

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 8, 2023



PRESERVICE MUSIC "Mighty to Save" (arr. McDonald/Smith) & "In Christ Alone" (arr. Shackley)

LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League

HUMBLE THYSELF

The worship team will lead and the congregation will echo words in bold print.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. **(Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.)**

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And He **(And He)** Shall lift **(Shall lift)** You up, higher and higher.

And He **(And He)** Shall lift **(Shall lift)** You up, up into heaven.

And He **(And He)** Shall lift **(Shall lift)** You up.

Give yourself to the service of the Lord. **(Give yourself to the service of the Lord.)**

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Worship the Father, and worship the Son, **(Worship the Father, and worship the Son,)**

Worship the Spirit, the Three-in-One **(Worship the Spirit, the Three-in-One)**

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For those who love God all things work together for good. *Romans 8:28*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly trust in Jesus' name. **2X**

CHORUS

Christ alone; Cornerstone

Weak made strong; in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord.

Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,

I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale,

My anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil. **CHORUS 2X**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in Him be found;

Dressed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne. **CHORUS 2X**

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let 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.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

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.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³[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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone;
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? **CHORUS**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **CHORUS**

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SERMON "For His Sake" Philippians 3:4b-14

CREED Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)

BLESSING OF QUILTS

- P** We gather in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for the women who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.
- C** **We thank You, Father, for the women who use their talent with needles and thread.**
- P** To You, Merciful Lord, we give thanks for all for all the faithful women who gather at home or at church to cut, sew, and bind beautiful quilts.
- C** **Lord, we ask Your blessing upon these women as they create with the skills You have given them.**
- P** Almighty God, we now dedicate this colorful rainbow of quilts to Your glory and ask that You shower blessings upon the people who will use them for clothing, for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, for sustaining life, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Bless these gifts of love, O Lord, and may they draw people to You. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

C Amen.

Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C **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.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.

LORD, I NEED YOU

*Solo - Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.*

CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus You're my hope and stay. **CHORUS 2X***

ENDING

You're my one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
Solo – My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.
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A CHRISTIAN'S DAILY PRAYER

As morning dawns and day awakes, to You I bring my need
O gracious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned
Each deed empower'd by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit, help me stand; be glorified today.

As day unfolds I seek Your will in all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still, I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice; be glorified, today.

As sun gives way to darkest night Your Spirit still is here
And though my strength fades like the light, new mercies will appear
I rest in You, abide with me until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory; be glorified today.

I rest in You, abide with me until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory; be glorified today,
Be glorified, I pray.

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SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

We exalt Thee We exalt Thee We exalt Thee, oh Lord.
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Sanctuary for You.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

G Amen.

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

CHORUS

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation,

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,

Ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender. **CHORUS**

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus,

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **CHORUS TWICE**

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus,

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **CHORUS**

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POSTLUDE

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