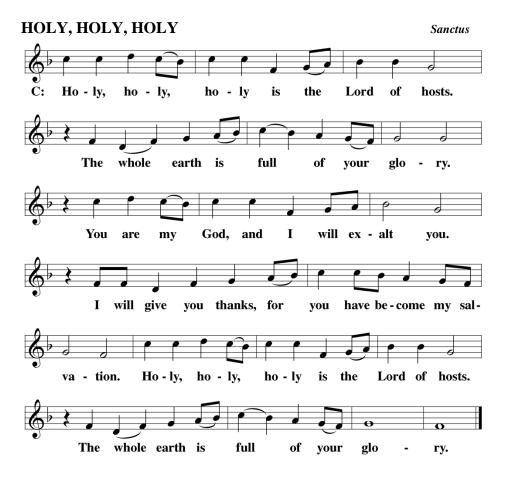
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



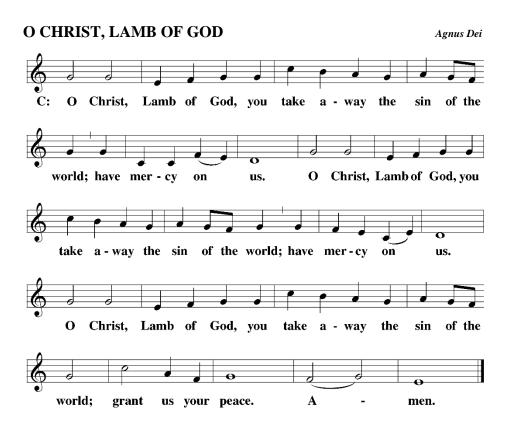
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CWS 749) The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me (p. 17)



749 The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 385)

Chief of Sinners Though I Be



Text: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 469 v. 1 &6)

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee.

Following the 8:00 service, all are invited to remain in (or return to) the sanctuary for the beginning of Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Teen Bible Study. Children may remain with their parents. All will begin together in the sanctuary at 9:15.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday October 3: 19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
 Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Andy Huebner (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Usher 10:30 am: Greg Zeman
- Counters: Gene Freund and additional counter needed
- Altar Guild: Candace Saidler and Erica Willitz A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday October 10: 20th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

- 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School
 Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
 Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
 - Pianist: Kristin Huebner
 - Councilman: Aaron Oughton (8:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
 - Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
 - Ushers 10:30 am: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
 - Counters: Mike Wilson and Lynn Biwer
 - Altar Guild: Candace Saidler / Erica Willitz A/V & Recording: TBA
 - 1:00 5:00 pm: Downstairs kitchen reserved for the Ladies Friendship Circle

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Brett Vomhof (10/3), Amy Ebel (10/5), Carol Rowe (10/6), Joel Jenswold (10/7), Chuck Reinhardt (10/7), Lia Miller (10/8), Mandi Miller (10/8), Marilyn Wolfrum (10/8) and Erica Willitz (10/9) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Diane & Bill Kopplin (10/4), Kathy & Kevin Zech (10/5) and Chris & Heather Cotter (10/8) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman). **New Roof starting Monday:** Tomorrow October 4, work will begin on a new roof for the existing building and garage. As a result, there will be many more vehicles parked at church. We will work to keep access to the upper and lower doors as clear as possible. No activities will be cancelled, but please be watchful as you park and enter and exit the building.



Quarterly Open Forum Meeting Sunday October 17

Between services in the sanctuary 9:15 am

Contributions for the Seelow Family

The Lord of Life has taken from this world Pastor Nathanael Seelow from a post-staph infection and complications due to COVID-19. Pastor Seelow was serving Mount Olive Overland Park, KS. Please keep his wife Megan and their four children in your prayers.

Lord of Love Lutheran is accepting donations to be sent to the family. If you would like to contribute, donations



can be placed in the marked envelope in the church office. Checks can be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran. The church will then send one check to the Seelow family fund.

Desserts Needed: The Ladies Friendship Circle will be serving dinner to college students at the UW Chapel on Monday October 11. The ladies prepare a complete meal on Sunday 10/10 here in the church kitchen and then serve it Monday evening at the UW Chapel. They are asking for donations of bars and desserts from the congregation which will be served to the students. If you would like to assist with this, **please bring a dessert to church on Sunday October 10 and place downstairs in the kitchen**. It can also be brought to church Monday morning.