NINETEENTH SUNDAY After Pentecost



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CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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October 7th and 8th, 2023

The Season

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ.

The Sunday

Through a simple story, Jesus teaches us a profound truth. We need to stop expecting God to be fair. God is not fair. He does not give us what we deserve, and that's called mercy. In fact, he gives us what we don't deserve, and that's called grace. No, God is not fair. He is breathtakingly generous.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord." Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:Dennis LemkeOrgaUshers:David Butzke (6 pm Saturday)Kevin Kempf (8 am Sunday)Johnathan Koch (10:30 am Sunday)

Organist: Laura Schulz



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest

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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." 7The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Restore Us

Psalm 8oC Sung responsively between Pastor & Congregation



Re-store us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!



Hear us, Shepherd of / Israel,

you who lead Joseph / like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the / cherubim,

awaken your might; come and / save us.

How long, LORD God Al- / mighty,

will your anger smolder against the prayers of your / people? You have made us an object of derision to our / neighbors,

and our enemies / mock us. Refrain

You transplanted a vine from / Egypt;

you drove out the nations and / planted it.

You cleared the / ground for it,

and it took root and / filled the land.

Why have you broken / down its walls

so that all who pass by / pick its grapes?

Return to us, God Al- / mighty!

Look down from / heav'n and see!

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! For we are God's handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia**! Ephesians 2:10



Matthew 21:28-32

Gospel

²⁸"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

^{29"} 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

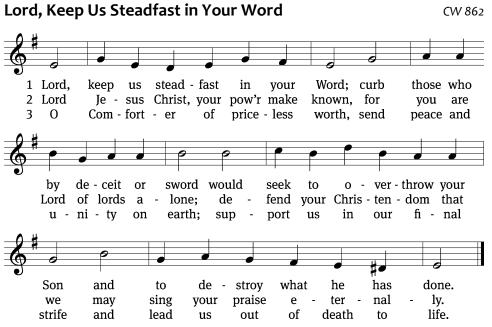
³¹"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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

Be seated



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Sermon

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

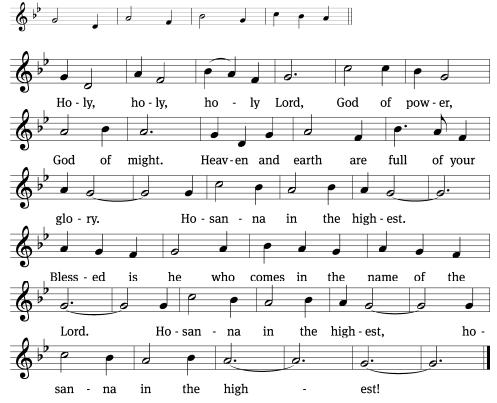
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Jesus, Lamb of God



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Be seated

Distribution

The Power of the Cross



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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

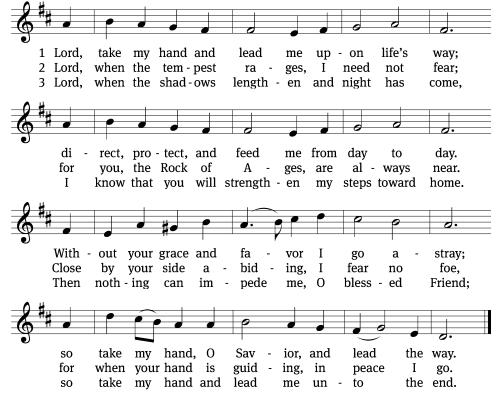
We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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Announcements

Focus on Ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: This WLS Focus on Ministry is intended to bring high school boys onto the WLS campus, allow them a chance to speak with current students, and lead them to think more about the pastoral ministry.

We have scheduled two more Focus on Ministry events at WLS for 2023-2024: Sunday-Monday, November 12-13, 2023, and Sunday-Monday, February 25-26, 2024.

During this trip the student will tour the seminary campus, visit classes, worship in chapel, and stay in the dorms. They'll also enjoy fellowship, games, food, and entertainment with young men from the seminary who are preparing to be pastors. They will answer questions and share what it's like to train to be a pastor.

Special Hymnal Presentation: On Saturday, October 14 at 3 p.m., the members of Nain Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI (WELS) are hosting a talk entitled "Nice to Meet You!' Getting to Know the New Songs of *Christian Worship*." The presenter is Dr. Jeremy Bakken, Director of Worship and Sacred Music at Northwestern Publishing House. The lecture is free and registration is not required, but will help in preparation. Visit <u>nainlutheran.org/lectures</u> for more information and to register. Snacks will be served.

Bags & Bingo at KML: Join at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on **Saturday, October 14, at 5:00 PM** for Bags & Bingo, hosted by the Charger Club! The bags tournament is for anyone of high school age and above, and Bingo is for all ages. For more info and to register, visit <u>kmlhs.org/bagsandbingo</u>. Come out and support KML and enjoy time with the KML Chargers Family! Together we can make this new event a hit! (This event will be held in place of KML's annual Trivia Night which has been moved to a date TBA in early 2024.)

KML Open House: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has been blessed to provide a Christian education to high school students for 50 years. In celebration, we are hosting a 1950s themed **open house on <u>Sunday</u>**, <u>October 15</u>, <u>from 1:00-3:00 PM</u></u>. Kids of all ages are invited to come in 50s themed costumes for a candy scavenger hunt, treats, and fun craft. Campus tours will be available. Visit with our staff along the way to find out more about KML. For more info or to register to attend, visit <u>kmlhs.org/open-house</u>.

Childcare Position Available at Our Savior Lutheran School: Our Savior Lutheran in Grafton is looking to fill a part-time position to provide childcare for the hours listed below. This is a split position with our current childcare provider.

- Wrap Around Care from 11:30am 3:15pm
- After School Care from 3:15pm 5:30pm

Starting pay is \$15-17/hour.

If interested, please contact Principal Nathan Schultz at 262-377-7780 or email resume/message to <u>nschultz@oursaviorgrafton.org</u>.

Childcare Position Available at St. Paul Little Learners: St. Paul Little Learners in Slinger is accepting applications for reliable people over the age of 18 to work a flexible part/full-time schedule as a teacher in the childcare.

No experience necessary! No nights or weekends! Free Childcare! Come join an awesome State licensed, 5-Star childcare and work with wonderful, caring people! Contact Lisa Meissner for more information, littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org or 262-644-8295 ext. 1.

KML Job Openings: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is looking to fill the following positions:

- <u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's concession stand during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends.
- <u>Part-Time Morning Janitor</u>: 5:00-9:00 AM on school days. Basic janitorial duties: sweeping, mopping, cleaning bathrooms. Starting wage: \$16/hour.

Interested? Questions? Contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

KML Grandparents' Days: KML invites the grandparents of our students to come for a visit! Select either Thursday, October 19, or Friday, October 20. For more information and to register, visit kmlhs.org/grandparents. Registration deadline: October 9, 2023. Registration is needed to ensure adequate food, seating, and materials. Questions? Contact Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Wolter – 10/8	Caden Harris - 10/11
Wendi Dreher – 10/10	Anna Hening - 10/11
Adam Drewitz - 10/10	Erik Kral – 10/12
Judith Groeschel – 10/11	Amelia Stern – 10/12

Calendar

Readings for October 8th – October 15th, 2023

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY			
Deuteronomy 7:1-19 Matthew 10:1-23 *Worship w/Communion 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Hour 9:15 am *Worship w/Communion 10:30 am	08	og Deuteronomy 8:1-20 Matthew 10:24-42	Deuteronomy Matthew 11:1-19 Bible Study 6:2	9	10	
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22 Matthew 11:20-30	11	12 Deuteronomy 11:1-25 Matthew 12:1-21 Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10 am	Deuteronomy Matthew 12:22		13	
SATURDAY	14	SUNDAY 15	UPCOMING USHERS			
Deuteronomy 12:13-32		Deuteronomy 13:1-18	Sat. 10/14:	Peters	6pm	
Matthew 12:38-50 *Worship 6 pm		Matthew 13:1-23 ************************************	Sun. 10/15:	Stoltz Wolter	8am 10:30am	
		Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Hour 9:15 am *Worship 10:30 am	Sat. 10/21: Sun. 10/22:	Beyer Schacht Strack	6pm 8am 10:30am	

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