

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Word of God

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

-- J. Pethel

Opening Hymn #343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Priest Blessed Be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

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*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*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.*

Priest The Lord be with you

People *And also with you*

Priest Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #509

Spirit divine, attend our prayers

Vs. 1&2 before, Vs 5 after

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Homily

The Reverend Henny Grosseohme

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop elect, for Bonnie our Bishop, Bishop Mota, ELCA Bishop Donald Kreiss, for Sharon our priest, for Henny our supply priest, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, including Christ Church in Adrian, St. Luke's in Santiago, DR and St. Mark's in Haina, DR.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer list: **Dennis; Katie** Blouin; **Cindy** Bouchard; **Adam** Bridgewater; **Amy C.; Jack** Coatta; **Terry** Coatta; **Jerry** Elliot; **Midge** Ferris; **Allen** Fields; **Katie** and **Pierre** Gossett; **Wesley** Harnack; **David** Kelly; **Sebastian** Lucas; **Gary M.; Jerry M.; Anderson** Moreno; **Sydney** Owen; **Tom P.; Patrick; Riendl Family; Rosalie; Carolyn** and **Michael** Roy; **Benjamin** Runyan; **Sophia** Russell; **Christine** Saiter; **Del** Saiter; **Rob** Stevens, **Debra** Uhl; **Tom** and **Joyce** Yarnevich; **Brandon; Edward; Lucas; Leslie** and **Jim** Richardson; **Char** Wall; **Matthew; Lyla Joy; Laura; Jesse; Patty; Father Bob** Wollard; **Ryan; Sharon** Yates; **Amanda K.; Ricky, Kristy & Tim** and for those we remember aloud or spoken silently in our hearts (pause),

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People:

Most merciful God, We confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Search Me, O God

-- J. Carter

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

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Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

-- W. Kirkpatrick

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion at God's table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, you may indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest at the altar. Communion can be brought to those in the pews with mobility issues. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

For those who are participating through Zoom, the following prayer of "spiritual communion" may be said when actual reception of Holy Communion is not possible. It is meant to be said silently or aloud by each individual at the time when communion would normally occur.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me in this life and in the life to come. Amen
(from Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from *Prayer of St. Alphonsus Ligouri*)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Christians, Awake!

-- J. Wainwright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing services are on the 1st and 3rd Sunday during Communion at the 10:00 am service.

Treesgiving Foundation is a volunteer run organization that provides tabletop Christmas trees to local seniors, homebound, and families in need. They believe that nobody should go without a Christmas tree for the holidays. They would appreciate new or gently used tree trimming décor (no lights) or monetary donations. There is a basket in the Narthex that you may place tree décor, they will be taking donations until the end of December. Also, if you are aware of anyone who is homebound or could benefit from a tree, please contact Lois Vestuto or Emily Hack as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Blessing of the Pets will be October 6th. Pets are allowed into the church for the 10:00 am service. If you do not feel comfortable having your pet inside, there will be a second blessing at 1:00 pm outside in the Aleta Morris Pavilion.

The recent visit to the Jewish Senior Life Center was a success! They would like to host us once a month for a visit. The next visit will be October 20th followed by visits on the 3rd Sunday of the month going forward Please contact Bob VanFleet for more information.

Mahjong Mondays started last week, games last from 1:00 pm to about 3:00 pm. No experience required.

Better Way Detroit (BWD) is a local nonprofit helping those experiencing homelessness. Crispy Chicken & Burgers will be donating 25% of their dine-in sales to BWD during the week of Sept 30-Oct 6. More information is on the flyer posted in the Richardson Room.

Fireside chats will continue every Friday evening at 8:00pm until the grass is seeded near the new garage (Slocum's Ark).

Have you completed Safe Church training in the last THREE years? This training is required every three years for members of our church who are in contact with children or vulnerable adults; that includes our Vestry, Sunday school volunteers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and anyone else who would like to complete training. Our church must complete Safe Church training by the end of November to be in compliance with the diocese. Please go to this website:

<https://www.praesidiumacademy.com/redeem>

Here is the registration code for our church: reg-episdiomi-313-standrewswaterford

Please let the office know when you have completed your training.

Events This Week

SUN-29 th	MON-30 th	TUES-1 st	WED-2 nd	THUR-3 rd	FRI-4 th	SAT-5 th
	Mahjong - 1:00 pm 8:00 pm - AA & Al-anon	7:00 pm – Camera Club	9:30-3:30 pm - Office Hours 7:00 pm - Choir	9:30-3:30 pm - Office Hours Chair Yoga - 3:30 pm	Fireside Chats - 8:00 pm	Gun Buyback – 9:00 -1:00 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

Happy Anniversary

Jack and Joelle Chaney, Bill and Sue Foster, Rob and Judy Stevens, Kevin and Emily Hack

Happy Birthday

Sue Foster, Ken Sasse, Geraldine Argyle, Francine Klein, Jessica Seaton, Merelyn Mallett

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

Happy Anniversary

Worley and Audrey Smith, Rick and Carol Jackson

Happy Birthday

Dillon McConnon, Jessica Saiter, Gail Fleming, Cody Lewinski, Ellen Zeisloft, Margaret Ferris, Clarence Millen, Linda Cueny, Ruth Makrias, Tom Jackson, Robert Fox Jr., Edward Neaves, Doug White

SUNDAY ASSISTANCE – 10 AM

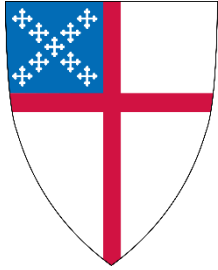
Sunday, September 29th – Ushers: John Ferris Sr, Midge Ferris
 Readers: Bill Richardson, Pat Kent, Francine Klein
 Coffee Hour: Sheila Cassell and Emily Hack

Sunday, October 6th – Ushers: Doug White, Francine Klein
 Readers: Carin Shaughnessy, Carole Wollard, Lois Vestuto
 Coffee Hour: Bob VanFleet

Sunday, October 13th – Ushers: Worley Smith, Carole Wollard
 Readers: Greg Walter, Gail Fleming, Beth White
 Coffee Hour: Endowment Committee

Sunday, October 20th – Ushers: John Ferris Sr., Char Wall
 Readers: John Ferris Jr., Bill Richardson, Pat Kent
 Coffee Hour: *help needed*

Sunday, October 27th – Ushers: Justice Moor, John Ferris Jr.
 Readers: Francine Klein, Carin Shaughnessy, Carole Wollard
 Coffee Hour: Sue and Kathy



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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am

Contemplative

10:00 am

YouTube service and Sunday School are available
*Details can be found on our website or join our email
list for information direct to your inbox!*

The Rev. Sharon Voelker

Interim Priest in Charge

Music Director/Organist: Sherri Brown
Elizabeth Heilig, Chancel Choir Accompanist

Vestry:

Jack Chaney, Senior Warden
Greg Walter, Junior Warden

Gail Fleming, Emily Hack, Dani Hamm, Pat Kent,
Scott Slocum, Audrey Smith, Carole Wollard

Joelle Chaney, Clerk
Judy Rowcliffe, Treasurer