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**Nineteenth Sunday after pentecost**

ELW Service of the Word

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Confession and Forgiveness** pg. 211

***All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.***

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

***Gathering Song Rise Up, O Saints of God!  ELW 669***

**Greeting** pg. 213

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** pg. 213

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

***Canticle of Praise Now Thank We All Our God ELW 839***

**Prayer of the Day**

***O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading [Genesis 32:22-31](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-10-19/2641)

Psalm [Psalm 121](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-10-19/2641)

Second Reading [2 Timothy 3:14—4:5](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-10-19/2641)

**Gospel Acclamation** pg. 216

***Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Gospel Reading [Luke 18:1-8](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2025-10-19/2641)

Children’s Chat

***Stewardship Moment (Worship Committee)***

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day The Church of Christ, in Every Age  ELW 729***

**The Apostles’ Creed**  pg. 217

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

***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**

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, provinces, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected official’s humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal all who suffer. We especially pray for those whom you have entrusted to our care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation here at Trinity. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give it, as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled and neither let them be afraid.’ The peace of the Lord take hold of you, and those you love always. ***And also with you.***

**THANKSGIVING**

God hears the prayers of all to call out from the heart.

**Offering**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labour in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**Canticle of Thanksgiving** pg. 219

**Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;**

**just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.**

**Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?**

**Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of**

**God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God!**

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**Thanksgiving for the Word** pg. 220

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** *(The Lord’s Prayer is sung)*pg. 221

***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**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all human understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song If You but Trust in God to Guide You  ELW 769***

**Dismissal**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, go in peace, tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The First Reading is from the book of Genesis beginning at the 32nd chapter and the 22nd verse.**  *(Genesis 32:22-31)*

22The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” 27So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” 29Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**Listen for the leading of the Spirit. Thanks be to God**

**Our Psalm is Psalm121. We will say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.** *(Reader, please read all of the verses so that the people on line can hear the responses as well.)*

1I lift up my eyes **|** to the hills;  
  from where is my **|** help to come?

2**My help comes | from the Lord,**  
  **the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

3The Lord will not let your **|** foot be moved  
  nor will the one who watches over you **|** fall asleep.

4**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
  **will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

5the Lord watches **|** over you;  
  the Lord is your shade at **|** your right hand;

6**the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
  **nor the | moon by night.**

7The Lord will preserve you **|** from all evil  
  and will **|** keep your life.

8**The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
  **from this time forth for- | evermore.**

**The Second Reading is from 2 Timothy beginning at the 3rd chapter and the 14th verse.** *(2 Timothy 3:14—4:5)*

14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.  
 4:1In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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**The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter** *(Luke 18:1-8)*

**Glory to You O Lord!**

1Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ 4For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” 6And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

**Praise to You O Christ!**