

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus’ Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

October 15, 2023

AS WE GATHER: The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him: in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob’s dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. “*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*” (Matt. 9:1-8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man’s body. “*For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation*” (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22-28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, “*This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!*” (Gen. 28:17).

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God,
People: of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Matins

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn **LSB 814**
“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

*Confession and Absolution: (Printed)

“O Lord, open my lips...” LSB 219

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Venite: LSB 220ff

READINGS

Catechism Review

Catechism Recitation Question #20

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-17
Pew Bible Page 43

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28
Pew Bible Page 1821

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8
Pew Bible Page 1508

*Common Responsory LSB 221

Office Hymn: **LSB 533**
“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure ”

Sermon

Offertory **LSB 789**

*Canticle **LSB 941**

PRAYER

*Kyrie: LSB 227

*Lord’s Prayer: LSB 227

*Prayer of the Church

*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

*Collect for Grace: LSB 228

*Benedicamus/Benediction: LSB 228

Closing Hymn: **LSB 748**
“I’m But a Stranger Here”

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman needing employment, but has health issues preventing it right now. a woman sober for 2.5 years, that she can maintain being sober. a woman that her leg will heal quickly so she can get back to work. a woman with knee replacement surgery coming up soon. a woman over her health issues. Also, please pray that her relationship with her family will improve. a woman to lose weight to improve her health. a woman wanting to return to her extended family in Alabama, when her health is better. a woman over her life, and her circumstances. a woman that her health would improve. a woman to find a part time job suitable for someone 73 years old. a woman to continue to improve thru her physical therapy. Also, for a friend taken off life support but doing well. a woman with upcoming big decisions; for wisdom, discernment, and housing. For men – a man new to the area, please pray that he can have hope for a better life here. a man over his life, and choices. a man please pray for the health of his family. a man over his severe health issues after being crushed by an ATM that tipped over. a man over his general welfare.

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