



Always Pray and Do Not Lose Heart

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

Service of the Word

The readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost encourage us not to let go of God until he has blessed us as he promised he would. We hold on to him through persistent reading and praying. Don't be afraid as you set out to serve God; he will always hear your prayers for help and mercy.

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King | #12

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

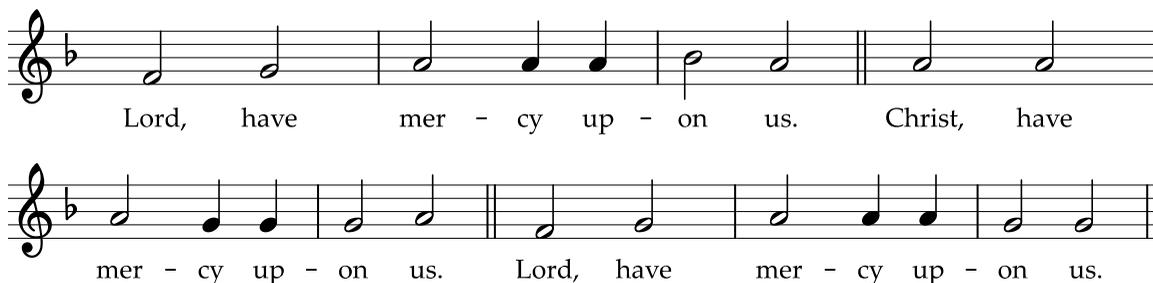
P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

C: I do.

P: Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you! Amen.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray for persistence in prayer: Merciful Lord of heaven and earth, teach us to come to you with confidence in all our needs, and rely on your help and protection. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob is an example of persistence and determination to hold onto God until he delivers the blessing he has promised.

²²He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a

man there until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled.

²⁶The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

²⁷Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

²⁸Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

²⁹Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life has been spared."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

St. Paul also encourages Timothy and us to persevere during these last times in the study and accurate proclamation of God's Word.

¹⁴As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright | #382

SERMON

Always Pray and Do Not Lose Heart | Luke 18:1-8

The widow's persistence reflects faith, showing both that you think God can do something about the problems in your life and wants to do something about them.

¹Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: ²"There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. ³There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, 'Give me justice from my adversary!' ⁴For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God or care about people, ⁵yet because this widow keeps

bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.”

⁶The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? ⁸I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

HYMN

Create in Me



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 your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

