

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Boundless Mercy

Anthony Giamanco

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW 526 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991; Text ©1979 Hope Publishing Company; Music © 1947, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, 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. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 8

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You

have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

(Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.; Music: Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1837, adapt.)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The Heart of a Child* Williams, Drennan
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*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* **ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)**

- 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift
may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true
receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with some ties.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Day by Day

ELW 790

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| <p>1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by
day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me
nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond
all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens
of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I
treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.</p> <p>3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.</p> | <p>2 Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to
serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving
will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your
enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and
sorrow till in glory I behold your face.</p> |
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*(Text: Catolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005; Music: Oskar Ahnfelt, 1913-1882; Text ©
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Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one
with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

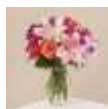
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Announcements

October Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

Today we welcome Rev. Kati Kluckman-Ault as our guest preacher.

Pastor Kati is leading a trip to the Holy Land in September-October 2022 (with the option of extending the trip to Jordan for 3 days after.) If you have any questions or would like more information, please speak to her today or email her at prkatikluckmanault@gmail.com.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to celebrate Rachael Gerber's birthday and Kayla Tilton's 18th birthday from Louie and Lynn Gerber.

We are taking flower dedications for 2022. The dates available are: January 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, April 3rd, 10th and 17th. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



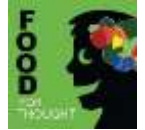
St. John's Youth Ministry invites you to the Corn Maze at Beachmont Christian Ministries on Friday, October 15th from 5 pm – 10 pm. Please see Tony Jasinski or Debbie Haacke for more information.

Join us for a night of Halloween family fun on Saturday, October 23rd starting at 5 pm on the parking lot. You will have the opportunity to participate in trunk-or-treating and a vehicle decorating contest. We will also be showing a movie with free popcorn, beverages and s'mores, while supplies last!



Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at our neighboring church, Christus Victor Lutheran Church is attempting to hand out 40 Thanksgiving dinners on Saturday, November 20th to families in need. They have asked for the help of other local churches to assist them in achieving this goal. They have asked us to provide 40 cans of sweet potatoes/yams. Are you up for the challenge? You can drop off your donations in the church office or in the collection box on the third floor.

Social Ministry is kicking off our “Food For Thought Program” With your help, we will be providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is: shelf stable milk – white and chocolate, Chef Boyardee – single serving meals, tuna salad and chicken salad snack kits (often found at Dollar Stores.)**



We have begun our collections for the Veterans Counseling Center. This center provides counseling to Veterans suffering from PTSD and their families. The funding they receive from the Federal Government is inadequate to meet their needs, so we felt called to help. Needed items are: coffee, sugar and sugar substitute packets, individual creamers and hot cups. There are donation bins in the 2nd and 3rd floor stairwells. Thank you for your help!

With all of the uncertainties surrounding the COVID virus we have sadly decided to cancel the Christmas Bazaar for this year. We will be selling jellies and jams again this year. Order form will be coming soon. We will also be taking orders for candy. More information to come.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John’s when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don’t forget to support Victor’s Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John’s. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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A Joyful Trumpeting

Lani Smith

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This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9 am Busy Bee’s (Smith Building) 6:45 pm Handchimes Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister Crucifer Acolyte (s) Lector Communion Assistant	Claire Miller Noah Shull Gabby Gray, Johanna Gray Donna Nicholson Donna Nicholson



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Kim Townsley, Cam Houston, Mike McDonough, Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Rita Brady, Zita Dabars, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Melinda Fotiou, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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