

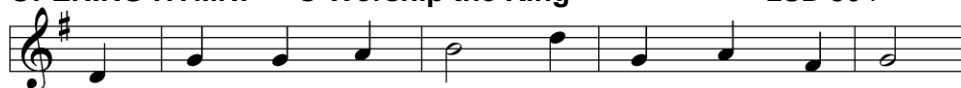
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

PRE-SERVICE: “Prelude and Fuque in E Minor, P. 416” Organ
“Fugue in D Major, P. 153”
“Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir, P. 183”
~Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “O Worship the King” LSB 804



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*James 4:8 & 10*)

L: Draw near to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and He will draw near to you.

P: **Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up.**

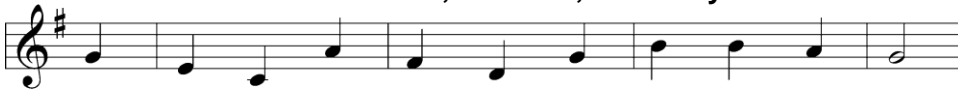
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*James 4:17 & 5:11b*)

L: Anyone who knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
P: **I confess to God Almighty and before You my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought word and deed; by what I have done and left undone. I deserve Your present and eternal punishment; yet for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, I ask You to forgive, renew, and lead me, so that I might delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy...so He sent Jesus to live and die for us. To You who believe in Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: **Amen**

RESPONSIVE HYM: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Numbers 11:10-17*

Moses heard people from every family crying at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became very angry, and Moses didn't like it either. So he asked, "Lord, why have you brought me this trouble? How have I displeased you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Am I their mother? Did I give birth to them? Are you really asking me to carry them in my arms—as a nurse carries a baby—all the way to the land you promised their ancestors with an oath? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep crying for me to give them meat to eat. I can't take care of all these people by myself. This is too much work for me! If this is how you're going to treat me, why don't you just kill me? I can't face this trouble anymore."

The Lord answered Moses, "Bring me 70 Israelite men who you know are leaders and officers of the people. Take them to the tent of meeting, and have them stand with you. I'll come down and speak with you there. I'll take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will help you take care of the people. You won't have to take care of the people alone. -GW®

EPISTLE READING: *James 5:13-20*

If any of you are having trouble, pray. If you are happy, sing psalms. If you are sick, call for the church leaders. Have them pray for you and anoint you with olive oil in the name of the Lord. (Prayers offered in faith will save those who are sick, and the Lord will cure them.) If you have sinned, you will be forgiven. So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed.

Prayers offered by those who have God's approval are effective. Elijah was human like us. Yet, when he prayed that it wouldn't rain, no rain fell on the ground for three-and-a-half years. Then he prayed again. It rained, and the ground produced crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you wanders from the truth, someone can bring that person back. Realize that whoever brings a sinner back from the error of his ways will save him from death, and many sins will be forgiven. -GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 9:38-50*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone forcing demons out of a person by using the power and authority of your name. We tried to stop him because he was not one of us."

Jesus said, "Don't stop him! No one who works a miracle in my name can turn around and speak evil of me. Whoever isn't against us is for us. I can guarantee this truth: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward."

“These little ones believe in me. It would be best for the person who causes one of them to lose faith to be thrown into the sea with a large stone hung around his neck.

“So if your hand causes you to lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life disabled than to have two hands and go to hell, to the fire that cannot be put out. If your foot causes you to lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. If your eye causes you to lose your faith, tear it out! It is better for you to enter God’s kingdom with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell. In hell worms that eat the body never die, and the fire is never put out. Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good. But if salt loses its taste, how will you restore its flavor? Have salt within you, and live in peace with one another.”-GW®

SERMON HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

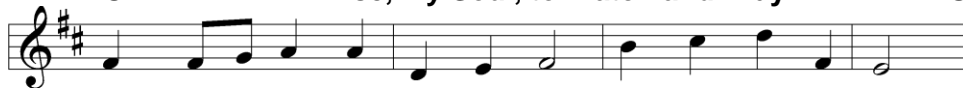


crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

MESSAGE: "Strawman: The Art of Misdirection" (James 5:13-20)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

LSB 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: O God, our teacher and guide,

P: **You draw us to yourself and welcome us as Your beloved children.**

L: Help us set aside envy, pride and self-ambition, that we might follow Your Son in the way of humble, obedient, loving service to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS: *(James 1:17-18)*

- L:** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from the Father of lights;
P: **He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- L:** Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your Mercy,
P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all for whom we pray (including...) seeking that at all time Your will be done. Lord, in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Forgive us our sins as we also, forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with his wiles. Lord, in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

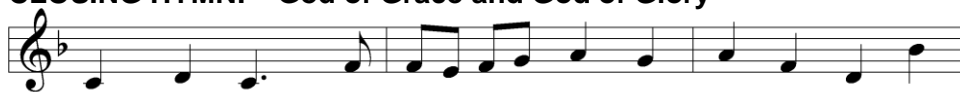
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION: *(James 5:8)*

L: Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

CLOSING HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

POSTLUDE: “Improvisation on Cwm Rhondda”

~Robert Bottoms

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Lector 8:00...Greg Goebel	9:30...Steve Albers
Liturgist...Pr. Kyle Blake	Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Organist...Robert Bottoms	Children’s Message...Samuel Morganstern

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