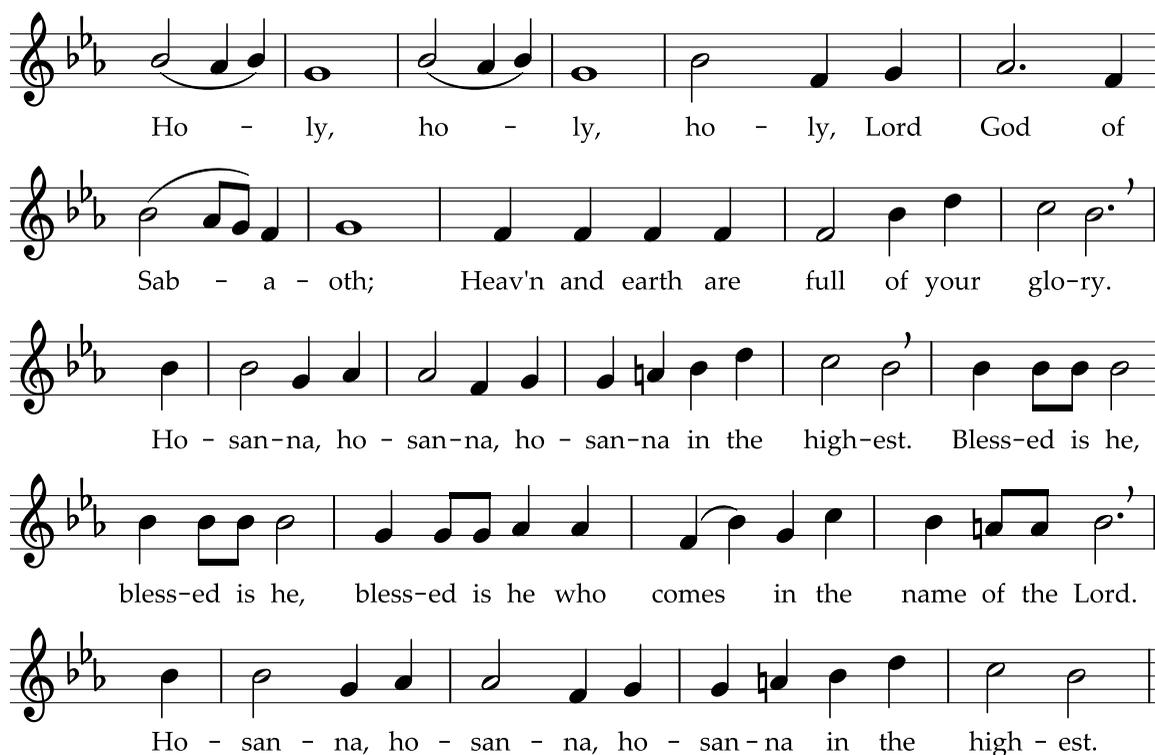
OFFERING AND PRAYERS

Service of the Sacrament

P: Let us pray: It is truly, good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes 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.**

CONSECRATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND RECEPTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table | #313

HYMN

Let Your Servant Depart in Peace

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace
ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry
of your 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, for - ev - er-more. A - men.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through these valuable gifts, and we ask you that because of your mercy you would strengthen us through them in faith toward you and in sincere love toward one another. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

Announcements

Send announcements to bulletin@kog-els.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donate blood on Thursday, 10/24 from 1–7 pm in the Fellowship Room. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, but walk-ins are also welcome.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Volunteer to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Friday, 10/25 from 6:00–7:30 pm. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the hallway for carpooling.

GOSPEL OUTREACH WITH MEDIA

Visit www.gowm.org beginning tomorrow, 10/21, through 11/11 for a free, online conference hosted by the Christ in Media Institute at Bethany Lutheran College. You'll be able to read content from around the world and join in the conversation about evangelism in today's world.

SCHOOL GALA

Buy tickets for this year's dinner, entertainment, and live auction Gala. The Gala will be Friday, 11/8, at Brookview in Golden Valley from 5:30–9:00. Tickets are \$40 per person, available at <http://bit.ly/koggala> before Nov. 1st.

WISE PENNY VOLUNTEER LUNCH

RSVP to attend an appreciation lunch and annual voter's meeting on Sunday, 10/27, at 11:45 am at West Lutheran High School; wisepennythrift@outlook.com or (763) 682-4178.

KITCHEN LEFTOVERS

Please pick up your left-behind serving dishes and plates from Rally Sunday by 11/1.

Attendance Last Week: 455 worshiped on Sunday and 25 worshiped on Monday.

Offerings Last Week:

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,869

Received Last Week: \$13,040

Average Needed Year to Date: \$253,035

Received Year to Date: \$220,437

Calendar

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| Today | 9:30 am | Bible studies |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | Communion Service |
| | 7:00 pm | West Lutheran High School Parent Information Night |
| Tuesday | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | King's Daughters |
| | 7:00 pm | Women's Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 4:00 pm | Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation |
| Thursday | 9:45 am | King's Littlest Kids |
| | 1:00 pm | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| | 7:00 pm | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday | 8:20 am | School Chapel Service |
| | 7:00 pm | Marriage Enrichment Group |
| Saturday | 8:30 am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | 8:15 am | Worship Service |
| | 9:30 am | Bible studies |
| | 10:45 am | Worship Service |

Preacher..... Rev. Ben Wiechmann | **Liturgist**..... Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad
Organist Emily Wiechmann | **Pianist (Monday)** Jenny Merseth

Counters Today Nathan & Polly Potratz, Ken & Carol Johnson
Counters Next Sunday Randy & Julie Voelker, Paul & Arlene Fuller
Usher Captains Today John Vomhof, John Woodington
Usher Captains Next Sunday Tom Studanski, Curtis Merchant
Video Team Today Katherine Guillaume
Video Team Next Sunday Ben Oppitz
Coffee Clean Up Today Administration Committee
Coffee Setup Next Sunday Membership Committee
Coffee Clean Up Next Sunday Board of Trustees
January Altar Guild Linda Browning, Arlene Fuller