

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

September 30, 2018

8:00 am



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A New End Gives New Hope

AS WE GATHER

“And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.” Do you actually look forward to the Last Day? There are many things or events to which we look forward with anticipation. We may even say, “I can’t wait!” for the day of graduation from high school or college; the wedding day; the first day on a new job. Yet we don’t say that when anticipating major surgery or the dentist or the loss of a loved one. Today Jesus has us look forward to a reward laid up for us on that day. James chimes in, saying whatever our circumstances, the Christian faith enables us to live with the hope and light of our promised deliverance.

SING SONGS OF PRAISE

James 5:13

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise I & II” Michael Burkhardt

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL *Congregation, please stand.*

HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *LSB 802*

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:73, 77*

Pastor: Your hands have made and fashioned me;

People: **give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**

Pastor: Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;

People: **for Your law is my delight.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *James 5:16*

Pastor: Beloved, today the apostle James says, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Let us all therefore lay our sins on Jesus, looking to Him for forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, at Your invitation, we beg for Your grace and forgiveness of our sins for the sake of the priceless sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on the cross. Forgive us for the wayward and wrongful acts we have committed and also for the good and constructive words and acts we have failed to do. Help us to live in the faith of the resurrection of the righteous. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

KYRIE “Kyrie—II” (Sing Latin Words)

LSB 944



1	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
1	Lord, _____	have mer - cy.	Lord, _____	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, _____	have mer - cy.	Christ, _____	have mer - cy.
3	Lord, _____	have mer - cy.	Lord, _____	have mer - cy.



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HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”

LSB 946

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your word of wisdom this day, help us to live in the glorious hope and light of the promised day of resurrection. Help us to pray for Your power and grace for the help and healing of all those in need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

(The people complain.)

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost--also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now

we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, `Give us meat to eat!' I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now--if I have found favor in your eyes--and do not let me face my own ruin."

The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: James 5:13-20
(The prayer of faith.)

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.

VERSE *Mark 9:35b* “Verse for Pentecost 18” David von Kampen
Ascension Chorale

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:38–50
(Temptations to sin)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

"And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where

"`their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

Everyone will be salted with fire.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *LSB 770*

SERMON “Powerful and Effective” Pastor John Larson
Text: James 5:13-30

APOSTLES' CREED

Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying [. . . especially] and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.



THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."



HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.

OFFERING

"This Day of Gladness"

Susan Gesehke
Gloria Dei Ringers

Communing TOGETHER



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

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

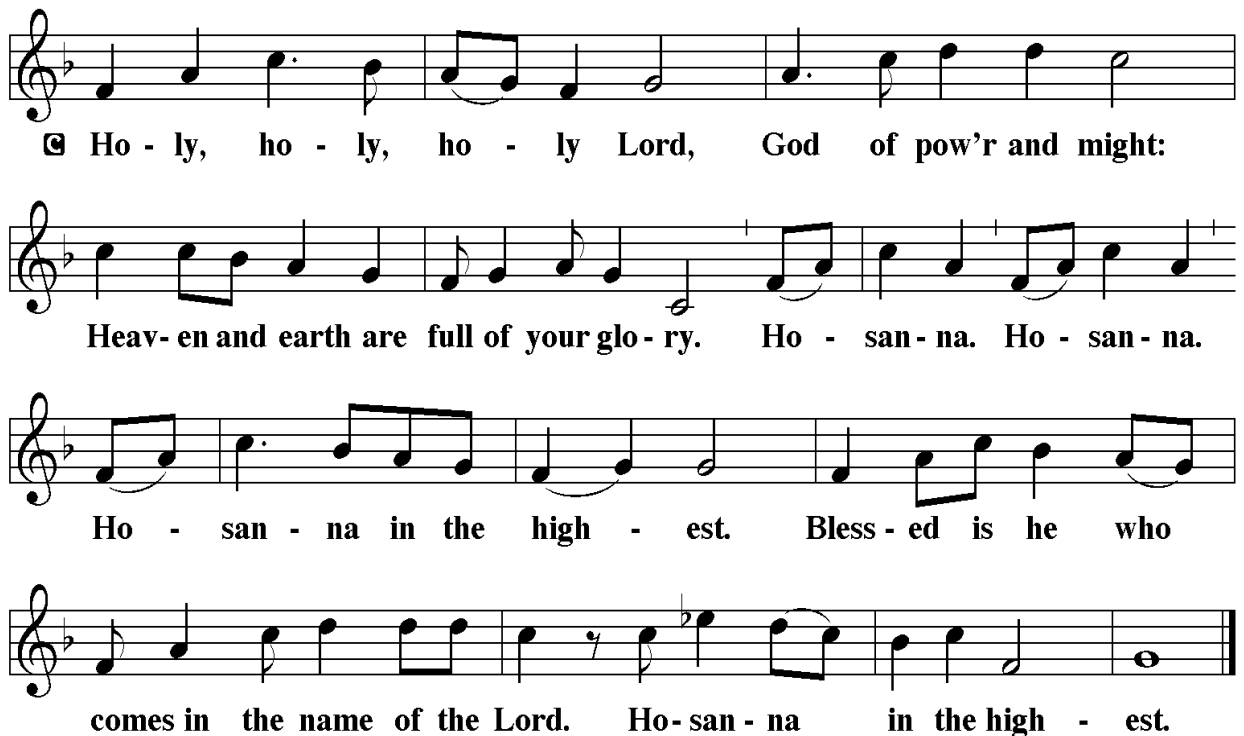
[Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 has called us to holiness of life by trust and faith in Him, giving to us Your powerful Word and promise of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD'S PRAYER *Text found in the back of the Hymnal. (Matthew 6:9–13)*

