



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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*As we gather for worship and prepare our hearts, we would ask that you please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*W&P 9      As The Deer*

## **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.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

*Dakota Road Mercy On This Fallen World*

*R. Have mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy Lord have mercy on us..*

*1. For all of the days that have fallen apart, have mercy.  
For every life, for every heart, have mercy.  
For all those who hunger each day, have mercy.  
For all of the times that we turn away. R.*

*2. For all who have fears that come with the night, have mercy.  
For all those who need to be held in the light, have mercy.  
For all of creation through famine or feast, have mercy.  
For all of the world to live in your peace.R.*

## 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.**

## JUBILATE CHOIR

*Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone*

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

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but

now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So 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? Did 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’? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If 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.”

So 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.”

So 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. Then 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.

Two 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. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But 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 19:7-14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine  
gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above 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.

**Let 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

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who  
are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health,  
restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another,  
and offering forgiveness to each other.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any  
cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are 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. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise  
them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be  
forgiven. Therefore 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. Elijah 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. Then he prayed  
again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the  
truth and is brought back by another, you 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 ACCLAMATION**

*Chicago Folk LH 102*

***Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Play music to praise God's name. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

The holy gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50**

*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.*

John 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." But 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. Whoever is not against us is for us. For 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.

"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. If 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. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And 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, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt 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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SERMON**

Rev. Steve Nelson

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*ELW 835 All Creatures Worship God Most High [1,2,3,4]*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### **THE PEACE**

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

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*Chicago Road Create In Me LH 106*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your spirit free. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Chicago Folk LH 107 Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest..*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first 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**

*The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. We believe that Christ comes to us in the bread and cup for the forgiveness of sins and new life. Gluten free wafers are available, please let your server know. Choice of red wine and white grape juice offered.*

### **LAMB OF GOD**

*Chicago Folk LH 109*

*Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
give us your peace.*

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*BOB41      Come To The Table [2x]*

*BOB 243    You are My All in All*

*BOB 65     Give Thanks [2x]*

*BOB 46     Do This In Remembrance of me [2x]*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. 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.**

## BENEDICTION

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

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*ELW 535    Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

And all God's children said: **Amen.**

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Accompanist</b>	Connie Titcomb, piano;
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Tamy Scholten
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Gernaat
<b>Tech</b>	Gabe Smith
<b>Projection</b>	Tim Lightbourne
<b>Children's Church</b>	Tyler Grosenick and TBD
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bethel Congregation
<b>Counters</b>	Stephanie Cummings and Jeanne Rankin

**Bethel Flowers are given by** The Grosenick Family in celebration of our family's September birthdays: Pam Grosenick, Thelma Seyfert, Mike Evans, Dorothy Krueger, Dawn Krueger and Tyler Grosenick.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We celebrate the **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**

We welcome and thank **Rev. Steve Nelson** for leading worship for us today.

Thank you to **the Jubilate Choir led by Jeff Skogley** singing for us this morning.

**Adult Forum Book Study** following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, 10/1**

- Electric City Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday, 10/2**

- NO LOGOs Youth Ministry
- Rosh Hashanah begins 6:00 pm

### **Thursday, 10/3**

- Rosh Hashanah 9:00 am until 12:00 pm
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

### **Friday, 10/4**

- Office Closed
- Aitz Chaim Friday worship 6:00 pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 10/6**

- LOGOs Family Worship led by Rev. Jessica Crist and LOGOs Youth Ministry in person and live stream 9:30 am
- Adult Forum Book Study in the Fellowship Hall following worship

### **Tuesday, 10/8**

- Electric City Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- TLC Staff Meeting in the Gathering Place 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, 10/9**

- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, 10/10**

- Exec Board meeting 6:00 pm
- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

### **Friday, 10/11**

- Office Closed
- Yom Kippur worship begins at 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, 10/12**

- Yom Kippur worship from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

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