

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 October 2022



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# **Service of Holy Communion**

## ***Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3***

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **Prelude / Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*(There is a time of silence for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn #514 “O Word of God Incarnate”**



**Greeting** (page 138)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

♫ **Kyrie** (pages 138-139)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

♫ **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.    **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. *concluding:* **C: Amen**

### **Readings**

L: The Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

### **Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon** – Noisy Offering - Pastor Holloway-Nilsen

**Sermon** – Pastor Holloway-Nilsen

**Hymn #669 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”**

### **Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

P: 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 into hell.  
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.**

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**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**

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)*

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer**

♫ **Great Thanksgiving** (page 144)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♫ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**



## **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 is celebrated today.***

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion  
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**✠ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **Hymn #790 “Day be Day”**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

### **Post-Communion Canticle (Hymn 204)**

**✠ Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev’ryone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and bear Christ’s holy name.  
Send us with your promises**

**and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Hymn #767 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”**

### **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Ring of the Bell / Postlude**

**Pastor:** Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**Organist:** Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

**Acolyte:** Faith Will

**Lector:** Joyce McCutcheon

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## **This Week At A Glance**

Wednesday	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	8:30 pm	High School Bible study at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior's
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30	Worship service at Faith

**Those to keep in prayer** Cathy Goddard, Dawn Dosland, Ruth Braet, Lucy Lee Petersen, Velma Jensen, Megan Mineck Wentland, Ryan Dick, Tim Burke, Barb Johnson; the homebound: Norman Bousselot, Carol Christensen, Shirley Ferguson, Ron Gasper, Myrna Kay Petersen, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand, and Joan Shelton; and those serving in the military.

The **noisy offering** will be collected today. The recipient will be ELCA World Hunger.

On **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a special monetary donation to support the **Carroll Assistance Center** in Wheatland. The Carroll Assistance Center has been providing resources to Western Clinton County and surrounding areas since 1967. Supporting them is a simple way to support people in our community that are in need.

Our Savior's and Faith are participating in a Thrivent project called **Take Away Hunger** on Tuesday, October 25. Volunteers will gather at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in DeWitt.

Thirteen (13) volunteers are needed from Our Savior's and Faith to form an assembly line to package one-pot rice and bean meals that are shipped nationwide for food banks and disaster relief. Sign-up sheets are at the back of each sanctuary. Children are welcome helpers, but must be assisting an adult. Our Savior's and Faith have committed \$675 to cover the cost of 2,500 meals. Please consider volunteering to be part of this worthwhile project.

**Youth kickball** will be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at Christian Free Lutheran Church in Wheatland beginning at 12:00 pm. The God Squad youth are joining up with our neighbors for an afternoon of kickball, hotdogs and smores. Contact Heather Grau at 563.424.0507 and let her know if you can make it or with any questions.

On Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Youth Cookie Baking Night** will start at 7:00pm at Faith. Confirmation, Bible Jam and JH/HS youth are invited to help make cookies for the bake sale.

On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, the God Squad will have a **Bake Sale for the 2022 Angel Tree program**. Funds raised will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for local children in need through the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the DeWitt Referral Center.

# *Unwearied in Prayer*

By William Barclay | [www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay](http://www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay)

*Luke 18:1-8 Jesus spoke a parable to them to show that it is necessary always to pray and not to lose heart. "There was a judge," he said, "in a town who neither feared God nor respected man. There was a widow in the same town who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But afterwards he said to himself, 'Even though I neither fear God nor respect man, because she bothers me, I will vindicate this widow, lest by her constant coming she exhausts me.'" The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And shall God not vindicate his own chosen ones who cry to him day and night, even though he seem to wait for long? But when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?"*

This parable tells of the kind of thing which could, and often did, happen. There are two characters in it.

(i) The judge was clearly not a Jewish judge. All ordinary Jewish disputes were taken before the elders, and not into the public courts at all. If, under Jewish law, a matter was taken to arbitration, one man could not constitute a court. There were always three judges, one chosen by the plaintiff, one by the defendant, and one independently appointed.

This judge was one of the paid magistrates appointed either by Herod or by the Romans. Such judges were notorious. Unless a plaintiff had influence and money to bribe his way to a verdict he had no hope of ever getting his case settled. These judges were said to pervert justice for a dish of meat. People even punned on their title. Officially they were called Dayyaneh Gezereth, which means judges of prohibitions or punishments. Popularly they were called Dayyaneh Gezeloth, which means robber judges.

(ii) The widow was the symbol of all who were poor and defenceless. It was obvious that she, without resource of any kind, had no hope of ever extracting justice from such a judge. But she

had one weapon--persistence. It is possible that what the judge in the end feared was actual physical violence. The word translated, lest she exhausts me, can mean, lest she give me a black eye. It is possible to close a person's eye in two ways--either by sleep or by assault and battery! In either event, in the end her persistence won the day.

This parable is like the parable of the Friend at Midnight. It does not liken God to an unjust judge; it contrasts him to such a person. Jesus was saying, "If, in the end, an unjust and rapacious judge can be wearied into giving a widow woman justice, how much more will God, who is a loving Father, give his children what they need?"

That is true, but it is no reason why we should expect to get whatever we pray for. Often a father has to refuse the request of a child, because he knows that what the child asks would hurt rather than help. God is like that. We do not know what is to happen in the next hour, let alone the next week, or month, or year. Only God sees time whole, and, therefore, only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus said we must never be discouraged in prayer. That is why he wondered if men's faith would stand the long delays before the Son of Man should come. We will never grow weary in prayer and our faith will never falter if, after we have offered to God our prayers and requests, we add the perfect prayer, Thy will be done.