

✠ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠
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8:15 & 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: The highest love of God, agape, can commonly be defined as the love of intelligence and corresponding purpose. This definition may seem at first to drain the whole idea of the depth of emotion or the value of love. But we discover the power of God’s love even more as we are convinced of the greatness of our need—our own sin and unworthiness. That’s when the cross of Calvary and the sacrifice of Christ crucified shines forth as the highest, greatest, and almost unbelievable love of God for you—even you. Notice how many of today’s hymns examine the depth and, yes, “strangeness” of the fact that God loves you.

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: Then, 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.

Prayer Requests: Please use the pink sheets to request prayers to be read during the service. Place in the offering plate.

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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Prelude

"Bound for the Promised Land"

**arr. Hugh S.
Livingston, Jr.**

Hymn

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" LSB 909, sts. 1-4

Hymn (10:45)

"Come Praise and Glorify"

Verse 1

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord.
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms his blessings on us poured.
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be.
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally.

Chorus

To the praise of Your glory! To the praise of Your mercy and grace.
To the praise of Your glory! You are the God who saves.

Verse 2

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ.
In Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will--
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill. *Chorus*

Verse 3

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word.
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done,
Until we join in endless praise to God the Three in One! *Chorus*

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:21–22

C ²¹But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets. ²²The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved, “the love of Christ constrains us,” because “He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.” For the sake of the miraculous love of God, let us draw near to Him with a true heart and confess our sins and our need for God’s love.

C Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess to You that we have sinned against You through our fears and failure to live according to Your will and design. Because our love for You has faltered, so also have we not loved those whom You would have us call our neighbor. So certain are we of our sin that we have even wondered at times how You could still love us. Because of Your merciful invitation alone, we come before You, begging Your forgiveness solely and alone for the sake of the sacrifice of Your Son. O Lord, have mercy on us.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer 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.

Hymn

“O Love, How Deep”

LSB 544 sts. 1–2, 5–6

Hymn (10:45)

“How Great Is Our God”

Verse 1

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty. Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice. And trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God! Sing with me—How great is our God,
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Verse 2

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands—
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one—Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Bridge 2X

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, “How great is our God!”

Chorus 2X

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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.

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer of the Church

A Lord God, heavenly Father, Your apostle John wrote, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). As Your children, then, we come before You crying, “Abba! Father!” For the mystery of Your gift of our lives, Your good creation, and Your holy will of love and salvation, we praise You without end. Help us to live in Your love and praise, giving thanks every day for Your provision of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A By Your goodness, O Lord, keep and preserve Your holy church in the true faith, proclaiming the pure, heavenly doctrine of Your Word and being constantly strengthened in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

A By Your Spirit, we pray You to guide all who are in the authority of government in our land and in all the nations of the earth, that we dwell in peace and rely on Your provision of justice and freedom for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for any who are in trouble, doubt, or fear of death. Grant Your healing gifts and merciful presence to save and deliver all who look to You for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Receive, O God, our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with the offerings we bring, as You have purchased us by the blood of Your Son to be Your own, that we may live under Him in His kingdom. Help us live by true faith to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

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

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Hymn **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** **LSB 702, sts. 1-4**

Hymn **"Just as I Am, without One Plea"** **LSB 570, sts. 1-6**

Hymn (10:45) **"Just As I Am"**

Just as I am —without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

Chorus

I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb;
And I'm welcomed with open arms—praise God—just as I am!

Just as I am I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought;
And now to glory in Your cross, O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

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Hymn (10:45)

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.
All I do and say.
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r,
Only through His pow’r.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev’rything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing,
Sick and sorrowing.
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea—
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
This is victory.
- 5 May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
As I onward go.
- 6 May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.
Seeing only Him.

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Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 106:1

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ’s redeemed people we show forth the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord. **C 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.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:21–22

C ²¹But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets. ²²The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Hymn

“Restore Your Vineyard, God of All”



1 Re - store Your vine - yard, God of all;
 2 We failed to bring forth fruit or bloom,
 3 Now graft - ed to the liv - ing vine,

Build up Your wall a - round us.
 Ne - glect - ful in our tend - ing—
 We flour - ish in Your keep - ing.

The fruit that per - ished in our fall
 De - serv - ing ag - o - ny and doom
 No long - er tram - pled, bit - ter wine,

Will once a - gain sur - round us!
 And pun - ish - ment un - end - ing.
 For - got - ten is our weep - ing.

We lis - ten for Your might - y call;
 But we were saved from earth - en tomb;
 We blos - som in Your own de - sign,

Re - joic - ing that You found us!
 For You Your Son were send - ing!
 The grapes of mer - cy reap - ing!

Hymn (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.
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.

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Postlude

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Pamela M. Robertson