

✠ **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** ✠

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

October 19, 2025

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ*



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob’s persistent proclamation, “I will not let You go unless You bless me” (Genesis 32:26), in Paul’s exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus’ parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1–8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side

closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. ***Grape juice*** is in the outer ring and ***is lighter*** in color than the wine. The ***wine is darker*** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

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Members and Visitors: *Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.*

Prelude

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"**

**arr. Eugene Butler
arr. Zach Unke**

Welcome / Temple Talk

Stand

Hymn (8:15)

"O Worship the King"

LSB 804, sts. 1-2, 4-5

Opening Song (10:45) "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.

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Give way to final victory. Be glorified today.

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Invocation

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

[G] Amen.

Memory Verse

Psalm 5:11

[C] ¹¹ But let all who take refuge in You _____; let them ever sing for _____, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9

[P] As the Psalmist writes, "When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles." Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.

[C] We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.

P Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As in Jesus’ parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained 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.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Hymn (8:15)

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940, sts. 1–2, 5

Praise Song (10:45) “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold—my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold—my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3

No fate I dread .I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold—my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I but through Christ in me. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Sit

First Reading: Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket,

and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me 5

your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the

place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living

and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I

will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

Sit

Children's Message

Bob Brantsch, DCE

Hymn (8:15)

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

Sermon Song (10:45)..... "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Verse 1

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow Your Son
And to destroy what He has done.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we may sing Your praise eternally.

Verse 3

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life.

(Musical Interlude)

Repeat Verse 1

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Sermon

A Parable About Prayer

Offering: *Come forward to place your offering and yellow slips in the plate and your pledge in the treasure box.* We have three options for online giving available on our website <https://www.gloriadeihudson.org>. Scroll down to the "Online Giving" section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.

Offertory

"In Thee Is Gladness"

arr. Dale Wood

Stand

Pastoral Prayers

The Prayers of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-hearing Lord, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give. Lord in Your mercy,

- C** Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

- A** Ever-providing Lord, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

- A** Ever-guiding Lord, You place us where we are to be lights in a dark world and proclaim Your Word in truth and love. Empower us in our witnessing among family, friends, and strangers that they too may know the relationship You desire with all people through the Savior You have given. Grant Your Spirit to open ears and soften hearts that Your Gospel may be received and furthered throughout the world until You come again. Lord in Your mercy,

- C** Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

- A** Ever-present Lord, grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer. For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory. Lord in Your mercy,

- C** Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20

- A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace

- P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Sit

Hymn (8:15) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" LSB 739

Hymn (8:15) "On Eagles' Wings" LSB 727

Communion Song (10:45)....."He Is Ever Over Me"

Verse

I will lift my eyes to the hills and their Creator, Who made all heaven and earth,
For He watches me, will not sleep, no never slumber.
He's ever over me.

Chorus

As I come and I go, I am safe for I know that His care is sufficient for me.
Winter warmth and light and a shady place in summer.
He's ever over me.
(Repeat from beginning)

Chorus

He's ever over me.

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Communion Song (10:45).....“On Eagles’ Wings” LSB 727

Stand

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A 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.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

—Numbers 6:24–26

Memory Verse

Psalms 5:11

C ¹¹ But let all who take refuge in You _____; let them ever sing for _____, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You.

Hymn (8:15) “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”

LSB 668

Closing Song (10:45)..... “The Lord Is My Salvation”

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,
And I am safe on this solid ground. The Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun. The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God—strong to save, faithful in love?
My debt is paid and the victory won. The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord. He flow’rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come. The Lord is my salvation.
In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days. The Lord is my salvation. *Chorus*

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave;
But I will rise. He will call me home. The Lord is my salvation. *Chorus*

Bridge-2X

Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son.
Glory be to God the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation.

The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our salvation.

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Postlude

“A Joyous Acclamation”

by Lani Smith

Thank You from Ties that Bind

The Ties That Bind quilt group would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their support of the School backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to fill 80 bags this year, up from 50 last year. The Middle and High School Youth group packed the bags. They will go with the 41 quilts, this very afternoon, to a collection site and then are on their way to Baltimore. Lutheran World Relief will distribute them in the US and around the world. More details on the LWR website. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month from 9:00-11:00 AM. All are welcome!



Kathleen Janosik

Faith + Family Night

Our first Faith + Family Night was so much fun! Parents of preschoolers-5th graders, we hope you'll join us Friday, November 7, 6:00-8:00 PM in the ministry center!



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