



19th Sunday of Pentecost
October 8, 2023 — 8:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, create in us clean hearts, we pray, and develop in us generous spirits. We pray that we may become cheerful, generous, and gracious givers, in all areas of our lives. May the motive behind our giving be pure and ever open to Your scrutiny. This we ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea
Day by day his clear voice sounding
Saying "Christian, follow me"

As of old St. Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake
Turned from home and toil and kindred
Leaving all for his dear sake

Jesus calls us from the worship

Of the vain world's golden store
From each idol that would keep us
Saying, "Christian, love me more"

In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures
"Christian, love me more than these"
Jesus call us! In your mercy
Savior, make us hear your
Give our hearts to your obedience
Serve and love you best of all

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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.

A: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Greeting

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

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: 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.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A: Amen.

This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this.’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’”

2 Corinthians 8:1-12

“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectation: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”

Matthew 6:1-4

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Hymn: *Spirit Of God Descend Upon My Heart*

Spirit of God descend upon my heart
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart
And make me love you as I ought to love

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies
But take the dimness of my soul away

Have you not bid me love you, God and King
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find

Teach me to love you as your angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove
My heart an altar, and your love the flame

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Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Words Of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: ***O Master Let Me Walk With Thee***

O Master, let me walk with you
In lowly paths of service true
Tell me your secret help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love
Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way

Teach me your patience; share with me
A closer, dearer company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
In trust that triumphs over wrong

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way
In peace that only you can give
With you, O Master, let me live

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“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” Matthew 6:24

Sermon Notes

The Gift of Giving

◆ Bible Studies:

- ◆ <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/library/custom/51724>

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE: Glenna Kosch

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Beth Windom, Ralph Urrutia, Richard & Joyce Wheeler, Ernie & Lynne Hall, Pastor Paul, Marilyn Rosebrock, Judy Clymer, Ginny Schramm, Fred Dais, Lynda Dunn, Edward Smallwood, Marna Freimark, Nancy Urrutia, Bob Urrutia, Natalie Naumann, Jim Myers, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Betty Heidebrink, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, Jeanne Lohse, Glen & Sue DeGelnor, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, Lisa Hardaway, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman