

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Following Jesus Through the Gospel of Luke

September 24 & 25, 2016

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

We do well to listen throughout our lives. Parents try their best to teach this to children at an early age. The ability to listen is a quality that affects relationships, vocations, and general communication. The same goes in our relationship, work, and communication with the Lord. We do well to listen to Him. The people in Amos's time learned this as the Lord spoke through him many "woes" and warnings. This is why Paul writes clear directions for the noble task of overseers, through whom people are to listen to the Lord. Even Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus reminds us that a day is coming when it will be too late. The Word of God teaches us that now is the time to listen, to repent, and to believe.

WELCOME

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

I will meditate on your wonderful works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Psalm 145-3, 5b, 6

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #576 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;

When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: As the Lord's prophet Amos spoke to the people of Israel, so His Word speaks to us today: "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion. Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!" Together we confess our sins:

People: Gracious and ever-providing Lord, we are by nature sinful. We are often complacent and filled with apathy in our worship and prayers. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, and renew our spirits, that we may obey You and serve our neighbors with joy and gladness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, God has heard our confession, and because of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has answered with good news. As a called and ordained 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: *sing*

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, you are the strength of all who trust in you, and without your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of your grace that we may please you in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1–7* (Words of warning for people who remove God from their lives in complacency) Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! Go to Calneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours? You put off the evil day and bring near a reign of terror. You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 3:1–13* (Qualifications for overseers and deacons)

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to

drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and in to the devil's trap. Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested: and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM *"God Is Our Refuge and Strength"* Allen Pote

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:19–31* (The rich man and Lazarus) "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #506

“Glory Be to God the Father”

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who love us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav’n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

SERMON

“Following Jesus Into Eternity”

Luke 16:19-31

(Rise)

APOSTLES’ CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, whose steadfast love will comfort us according to His promises. Almighty God, preserve us from the temptation of complacency, lest we confuse your undeserved mercy with sinful self-righteousness and replace repentance with revelry.

People: **Give to us repentant hearts that acknowledge our sinfulness and rejoice in your unmerited grace, and give all glory to your Son, crucified and risen for us.**

Pastor: O Lord of hosts, as we wrestle against the spiritual forces of evil, send forth your angels to protect and preserve us. Watch over those who are under spiritual attack, clothe them in Christ’s righteousness and remind them that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: **Receive our thanks for your provision of guardian angels, and continue to watch over us that the evil foe may have no power over us, until the eternal day when evil is no more and we behold your face in heaven.**

Pastor: O Lord, you open the eyes of the blind and lift up those who are bowed down. Hear our prayers on behalf of those in need of the healing, hope, and mercy that comes from your hand especially Jerry, Arlene, Ruth, Jerry, Dorothy, John, Irene, Cliff, David, Richard, Rosalie, Marion, Roemelle, Arlene, Kathleen, Jean, Mae, Marion, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Lois and Sarah.

People: **Provide restoration and deliverance according to your good and gracious will, and in their time of affliction, strengthen their faith that they might cling to your promises and praise your name.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, you sent your Son who, for our sake, became poor with our debt of sin so that by His poverty we might be rich in holiness and grace.

People: **As you have so enriched us, enlighten our eyes to see those in poverty around us, and grant that our faith might be evident in love toward those in need.**

Pastor: God of every blessing, we rejoice with all those who are celebrating gifts from your hands in these days. Bless Al and Kammi as they embark on their journey through life together; bless also Vince and LeAnn as well as Jerry and Audrey as they celebrate wedding anniversaries. Grant Logan joy in your gift of life as he celebrates his birthday.

People: **Move our hearts to thankfulness for all the blessings you so abundantly bestow upon us day by day.**

Pastor: O Lord, as you once gave Moses and the prophets your Word that they might know the truth, continue to provide pastors and other laborers to make your Gospel known among the nations.

People: **Preserve those who currently serve within your Church, and raise up more workers to labor in the harvest.**

Pastor: Almighty God, you have rescued us from our sin, and now you feed us with your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who receive this Holy Supper today do so in sincere repentance and deep faith.

People: Preserve us from hard-heartedness, cloth us in Christ's righteousness and comfort us by your gifts of life and salvation.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we praise your name for your faithfulness to Abraham, Lazarus and to all the saints who have gone before us in the faith and now dwell in your glorious presence. Bless Frank Coogan and his whole family as they remember in love his departed wife, Mary Lou.

People: Comfort, strengthen, and fill with hope all people who mourn for and remember loved ones who have passed on.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, enliven us by your Word and Sacraments, that, convinced of Jesus' death and resurrection, we may tell of His wonders as we eagerly await the day of our resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You
Worthily let me receive You And, so forward, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

HYMN #842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead;
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others love.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Our bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

HYMN #570 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through
this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #696

“O God, My Faithful God”

Stanzas 1,4,5

O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by your Spirit’s might To live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;
And let my body have A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

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