



Lutheran Church & Christian School



19th Sunday after Pentecost

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

We are vulnerable. If there is anything in this life we realize – and it doesn't take a pandemic – it is this sobering reality. We are not as strong as we think we are, especially against those things that both would assail us from without and within.

But “the Lord is near.” And that counts for something, especially for those who have placed their trust in Him, and His eternal promises. His call is irrevocable, from the promise to send His Son to save the world, to the life He has given you in His Name. Therefore, be at peace, child of God. Even now, the Savior is nearer than you think, and He's glad you are here – near to Him!

PRELUDE

PRE-SERVICE SONG “You Are So Good to Me”

(Words & Music Ben Pasley, Don Chaffer and Robin Pasley

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*Refrain: You are beautiful my sweet, sweet Song.
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet Song.
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet Song. I will sing again!*

- 1. You are so good to me. You heal my broken heart.
You are my Father in heaven. (Repeat) (Refrain)*
- 2. You ride upon the clouds. You lead me to the truth.
You are the Spirit inside me. (Repeat) (Refrain)*

*Bridge: You are my strong Melody. You are my dancing Rhythm.
You are my perfect Rhyme. I will sing of You, Lord, forever.*

- 3. You poured out all Your blood. You died upon the cross.
You are my Jesus who loves me. (Repeat) (Refrain and Repeat)*

*You are my Father in heaven. You are the Spirit inside me.
You are my Jesus who loves me.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 25:6, 8–9*

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

Congregation: He will swallow up death forever.

Pastor: It will be said on that day,

Congregation: “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

Pastor: This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;

Congregation: let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we live in a sin-sick world. Unbelief and despair abound. We all would be in desperate straits were it not for the gracious call of our merciful God and Father. Through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He offers us forgiveness, life and salvation in His name, a Word of hope, which is our great heritage. Let us, therefore, consecrate ourselves in prayer and service to the glory of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking His grace and forgiveness for our life in Him.

Silence for self-examination.



Pastor: O Lord, if our personal lives have become shallow,
Congregation: O Lord, deepen them.

Pastor: If our principles have become shabby,
Congregation: O Lord, repair them.

Pastor: If our ideals have become tarnished,
Congregation: O Lord, renew them.

Pastor: If our loyalties have grown dim,
Congregation: O Lord, brighten them.

Pastor: If our values have become confused,
Congregation: O Lord, clarify them.

Pastor: If our purposes have become blurred,
Congregation: O Lord, sharpen them.

Pastor: If our hopes have become faded,
Congregation: O Lord, revive them.

GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we need not carry a burden of guilt,
Congregation: For Christ has lifted it.

Pastor: We need not be anxious about tomorrow,
Congregation: For God holds us in the hollow of His hand.

Pastor: We need not feel unequal to the task,
Congregation: For the Spirit of God lives within us.

Pastor: Therefore, as a fellow redeemed in, and called servant of Christ,
I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of
the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now we
stand ready to see His face and to serve Him. Now we stand
ready to hear and to receive.

Congregation: Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Congregation: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,

Pastor: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

Congregation: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

HYMN OF RESPONSE [9:00 A.M.] "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" *LSB 915, St. 1-2, 4*

1. Today Your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
However long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.
2. Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome and pardon from their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.
4. O all-embracing Mercy, O ever open Door,
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

[10:30 a.m.] "*Agnus Dei*" (Words & Music by Michael W. Smith © 1990 Sony/ATV
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Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

Holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty?

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty?

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, You are with us here in time and space, promising to be with us in Word and Spirit.

Congregation: Open our hearts and minds to receive You. Enable us to embrace Your coming to us, even as we are blessed to respond to Your gracious invitation in humble joy now and in eternal rejoicing at Your heavenly banquet;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6-9 (Death swallowed up forever.)*

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 4:4-13 (Rejoicing in God's provision.)*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB, p. 205

The musical score consists of four staves of music in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff is the Verse: "These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The third staff is the Verse: "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The fourth staff is the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." Each staff begins with a common time signature of 7/8.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22:1-14* (*The parable of the wedding feast.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CATECHETICAL REFLECTION *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE “In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

1. In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,
Dying or living to Thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia!
2. Since He is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; all heav’n rejoices in Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o’er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him and still shall raise Him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

- Pastor: Let us pray to God Almighty for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various needs.
- Heavenly Father, through Isaiah, Your prophet, You promised an end to tears, suffering, and death itself when we join You around Your eternal feast. Hear us as we pray for people who are suffering this day: those displaced because of famine or war; those who are suffering under oppressive regimes; and those who have been discriminated against, unjustly punished, or forgotten by the greater society. Give them just governments and compassionate rulers. May their hope in You be strong until they find relief. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
- Pastor: Lord Jesus, healer of all ills, turn a gracious ear towards those near and dear to us: those facing sudden crises, enduring long-term illnesses, mourning the loss of loved ones, in conflict of any sort, or those concerned about making ends meet, [*including . . .*]. Give them relief, health, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who bids us find contentment in all circumstances, interpret the sighs of those whose faith is not as firm as His: those who have not truly heard the good news of salvation and those whose attention is focused on worldly fears and concerns. Surround them with caring brothers and sisters of Christ to bring a ministry of Word and Sacrament to nourish their hearts and minds. Use the talents You have placed within us to be Your instruments to restore hope and joy as we look together to the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who also taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

