

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
In- Gathering Sunday
October 8, 2023



WELCOME VISITORS

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome at worship.

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children
on the first floor near the ramp, across the hall from the bulletin boards.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available.
Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

Welcome to Worship

TODAY DURING WORSHIP

World Communion and Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering

This morning during worship, we will be dedicating our school kits, baby kits and personal care kits, and fabric kits, as well as our wonderful quilts.

Because of your generosity, we have been able to make 50 school kits, 50 baby kits, 70 personal care kits, 30 fabric kits, and 122 quilts for those in need.

Thank you for all your donations to make this possible!

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS MESSAGE

Tim Gotwald

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us,

God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand,

God is praised.

When we share of our abundance,

God is known in the world and God is at work in us!

In our daily lives, let us live out and fulfill our baptismal calling.

God's Work. Our Hands.

God ✠ bless your hands and your work,

that through you, God's love may be known. **Amen.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts!

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900 Music: AURELLA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

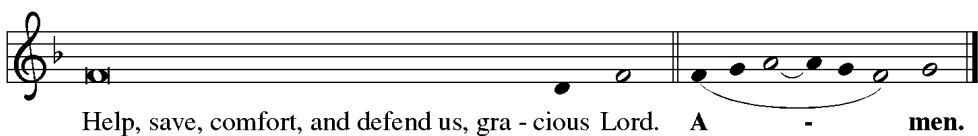
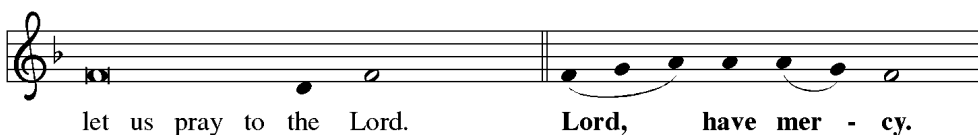
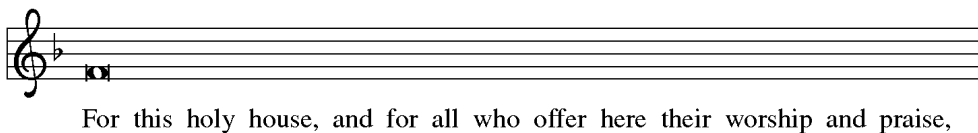
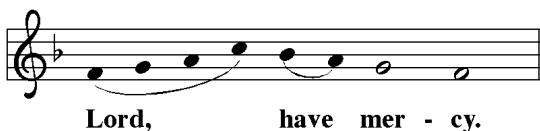
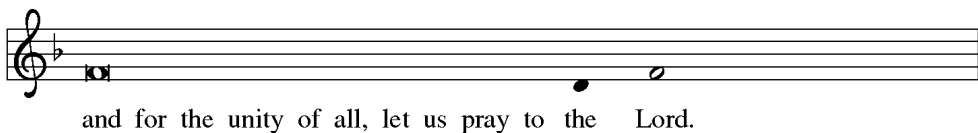
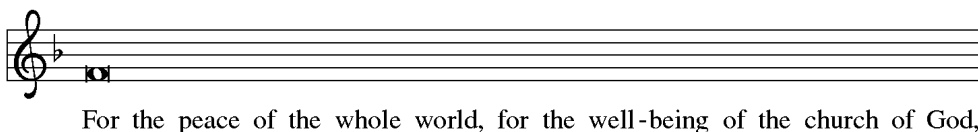
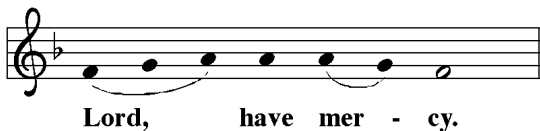
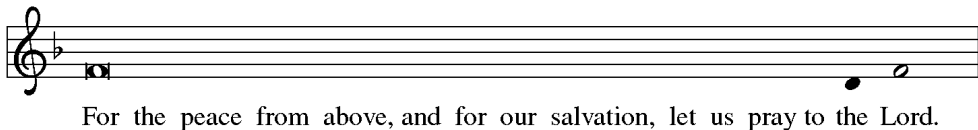
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal lines of each system. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, the second system contains five lines, and the third system contains five lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BLESSING OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ITEMS

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing. **We are honored to be a part of your work, O Lord.**

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Continue to use our hands, feet, and voices to share your love with the world.

