

October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*..... CW # 281

1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un - chang - ing Word,
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the hearts of all,

Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God the one, the right - eous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one,
In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing His own mes - sage for us all.

In the world's de - spair and tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was,
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast.

God is king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light from Light, to earth de - scend - ing — He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

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Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray. Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, compassionate Father, and faith Friend, do not remember our sins rather, remember your love and mercy. Relieve our distress and comfort us with your peace through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN! *(seated)*

First Lesson:**Ezekiel 18:25–32**

L: ²⁵ “The Lord says, ‘You say, the way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

²⁶ If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die.

²⁷ But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. ²⁸ Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die.

²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

³⁰ “Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.

³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?”

³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live! (The Word of our God)

Psalm 25

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To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-11

¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. . (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: O Christ, Our True and Only Light..... CW # 569 Stz 1-4

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace The souls now
 3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now hear your
 lost in er - ror's maze And all whom in their se - cret
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op -
 wan - d'ers to your fold. U - nite all those who walk a -

voice And in your fold with us re - joice.
 minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 pressed In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart

Gospel:

Matthew 21:28-32

L: Jesus speaks saying, ²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

C: I will not,

L: but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered,

C: I will, sir,

L: but he did not go.

³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

C: The first.

L: Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: Jesus Sinners Does Receive CW # 304 Stz 1-4



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this say - ing pon - der
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace re - veal - ing,
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord for - sak - en;
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his in - vi - ta - tion.



Who in sin's de - lu - sions live And from God and heav - en wan - der.
Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim; Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing
Wea - ry souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en
Come, o - bey his gra - cious call; Come and take his free sal - va - tion!



Here is hope for all who grieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
Who with hum - ble hearts be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
In his arms that they may live — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
Firm - ly in these words be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.



Sermon:

Philippians 2:1-4 (Pg 6)

In Christ, We Are United



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

***the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen***

Prayer: O God, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help and guidance we are unable to please you in any way. This we ask through your Son, our Lord who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

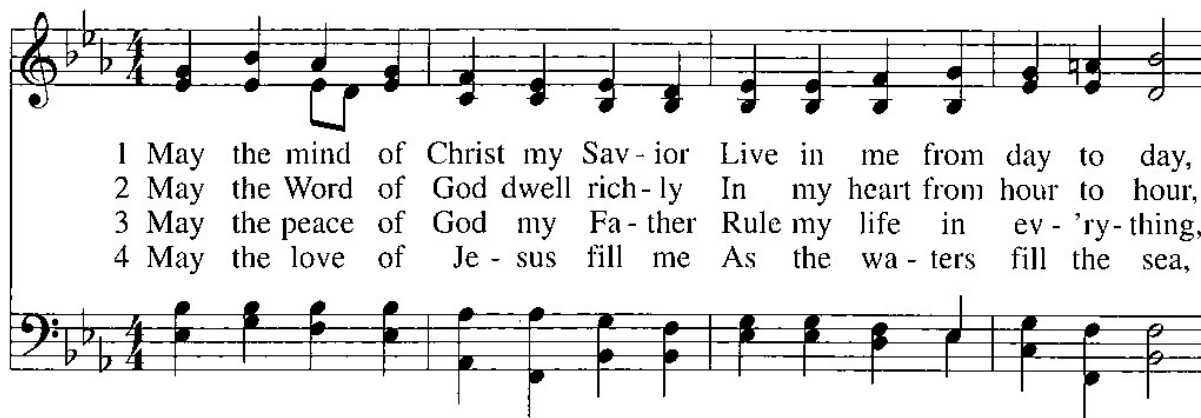
L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

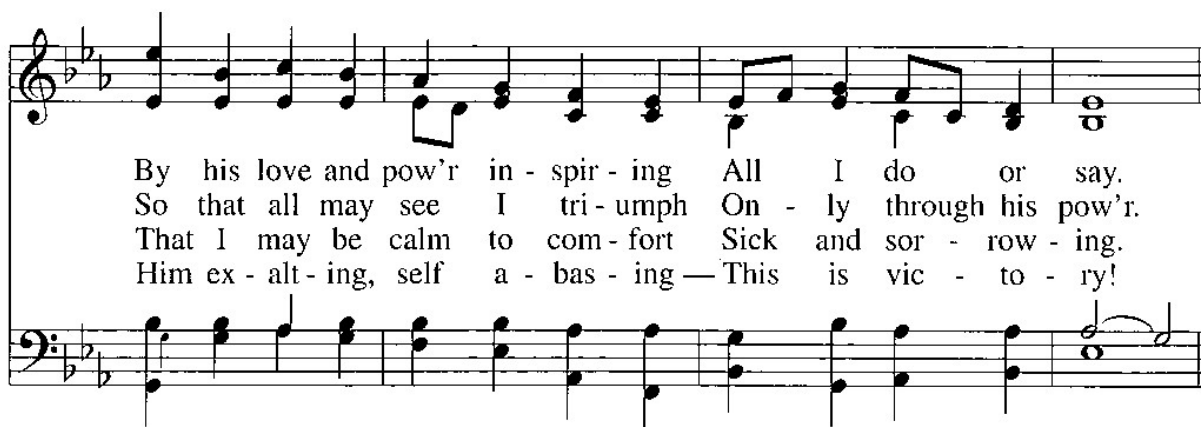
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: May the Mind of Christ My Savior..... CW # 467 Stz 1-4



1 May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior Live in me from day to day,
 2 May the Word of God dwell rich-ly In my heart from hour to hour,
 3 May the peace of God my Fa-ther Rule my life in ev- 'ry-thing,
 4 May the love of Je- sus fill me As the wa- ters fill the sea,



By his love and pow'r in- spir- ing All I do or say,
 So that all may see I tri- umph On- ly through his pow'r.
 That I may be calm to com- fort Sick and sor- row- ing.
 Him ex- alt- ing, self a- bas- ing—This is vic- to- ry!

Pastor and Karen will be attending the funeral for Pastor Dale Schulz in Bay City Michigan on Wednesday, October 14th. We ask the Lord to comfort his wife, Jackie and those who mourn.

To give thanks to the Lord, flowers have been placed in church by Pastor and Karen, celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary, and Angie and Tim Carne celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary.

Please contact Karen Ashley Trimmer **701.212.2084**, if you would like plants or flowers, placed in church for any occasions.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

1	Daniel & Cynthia Freeman	A	21 st
3	Emily Meister	B	
4	Dan & Karen Meister	A	34 th
5	Nathaniel & Amanda Krause	A	1 st
10	Karen & Pastor Trimmer	A	40 th
10	Tim & Angie Carne	A	17 th
13	Scott Schweitzer	B	
15	Quinn Norman	B	
18	John & Courtney Wittmershaus	A	6 th
22	August Ryan	B	
22	Dennis & Natasha Sullivan	A	31 st
26	Kathy Potter	B	
26	Rowan Norman	B	
31	Matthew Wolf	B	