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*The Nineteenth
Sunday
After Pentecost*



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Worship:

Divine Service

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C
"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

arr. M. Ryan
setting: W. Held

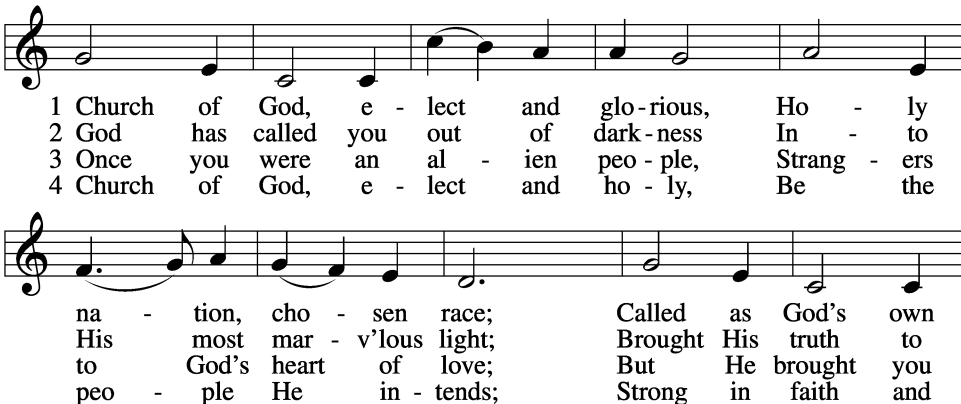
WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

LSB 646



1 Church of God, elect and glo-ri-ous, Ho - ly
2 God has called you out of dark-ness In - to
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
4 Church of God, elect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
to God's heart of love; But He brought you
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- A** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- A** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- A** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

A The joy of growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is for learners of every age in every place. It is a shared endeavor. Together let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

The exchange of peace is made according to local custom.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INTROIT

Psalms 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1



P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.
This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
 for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

KYRIE

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

The word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33-46

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The word is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

- C** **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

LSB 658



- 1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
- 2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
- 3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
- 4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,
- 5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm - tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king-dom flour-ish; En-large Your Church, we pray.
 Con-vince, con-vert, en-light-en The souls in er-ror's night.
 Pro-TECT what You have cho-sen A-gainst the hell-ish flood.
 The mir-ror of Your glo-ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
 As-sailed by wind and weath-er, May it en-dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail-ing; Keep hope's bright star a-glow.
 Re-veal Your will, dear Sav-ior, To all who dwell be-low,
 Be al-ways our de-fend-er When dan-gers gath-er round;
 Oh, may this liv-ing wa-ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,
 Stand at the helm, our pi-lot, And set the course a-right;



Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv-ing here be-low.
 Great light of all the liv-ing, That all Your name may know.
 When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
 Sus-tain us while here liv-ing Un-til we see Your face.
 Then we will reach the har-bor In Your e-ter-nal light.

SERMON

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

arr. B. Glyncannon

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

BLESSING OF LUTHER'S WORKS FOR USE IN THE CHURCH

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, the Lord God by His Holy Spirit has caused all Scripture to be "written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Such learning takes place when we hear "the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."

It is fitting that these Works of Dr. Martin Luther, be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for use in the services of our Lord.

A Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these Works of Dr. Luther. Enlighten the hearts and minds of those who read from them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them, that by Your Spirit they may

earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these works of Martin Luther for use in His holy Church.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that He nurture His Church with the Means of Grace and that we bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For each of us in Christ, that we strive for the prize, forgetting what lies behind and pressing toward the goal of our eternal salvation and everlasting life with God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the nations, that those who lead us heed the Word of God and preserve us from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this congregation, that we not take for granted all that the Lord has given us, and work to bear the good fruit of His kingdom in our lives together and individually, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For those who will hear the Word of God that the Spirit prepare their hearts to receive Him and by that same Spirit confess His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, [especially . . .], that the Lord grant them patience in their affliction, comfort in their pain, and grace to sustain them now and to everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For all who approach this altar today, that they be prepared through repentance and faith to receive this Sacrament for their good and that what they receive may bear good fruit in their lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty and everlasting God, ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful to us and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Keep us from pleading only our righteousness, and cover us with grace that we may wear the righteousness of Christ by faith and so labor within Your vineyard and receive the crown of everlasting life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right to do so.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

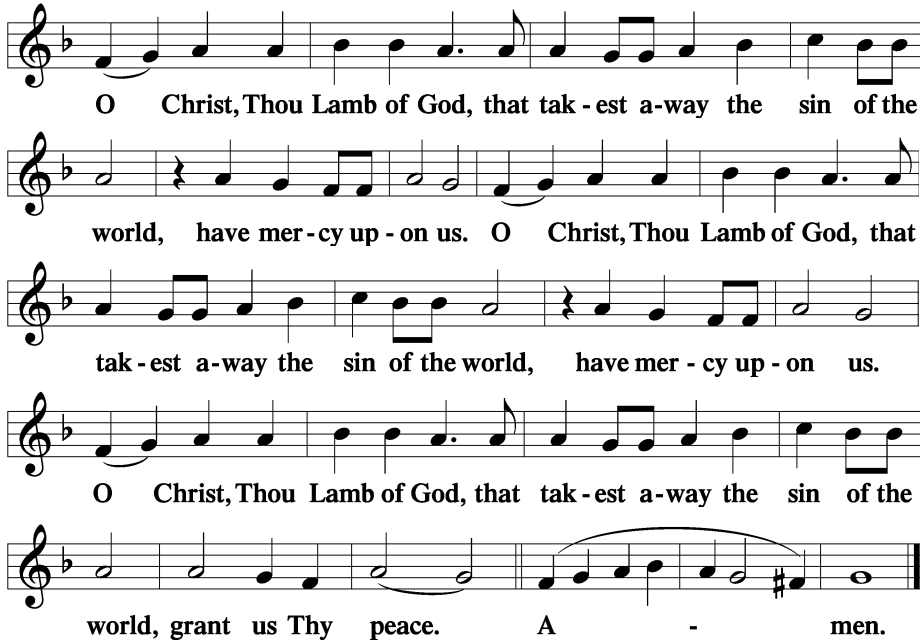
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198




O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

LSB 651



1 I love Your king-dom, Lord, The place of Your a-bode,
 2 Be-yond my high-est joy I prize its heav'n-ly ways,
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev-'ry land,
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as-cend;
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi-on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
 Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
 Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
 The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

HYMN



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; Quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

VOLUNTARY

"Here, O My Lord"
 "Prayer for Communion"

arr. L Smith
 H. Livingston Jr.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

- P** Let us pray. 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.
- C** Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

G **And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Bless we the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

G **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

arr. D. Paxton

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