God, be with our neighbors around the world who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

The Gospel according to St Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for Reflection.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

O God, My Faithful God

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: WAS FRAGICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629-1701

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines. The third system contains three lines. The fourth system contains three lines. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a clear harmonic structure.

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org

ANTHEM

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.**

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 INTERCESSION

God, we pray, open our hands in love.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Text: Norma O. Forness b. 1936 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ELCA YOUTH GATHERING is in New Orleans in July of 2024. Kate Nienstedt will be attending along with five youth from Trinity Lutheran. Their first fundraiser is now underway. Kate will be selling Sweet Rollers cinnamon rolls (\$6), packs of 2 chocolate chip cookies (\$5), and bags of coffee (\$12) after church through October 22nd. See Kate or her mom Kristy to place an order. Items will be delivered on Sunday, November 5th. Thanks in advance for your support!

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Joanne Fisher (11/4), Trudy Gearhart (11/28), Leslie Gotwald (11/5), Denise Heinbaugh (10/28), Charles & Gertrude Kampmeyer (11/3), Shirley Martin (10/7), Joyce Morschhauser (10/19), Sam Mull (10/18), Steve Schumacher (11/2), Martha Willson (10/19)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul and Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia).

ATTENDANCE October 1 65 in person 13 on line

CANTATA PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS will begin on Oct 12 at 7 pm. Please come to the rehearsal or see Freda for more information. The cantata will be presented on Dec 17 at our 10:45 am worship service.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED In November we will be electing council members for a three year term to serve from January 2024 through December 2026. If you have an interest in being nominated or finding out more about this opportunity, please talk with Tim Gotwald.

BOY SCOUT TROOP & CUB PACK 128 will respectfully retire old, unusable flags on October 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Marine Corps League (450 Grant Street, Chambersburg. Please bring your unusable flags to retire or just come to watch. If you have any questions please call (717) 504-2913.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT TRINITY LUTHERAN on October 28, 6:30-8 pm at Trinity Lutheran parking lot. They need our help to make this great for their neighbors. To help please purchase candy and place it in a basket as you enter the sanctuary. You can volunteer at the event and/or decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy, you do not have to provide the candy. Last year they felt they did not have enough trunks. Please consider. If you have any questions please contact Mary Gotwald.



FALL FOLIAGE DAY Sunday, October 22, 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. at Nawakwa. Come for a fall afternoon! An evening meal provided. Register by October 13. \$15 per person (4 & under free).

SUPPORT THE SPIRITRUST AUXILIARY by eating at **MOD pizza** anytime on **Sunday, October 15, 2023**. MOD pizza will donate 20% of your bill to support the auxiliary which supports hospice, home care, The Inn, the Manor, etc. Bring a flyer (attached to the bulletin board), or see Tudy Gates for a flyer. You can also order online through the MOD app or website using the code MODGIVES 20 and using a coupon. Thanks for your support.

QUILT AUCTION November 5 (Oct 29-Nov 3 Online Bidding) at Nawakwa 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction, 3:00 p.m. Live Auction. Dinner following Live Auction. All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Please register for the in-person event by November 1. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>October 8</u>	<u>October 15</u>	<u>October 22</u>
Lector:	Gary Fleegal	Becky Hoover	Nancy Fricke
Soundboard:	Marlin Maclay	Scott Carbaugh	Rose Wilson
Communion Assistants:		Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick Deb Fleegal	
Greeters:	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson



THIS WEEK AT FIRST

October 8 to October 15

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
		In-Gathering and Blessing of Quilts
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	WELCA Gathering
	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion
		Receive Anticipated Giving Cards Dean's Retreat at Nawakwa FNF Deadline

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

If you have a loved one who has entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2022 and October 31, 2023 whom you would like to have remembered by name on All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office and include the spelling of the name, and date of death if available. felccoffice@gmail.com

