

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Series C October 7, 2007

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door front entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

The Christian is in a constant fight, the fight of faith.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 492

STAND



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COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD Venite

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses



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PSALM OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

The prophet warns against our attachment to worldly things becoming a love affair that makes us spiritually complacent.

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! Go to Calneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours? You put off the evil day and bring near a reign of terror. You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

GRADES 1-2

Jesus Lead Me Day by Day

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that we fight the fight of faith with the Word, something more powerful that the dead coming back to speak with us.

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

Amos 6:1-7

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" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

The good fight of faith against earthly saviors must be fought by every believer on this side of glory. Paul urges us to be content with what the Lord gives us and find true value in Christ.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

God Wants All To Be Saved Pray for it Proclaim it

STAND

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU Te Deum

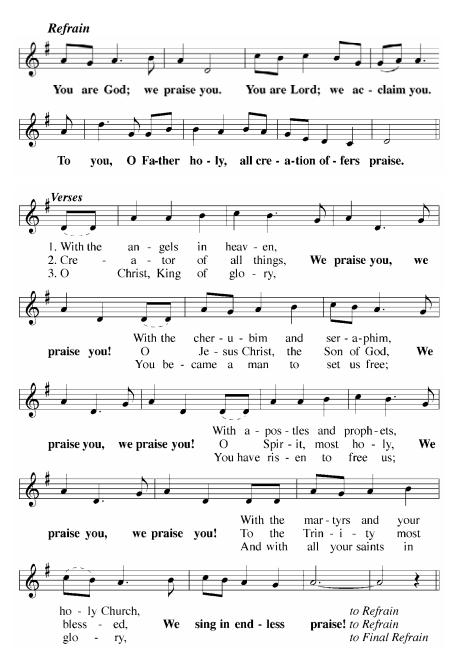
The soloist will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain and bold phrases.

Soloist: Refrain

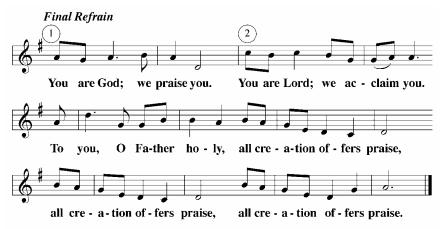
Congregation: Refrain

1 Timothy 6:6-16

Hymn 190



The Final Refrain is on page 7.



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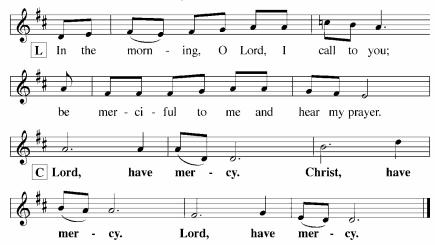
MUSICAL OFFERING

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

Sally Suchomel

STAND

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (spoken) Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
- C: (spoken) Amen.



BLESSING



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CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 488



Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 336 (40, 296) **Bible Study:** 77 (6, 40, 8, 11, 12) **Youth Study:** 15

Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, church
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Class, Crossroads Café
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:30 p.m.	Church Band
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Communion
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
Saturday	11:30 a.m.	IRA Tax Law Seminar, school commons
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum, church
	10:00 a.m.	Athletic Association, church
	4:00 p.m.	Wedding

His Word – My Life Class will continue its study of New Testament Gospel Words Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We will also meet Monday at Country Crossroads at 7:00 a.m. This week we look at *Repentance*, *Regeneration*, *Enlightenment*. There will be no class on October 14/15 and October 21/22.

Youth Bible Study will meet in the commons Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Class will continue a study of the Formula of Concord Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at church. This week we look at Article Four: *Good Works*. Join us before you pick up your school children!

Ladies Aid will meet Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons.

Adult Christ Light Class will study *Jacob and Laban*. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

- **Open Forum** Next Sunday after worship there will be an open forum. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend. Here is your opportunity to voice any questions or concerns your may have about the ministry of our congregation. Please join us and bring your questions and comments.
- Athletic Association will meet after worship next Sunday.
- Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally will be at Morrison on Thursday, October 16. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. The Rally begins at 7:00 p.m. Jacob, a former Muslim, is the guest speaker. Men and women are welcome to attend.
- Voters Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, October 21.
- **Female Members** We need women to help with *Advent by Candlelight* on December 1. The program starts at 4:00 p.m. We need musicians, singers, readers, and table hostesses. This can be done as solos, duets or groups. Hostesses for tables will need to decorate one 60" round table and provide a desert for the table. Hostesses can team up. If you are interested see Linda Bruegge or sign up in the church basement.
- *Bread of Life* Ladies Aid Cookbook. Each 3-ring bound, hardcover cookbook is \$13.00 and includes a stand. They are available in the church basement or at school.

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