Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 2025

As We Gather - It is easy to lose heart when we do not get what we want. This is true in life and is even true when we bring our wants and desires before the Lord in prayer. In today's Holy Gospel, Jesus speaks a parable to His disciples, who have begun to lose heart in their difficult journey of following Him. Through the example of the persistent widow and unrighteous judge, we also are encouraged to not lose heart as we continue to follow Jesus in faith and as we bring to the Lord in prayer all our desires, laments, injustices, and more, trusting in His perfect will through it all.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION



Stand

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word



- Remember your congregation, which you have pur- | chased of old,* which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!
- Remember this, O LORD, how the en- | emy scoffs,* and a foolish people re- | viles your name.
- P Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the | wild beasts;* do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.
- Let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame;*
 let the poor and needy | praise your name.

- P Have regard for the | covenant;* arise, O God, de- | fend your cause.
- 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.
 Remember your congregation, which you have pur- | chased of old,*
 which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his 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 has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, 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 name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be soberminded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 18:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Third Petition

Luther's Small Catechism

- **C** Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- **P** What does this mean?
- The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
- P How is God's will done?
- God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Children's Sermon





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Stand

Nicene Creed

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

"Thy Will Be Done" The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "With All Your Heart" by Mary McDonald

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



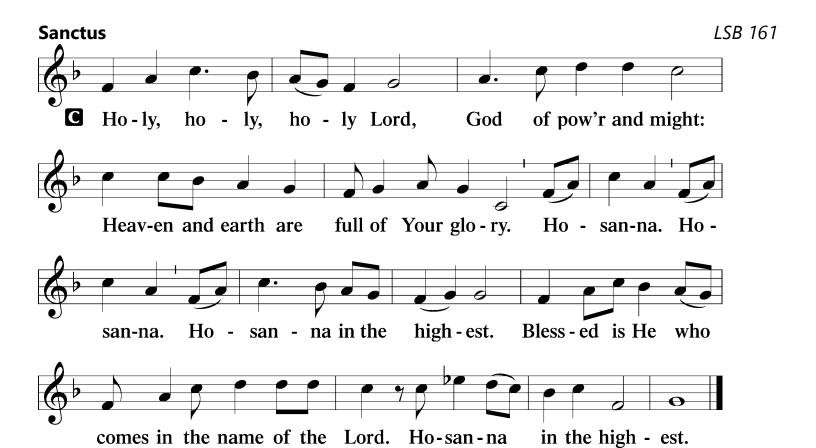
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- Amen.
- 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

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 → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

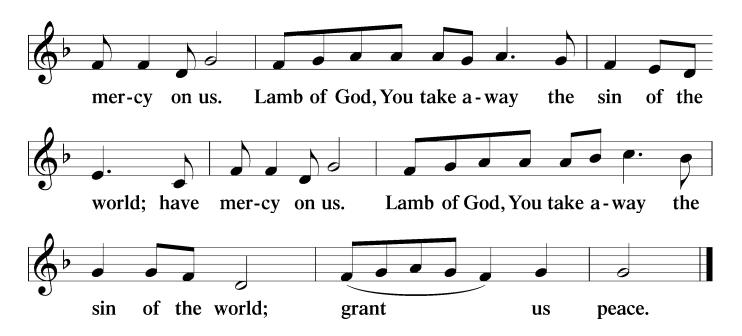
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **A**men. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.







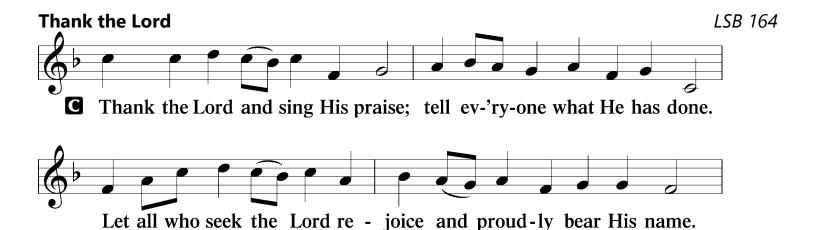
Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus LSB 728 How Firm a Foundation LSB 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Stand





He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

(Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

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.

Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

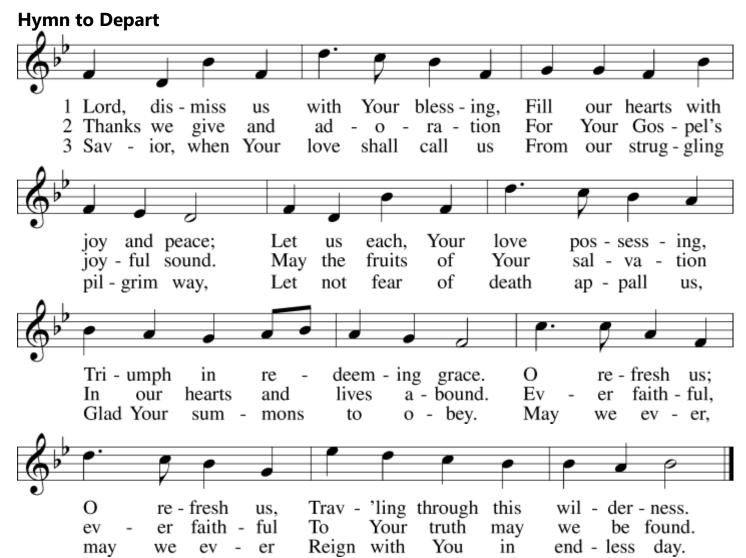
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



Closing Hymn:

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

LSB 924



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Elder	Steve West	
Lector	Gerie Slaten	
<u>Sunday</u>		
Elder	Steve Rosane	
Lector	Carlos Orellana	
Greeter	Kim Kaniecki	
Audio	Matthew Alexis	
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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>		
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton	
	Elena Miraztchiyska	
	Kieth Kallstrom	
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr.	
Greeter	Bob and Cheryl Langanke	
Audio	Kyle Welch	
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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM <u>LAST WEEK</u>		
Saturday Worship Attendance	17	
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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP \underline{TODAY}

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH – The world has always been filled with people who have turned away from the truth of God's Word and are not willing to endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4), especially regarding the sanctity of human life. Knowing that we can't force people to believe God's Word and value God's precious gift of life, we "lift up our eyes to the hills," trusting that "... our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). For we trust that God alone has the power to change hearts, and He does so through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is able to make us wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER SPONSOR – Dan and Violet Zabel in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary; Larry Nimitz and Rita Czanko in celebration of their engagement.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – Don and Donna Racer in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10 am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 2 is serving today; coffee and cookies will be served next week. Everyone is invited! There is no charge, and a freewill offering is voluntary. Our Fellowship offerings for this Fall will be: <u>October</u> - South American Mission <u>November</u> - Gideons <u>December</u> - Top Button.

<u>COMMUNITY GARDEN</u> – Check out our community garden! Help yourself to herbs and flowers, right outside the kitchen door! Lori Wacker

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES - We are pleased to announce that Maddie Block will offer an eight session American Sign Language for Beginners course on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., October 6th, through November 24th. This fun learning experience will help prepare you to better communicate with our deaf neighbors. Bring a friend!

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT – Save the date! On Friday, October 24th, there will a Medicare open enrollment education session from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Brought to you by SHINE. No registration is required.

<u>GUEST PASTOR</u> – Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton will be our guest pastor on Sunday October 26th. The Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Service will take place at St. Paul Lutheran, 4450 Harden Blvd, Lakeland, with Pre-service music at 3:30 p.m. and Festival service at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

<u>BLESSING BOWL</u> – Please remember to drop your gift-giving form into the Blessing Bowl by November 2nd.

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<u>NEW MEMBERS PICNIC</u> – Everyone is invited to our New Member picnic, on Sunday, November 2^{nd} after service. Let's share hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixins with our members, both old and new. See you then!

THANK YOU to our members who contributed to *Pastor Appreciation Day.* Your generosity is always appreciated! Lora Wacker

<u>ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP</u> – Sign-up sheets through August 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each sheet will now be posted quarterly, by season, so that as a season passes, a new sheet will be put up, rather than one sheet used for the entire year. There are still some spaces open for the remainder of 2025. It would be a blessing to see those filled! Additional information is available on the poster, immediately next to the signup sheets. Specially designated envelopes are available below the poster. Altar flower offerings go toward our Christmas and Easter live flowers, as well as toward the proper upkeep and refreshing of our silk arrangements used throughout the year.

<u>ALTAR GUILD 2026</u> - Altar Guild teams for 2026 are being formed. If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, we would welcome some new members! Full training on our procedures will be provided. Please contact Dawn Peters or Charlene Rosane. We will also begin calling current team members in the coming weeks, as we begin the process of forming the 2026 schedule, to find out your availability for the coming year. There will be a brief meeting in the sanctuary, immediately following today's service.

<u>There will be a Meet and Greet with Pastor Wilfredo Ramirez</u> Sunday, October 19th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

A light supper will be provided.

Come, learn and ask questions about the opportunity for a

Spanish language ministry at Christ Lutheran Church.



HELP WANTED - The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year

membership), and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

<u>ADOPT-A-BLOCK</u> – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check-in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX - Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email stewardship@clclakeland.org.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Genesis 32:26 – "Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day has broken.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me." The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the "hard sayings" that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.





THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday – 10/21	Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am
Wednesday – 10/22	
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
	Individual Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Choir Practice @ 5:30 pm
Thursday – 10/23	Bible Study @ 10 am
Friday – 10/24	Church Office closed
	Pastor's day off
Saturday – 10/25	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday – 10/26	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am