

Let the children come to Me

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8:00 a.m. in person and FB live
10:30 a.m. Radio Service

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Theme for Worship: This morning we hear an interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees on the subject of divorce. We'll explore that conversation and while addressing the actual topic of divorce and family, get at the deeper issue underlying it. We'll see how we too sin as the Pharisees did and then rejoice in the forgiveness that comes from Jesus.

Pre-Service Music ♪ “Beautiful Savior”

--C-J Motisi

The Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn: “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

--LSB 592

1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.

4 Gracious Head, Your member own;
Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
Way of Life, to heaven lead it;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever
From Your side this branch forever.

2 Your command is clear and plain,
And we would obey it duly:
“You must all be born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit,
And My kingdom thus inherit.”

5 Now into Your heart we pour
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'ward soar;
May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given;
Write it in the book of heaven!

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3 Therefore we have come to You,
In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view;
May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever,
Yours on earth and Yours forever.

The Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

Kyrie

--LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



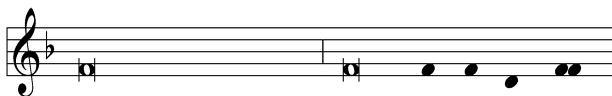
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



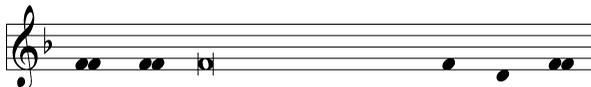
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

The Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis (*sung*)

--LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

The Old Testament

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

♪ Sermon Hymn: “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

--LSB #869

- 1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev’ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might, With His presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

- 4 **If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.**
- 5 **Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.**

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Sermon: "Best Practices"

--Rev Marty Marks

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering/Announcements

Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Service of the Sacrament

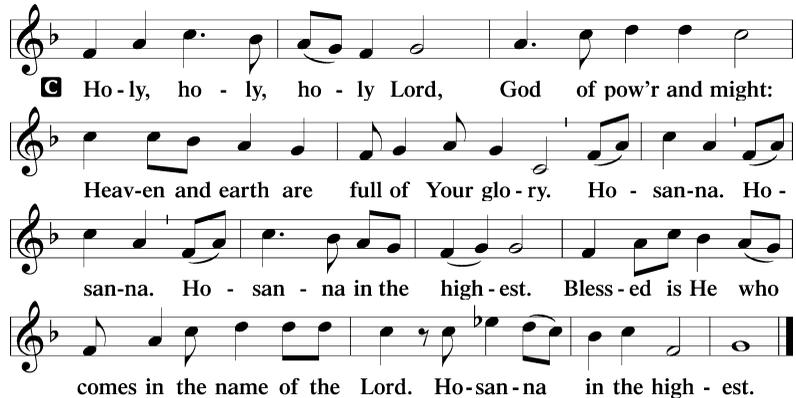
(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

Preface

- 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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."

P 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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns 🎵

🎵 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

-- LSB #685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
 Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
 Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
 All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
 Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
 We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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♪ "Not What These Hands Have Done"

--LSB #567

1 Not what these hands have done
 Can save this guilty soul;
 Not what this toiling flesh has borne
 Can make my spirit whole.

4 Thy love to me, O God,
 Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
 Can rid me of this dark unrest
 And set my spirit free.

2 Not what I feel or do
 Can give me peace with God;
 Not all my prayers and sighs and
 tears
 Can bear my awful load.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,
 To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
 Can this sore bondage break.

3 Thy work alone, O Christ,
 Can ease this weight of sin;
 Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
 Can give me peace within.

6 I bless the Christ of God,
 I rest on love divine,
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
 I call this Savior mine.

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♪ "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

--LSB #620

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
 Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
 He Himself makes preparation,
 And I hear His invitation:
 "Come and taste the blessed feast."

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
 Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
 Gives the bread of life, once broken,
 And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.

- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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♪ Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling
take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service
in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action
for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and
answer His call.

-- LSB #643

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will
face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children
of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that
we bear.

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Benediction
Silent Prayers
Postlude

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – October 3, 2021		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians/Vocalists	C-J Motisi; <i>pianist</i> , Don Haesecker, <i>vocalist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Acolyte	Hayden Harms	Heather Allen
Lay Reader	Sandy Lancaster	Amy Haesecker
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Jackson & Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
Slide Operator	Mark Mistic	Rachel Schmitt
Ushers	Brian, Cindy & Rik Kozumplik	Matthew Haesecker, Ann Nelson, Cody Allen

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