

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 11, 2020



Sunday Morning Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

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[Sent Forth To Be God's Blessing!](#)

[Order of Worship](#)

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

C: Amen.

P: Come; let us sing for joy to the Lord;

C: Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

P: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and praise Him with music and song.

C: For the Lord is the great God, the wonderful King above all gods.

P: In His hand are the deep places of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

C: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

P: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
C: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Sent Forth to Sing His Praises

Hymn: CW # 573 “Hark! The voice of Jesus crying”

Sent Forth in Confession and Forgiveness Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.
C: We confess to our God and to one another that we have sinned in our thoughts and words, in our actions and in our failure to act.

P: Most holy and merciful Father, in Your Word You reveal Yourself as a God who sends help. Throughout all history, You have had the whole world in Your heart. We confess that we are often critics or, at best, only onlookers in Your mission.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: We avoid the opportunities You give us to speak Your words of forgiveness, joy and love to our families, our neighbors and our fellow Christians.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: We at times neglect Your Word and the Sacraments, which strengthen us for our witness and service.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: We want people to serve us. We do not always want to serve them as our Savior served them.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: God speaks to you! Clearly, He declares: Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven. As far as the east is from the west so far have your sins been removed. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses you from all sin. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Go forth in peace and joy! Your sins are forgiven; you are free from Satan's accusations. You are God's ambassador sent forth by His blessing to be a blessing to others.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sent Forth with the Word God

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:1–11 (NIV84) ¹If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28–32 (NIV84) ²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Sermon Hymn: CW # 560 “I hear the Savior Calling”

Sermon: Romans 1:13–16 (NIV84) ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. ¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Sent Forth as God's Living Sacrifices

P: Lord God, Heavenly Father: for calling us to faith through Your Word; for choosing us as Your ambassadors; for trusting us with Your message of reconciliation in Christ,

C: We give You humble thanks and praise.

P: For many years of Your gracious blessing on our Synod, for Your patient forgiveness in our failings, and for Your enabling power in every success,

C: We give You humble thanks and praise.

P: For bringing us together in the body of Christ; for awakening us to the urgency of Your mission; for the privilege of taking Your Word into all the world,

C: We give You humble thanks and praise.

P: For the mission vision of the early Lutheran missionaries who carried the precious message of Christ to native Americans and to the many German immigrants and other ethnic groups who came to this land; for calling and sending our missionaries to India, Taiwan and many other lands; for giving mission vision to our church to call missionaries to the hearing and visually impaired and to those on university campuses and in the armed forces,

C: We give You humble thanks and praise.

P: For our partner churches around the world; for every missionary and missionary family throughout the years that has gone forth in Your name with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and, for every man, woman and child who has come to be Your own eternally,

C: We give You humble thanks and praise.

P: Lord God, renew us

C: With the deep love You have for every person on this planet.

P: Lord, refill us

C: With joy at the gracious privilege to go forth as Your ambassadors, sharing the story of Your forgiving love.

P: Lord, reassure us

C: That through Your Holy Spirit You are with us and will bless us as we go forth in Your name.

P: We pray for Your covenant people Israel

C: Open their hearts to receive the Gospel and empower the Christians among them to be winsome and courageous in their witness.

P: We thank You that You have called many sight and hearing impaired people to believe. Please continue to help them grow in faith in Jesus so they will share Your love and Your Word with others.

C: May Your Spirit empower our church to share Jesus with deaf people.

P: We pray for Europe and Asia, for Africa and the Americas, for Australia and Antarctica, and for the islands of the seas

C: Hear the cries of those in spiritual darkness and deliver them.

P: We pray for all career and volunteer mission workers, for evangelists, pastors, teachers, medical and agricultural workers, builders and administrators

C: Bless and multiply the work of their hands.

P: We pray for those in our own country who do not confess the name of Jesus; for all who harden their hearts; for all who become careless; for all who turn their backs on Christ; and for all who are Christian in name only

C: Recover them, O Lord, and establish them in the truth of Your Gospel.

P: We pray for ourselves, that we might see ourselves as sent forth by Your blessing to bless others, and that those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may be guided into the way of peace through our lives and testimony.

C: Strengthen us and empower us, so that more and more people may rejoice in You.

P: We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord of the harvest. (Who also taught us to pray—Our Father etc.)

C: Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

Hymn: CW 566

P: Go, then, into your neighborhoods, your communities and to the whole world. God chose you to be His ambassadors! Through you and me, with love, God invites all people to be reconciled to Him. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to fulfill our calling in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

C: Amen.

The Blessing:

P: Go out into the world to bring peace and joy. Have courage; share the Good News with everyone; stop at nothing to bring God in Christ Jesus to others. Support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen! So shall it be! Amen!