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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 19, 2025

PRELUDE:

“This Day of Gladness”

~Susan E Geschke

Crescendo Handbell Choir

8:00 & 9:30

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “United in Christ”

Verse 1

People of the Lord come now and sing
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King
With empty hands His gifts receive

Verse 2

Whether young or old you're a child of God
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got
He gathers all at the foot of the cross

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ

Verse 3

Sinners and saints you have a place
With the Spirit's gifts proclaim His grace
There's nothing too small
To be used by the Living God

Bridge

We are the body Christ is the head
Sealed with the promise through blood He shed
We are the body Christ is the head
His grace the heartbeat our confidence
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Tag

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CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on 1 Timothy 1:2)*

L: Good will, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord are yours!

CONFESSION OF GUILT AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

(based on 1 Timothy 1:15 & 2 Timothy 1:9)

L: This is a trustworthy saying,

P: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am worst.**

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

L: Beloved, God saved you not because of what you had done, but because of His own plan and kindness revealed in and accomplished through Jesus, His Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

PSALMODY: PSALM 33:12-22 *(we read responsively)*

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

P: **the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!**

L: The LORD looks down from heaven;

P: **He sees all the children of man;**

L: from where He sits enthroned He looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

P: **He who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**

L: The king is not saved by his great army;

P: **a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

L: The war horse is a false hope for salvation,

P: **and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

L: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
on those who hope in His steadfast love,

P: **that He may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

L: Our soul waits for the LORD;

P: **He is our help and our shield.**

L: For our heart is glad in him,

P: **because we trust in his holy name.**

L: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

P: **even as we hope in You. -ESV®**

L: The Holy Scriptures have the power to give you wisdom, for every passage is
inspired by God and useful for teaching, correcting, and training God's people.
(based on 1 Timothy 3)

EPISTLE READING: II Timothy 3:14-4:5

However, continue in what you have learned and found to be true. You know who your teachers were. From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures. They have the power to give you wisdom so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus. Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval. They equip God's servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.

I solemnly call on you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge those who are living and those who are dead. I do this because Christ Jesus will come to rule the world. Be ready to spread the word whether or not the time is right. Point out errors, warn people, and encourage them. Be very patient when you teach.

A time will come when people will not listen to accurate teachings. Instead, they will follow their own desires and surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear. People will refuse to listen to the truth and turn to myths.

But you must keep a clear head in everything. Endure suffering. Do the work of a missionary. Devote yourself completely to your work. - GW®

[L]: Having heard the Word, you are equipped as a servant of God and prepared to do good in, for and through Him. Amen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Say to the Lord, I Love You”; “I am a Promise” K-2 Sings, 9:30

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus used this illustration with his disciples to show them that they need to pray all the time and never give up. He said, “In a city there was a judge who didn’t fear God or respect people. In that city there was also a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice.’

“For a while the judge refused to do anything. But then he thought, ‘This widow really annoys me. Although I don’t fear God or respect people, I’ll have to give her justice. Otherwise, she’ll keep coming to me until she wears me out.’ ”

The Lord added, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge thought. Won’t God give his chosen people justice when they cry out to him for help day and night? Is he slow to help them? I can guarantee that he will give them justice quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” -GW®

SERMON SONG: “Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

MESSAGE: “Send, Sent” // Timothy 3:14-4:5

SONG OF THE DAY: “In Christ Alone”

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Intro. 2 Timothy 6:12)*

L: The apostle has called us to make a good testimony regarding the Christian faith:

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(*catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**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.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COLLECT OF THE DAY: (1 Timothy 2:5)

[L]: “There is one mediator between God and humans; the human Christ Jesus. Let us come therefore to His throne of Grace”:

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**. In our 9:30 & 11:00 am services, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*

DISTRIBUTION: “Psalm 46” (Be Still)

Verse 1

God is our refugee, our strength and our shield,
An ever-present help.
We will not fear though the earth gives way,
and the mountains crash into the sea.

Chorus

There is a river whose streams will make glad
the city of our most High King.
God is within her, and she will not fail,
He helps her at break of the day,

Verse 2

Nations in uproar, men's kingdoms, they fall,
He speaks and the earth melts away.
The words we imagine, the strongest of storms,
Our fortress, it will still remain.

Chorus

There is a river whose streams will make glad
the city of our most High King.
God is within her, and she will not fail,
Listen and hear the Lord say: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Verse 3

Come, let us see what the Lord has done,
the ruins He brings to the earth.
He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth,
He shatters the bow and the spear.

Chorus

There is a river whose streams will make glad
the city of our most High King.
God is within her, and she will not fail,
Listen and hear the Lord say: "Be still, and know that I am God."

“Jesus Paid it All”

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow

Interlude

It's washed away—All my sin and all my shame

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Interlude

Sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow...

Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BENEDICTION:** *(based on 1 Timothy 1:17)*

L: Worship and glory belong forever to the eternal king, the immortal, invisible, and only God. He will bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, and give you His peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “Let Me Count the Ways”**Verse 1**

How many times Lord have I been cared for
Every step You've been with me
So many moments I have been broken
Only to find You could fix me

Chorus

Let me count the ways; Let me count the days that You have been faithful
Let me count the ways; Let me count the days that You have been faithful

Verse 2

All of my shortfalls all of my bad calls
All of my wrongs met with mercy
I don't deserve it but You say I'm worth it
Again and again You forgive me

Bridge

Let me count the ways, Let me count the days
Let me count the ways that You have been faithful

Verse 3

There is no end to the times You will rescue
One of Your own from despair
And Lord I know this 'cause I am a witness
To all of the times You've been there

POSTLUDE



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Acolyte 8:00...Sammy Baldwin

Crucifer 8:00...Luke Gorne

Acolyte 9:30...Oliver Koehlinger

Lector 8:00...Matt Ruiz

9:30...Vance Frederick

11:00...Nick Davies

Liturgist...Pastor John Alwood

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Keyboard...Pat Gagan

Crescendo Bells Director...Sara Cerulle

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Children's Message...Alissa Brege



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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ In celebration of Willa's Baptismal Birthday ~

~ by The Flattley Family



Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ Happy 18th Birthday to our grandson, Jeffrey Baird ~

~ by Ron and Renee Svarc



Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ In loving memory of Edison I. Enwia ~

~ by The Albers Family: Steve, Mariam, Elizabeth & Isaac

