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> NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees – Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

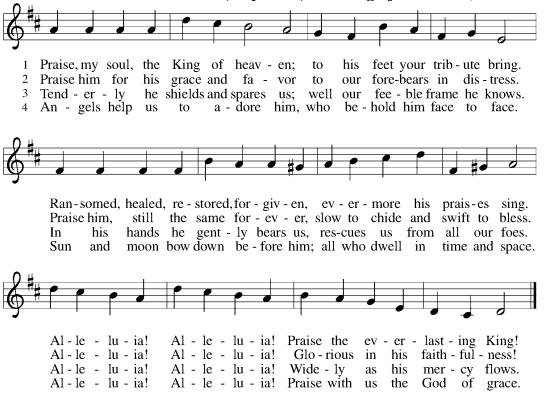
***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.** *GATHERING SONG Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (ELW 865)

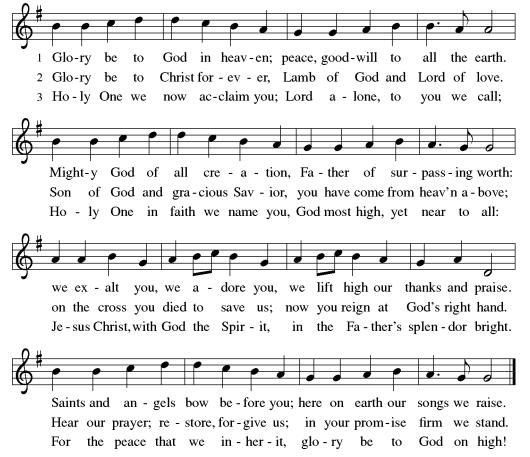


Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** *CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing? Arr. Andy Beck

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in

your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom ¹ to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹ joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light ¹ to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹ dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹ much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey ¹ in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your ser-¹ vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is ¹ great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses?
 - Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion [|] over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a [|] great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable [|] in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

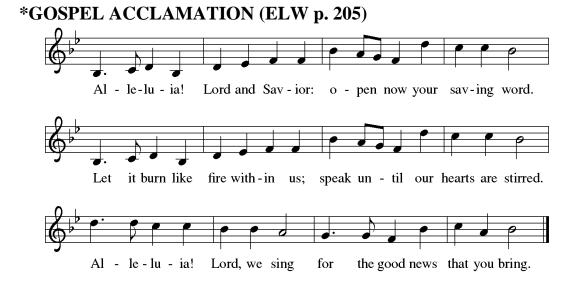
SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



*GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

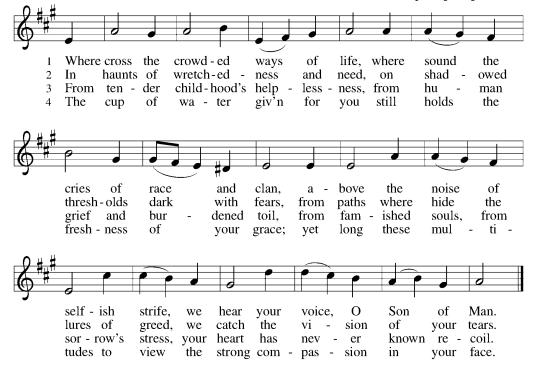
⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Alan Wilson

HYMN OF THE DAY Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (ELW 719)



5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again; 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

***CREED**

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 to the dead.* 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. 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 THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

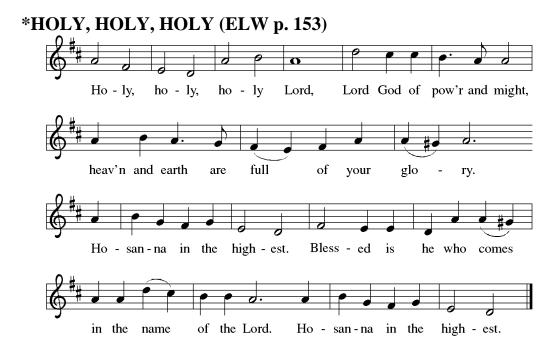
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

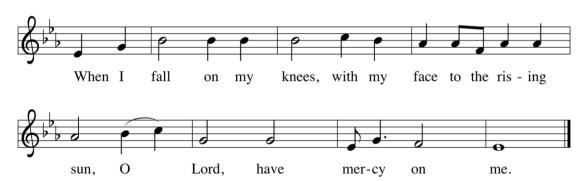
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, this meal is for you!