All: **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.**

CLOSING PRAYER *Luther's Morning Prayer*

Congregation: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always;
Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.
Congregation: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *LSB 803*

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.
- △ 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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Reading the Bible in a Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHRONOLOGICAL</u>	<u>OLD & NEW TESTAMENT</u>	<u>HISTORICAL</u>	<u>BEGINNING TO END</u>
October 11	Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7	Isaiah 37-38; Colossians 3	2 Thessalonians	Matthew 22-23
October 12	Matthew 11	Isaiah 39-40; Colossians 4	1 Corinthians 1-4	Matthew 24-25
October 13	Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11	Isaiah 41-42; 1 Thessalonians 1	1 Corinthians 5-8	Matthew 26
October 14	Matthew 13; Luke 8	Isaiah 43-44; 1 Thessalonians 2	1 Corinthians 9-11	Matthew 27-28
October 15	Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5	Isaiah 45-46; 1 Thessalonians 3	1 Corinthians 12-14	Mark 1-3
October 16	Matthew 9-10	Isaiah 47-49; 1 Thessalonians 4	1 Corinthians 15-16	Mark 4-5
October 17	Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17	Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 5	2 Corinthians 1-4	Mark 6-7
October 18	John 6	Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thessalonians 1	2 Corinthians 5-9	Mark 8-9



Altar Flowers

**The flowers have been given by
the Weidler Family in celebration of
Jonathan's Birthday.**



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- NETWORK: **TLC Guest**
- PASSWORD: **Maple2017**
- When prompted, Guest Access, Password: **VisitingCHURCH**

Worship Attendance: October 4: 105

Trinity Calendar for October 11—October 18, 2020

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
Monday		Teacher Professional Development, No School
	6:30 pm	Executive Team Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study (<i>New Time</i>)
	6:00 pm	Sr. Youth Group
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study
	9:30 am	Memorial Service(Florence Crossman) Yard Sale (School entrance only)
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion Worship Online (YouTube {TLCKeene Worship 10.18.20})

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- 12 October, 6:30 pm: Executive Team Meeting
- 17 October, 9:30 am: Memorial Service for former member Florence Crossman
- 17 October, 9:00 am—12:00 pm: TCS Fall Yard Sale (details on p 15)
- 17 October: 4—8:00 pm, Chipotle Fundraiser, Flyers on Narthex table & online

Prayer List

Shut-ins: *Bob, June, Rose*

Illness/Surgery: *Tara, Sharon, Frank, Bob, Scott, June, Mike, Vera, Bobby, Doris, Christian, David, Linda, Karen*

Grief/Mourning: *Ransome family, the Chickering family*

Trinity Christian School: *Mr. Evensen, Teachers, Students and Parents*

Families of the week: *The Dodson, the Dresser and the Duckworth families*

Birthdays

- 11 October—Lacey Budd
- 15 October—Mark Franke
- 15 October—Sam Cooper
- 16 October—Dee Pollard
- 16 October—Mark Randall
- 17 October—Lonnie Geer
- 17 October—Anne Olean

October 11 – Pentecost XIX (Proper 23A) – Jesus Christ has already swallowed up death forever. It belongs to Him and Him alone. He reserves the right to provide life to us on His terms and decide in His time when we die. His death and resurrection have freed us from needing to seek it for ourselves or for anybody else. His peace and presence, promises and power pass us not only into death’s shadow but through it—without ever setting up residence.

October 11 “Laws of the State clearly matter, and the message they send affects the mindset of society. But, if our battle cry for life begins on the abortion table, then we’ve waited too long to speak. If our efforts to model life end in the courtroom, then we’ve already lost our children. God help us; it’s time to ask ourselves if we speak life or whisper death.” *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



PTFA Yard Sale

When: Saturday October 17, 2020, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Where: TCS Gym (Must use School entrance only!!!)

What: New or used items. No TVs or large electronics will be accepted.

Drop-off times: ONLY Tues-Fri, 13th - 16th, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

Other times must be arranged with the office for this week only.

The Large Mite Box will be throughout October if you change and share it for all more LWML info, see the back table in the Narthex.



on the Nartex table would like to collect your the Mite Box Missions! For

LWML News

The Upcoming Event beginning October 1 is: “Warmth for the Winter 2020”.

Blankets—fleece, knitted, crocheted, and quilts.

Hats—fleece, knitted, crocheted, or sewn (contact Eileen Nelson for fleece)

Pillowcases—kits are available in the tote underneath the LWML table in the Narthex.

Please sign out any kits you choose to take. (Ruth Scheumann has pillowcase info)

PLEASE CONTACT Eileen Nelson or Ruth Scheumann for any additional information.



OCTOBER IS HERE!

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Let Pastor know how much you appreciate him with a card, kind words or a gift. There will be a box on the large table in the Narthex for such items. For more information or ideas, please speak to Lonnie Geer, Ryan Sproul or one of the Elders..



**Run the Race and
Fight the Good Fight!**

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