Lamb of God, You take a- way the sin of the
 world; have mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
 way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a- way the sin of the world; grant us Your
 peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” LSB 843
- “The Day of Resurrection” LSB 478
- “Where Charity and Love Prevail” LSB 845
- “Benediction of Grace” Ed Geisler
Ascension Chorale

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

SPOKEN 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter
Ascension Chorale

HYMN “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

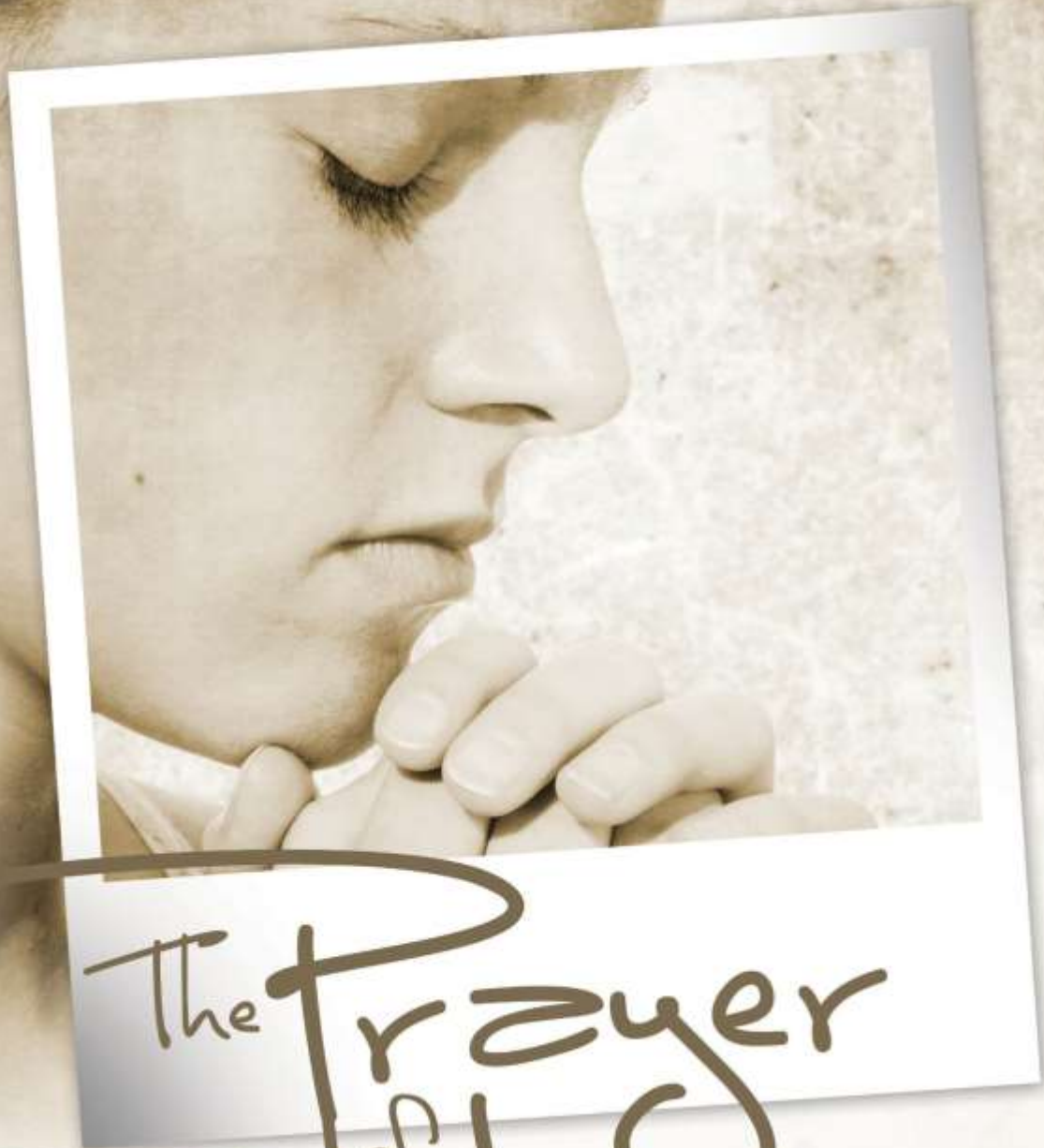
Michael Burkhardt



Are any among you ...
cheerful?

They should
sing songs of praise.

JAMES 5:13, NRSV



The Prayer
of a
Righteous

JAMES 5:16, NIV

person is powerful
and effective.

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
YOUTH PRAISE BAND

Pastor John Larson
Michael Zehnder
Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry
Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Will Kopriva

ELDER
LECTOR 8:00

Scott Luethy
Ted Lemke

10:30

Mike Reimnitz

ACOLYTE 8:00

Ian Avedissian

10:30

Cody Urbach

USHERS 8:00

Art Gordon, Members of the
Congregation

10:30

Jason Dierking, Members of the
Congregation

SERVER 10:30

Jude Donovan

ALTAR GUILD

Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault,
Sharon Seible, Laurel Shurtleff

FLOWERS

Scott & Stephanie Luethy, in joyous
celebration of their 35th wedding
anniversary.

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*The
prayer of
faith
will save the sick.*

James 5:15, NRSV