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)





Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

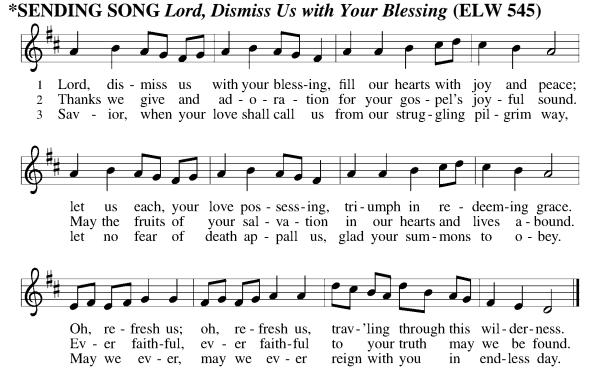
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Amen.



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE Recessional on "Sicilian Mariner's Hymn" - Roger Wilson

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Communion Set-Up	Jerry & Ilona Laney
Communion Clean-Up	Jerry & Ilona Laney
Communion Bread	Frances Reichard
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire
Attendance last Sunday	

Glimpses of Vibrancy

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of *Food Collection*. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God given by Ilona & Jerry Laney.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Please welcome Rev. Alan Wilson with a big "thank you" for preaching today.

Prayer requests for the following: Family and friends of Jane Brindle, Deanna Vance, Karen Wolfinger, Kevin Troutman, Fran Stouffer, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Judy Johnson, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Becky Pecha, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Bonnie Hudson, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

October 2 - Qigong/Tai Chi 7pm

3 - Choir Practice 7pm

If you need pastoral care while Pastor Mike is away, please notify Ron Coldsmith, congregation president.

Pastor Mike's Sunday Bible Study will <u>not</u> meet for the next two weeks because he is away as well as the outdoor service on October 13. The Bible study will resume on Sunday, October 20.

We welcome members of our choir to our worship service this morning, thanking them for their leadership and special music today. It is good to have them back after their summer break. Rehearsals continue on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. New members are welcome to join us!

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

Apple Butter Order Forms Due Today! Please give them to Frances Reichard. Pick up will be Saturday morning, October 5th 9:00 am-11:00 am & Sunday, October 6th after church.

The outdoor service is scheduled for October 13 in the picnic woods. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the fellowship center. All those with last name beginning with;

A thru H - Please bring a main dish (meatballs , ham, chicken etc.)

J thru R - Please bring a salad type dish

S thru Y - Please bring a dessert type dish

The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room. Please sign-up for as many as you can.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Hymn Notes

Our gathering hymn this morning, "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven," was written by Henry Lyte, one of England's greatest hymnists. For 23 years he served as a pastor at a local church in Brixham. In spite of frail health and weak lungs, Lyte established a Sunday School of 800 children in Brixham. In addition to preaching and serving his church, Lyte wrote hymns and ministered to sailors on the docks. In 1884, he published a small book that included this hymn, based on Psalm 103. Queen Elizabeth II used this hymn for her wedding hymn in Westminister Abbey on November 20, 1947. In his early fifties, Lyte realized his lung issues had deteriorated to tuberculosis, and after preaching his last sermon on September 4, 1847, he walked over the grounds of his home and worked on his hymn, "Abide with Me." He died on November 20, 1847 and is buried in Nice. (Then Sings My Soul: Robert J. Morgan; page 63).

Our communion hymn (and also our organ prelude) *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees,* is believed to have been created in the west African Gullah Slave Culture that developed along the coastal areas of Southeastern Colonial America, including St. Helena Island, Beaufort, and Charleston, South Carolina. There are very few spirituals which deal with communion, but the simplicity and profound insights of this hymn have made it very popular in American hymnals since about 1955. It was said American slaves communicated their intent to escape through many of their spirituals. This particular spiritual actually became a hymn of the Underground Railroad. Today it is a common hymn used for communion, reminding us of our spiritual food and drink presented through the bread and wine. It continues to be found in the hymnals of many denominations today. (from *Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins*, Austin Lovelace, pg. 62; and Wikipedia).