



# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023

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*Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

## GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Hamburg 1824* Lowell Mason

arr. P.G. Bunjes

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Beautiful Savior*

arr. Yury Arbatsky

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us new hearts and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

L: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

Gathering Song: *Beautiful Savior*

ELW #838

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 1, 3, 4 only) ELW #864

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!
3. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
4. Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

L: Let us all pray... **C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem: When Invited to the Feast

arr. Willam A. Pasch

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

ACS p. 33

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. ACS p. 17

**C: 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 People (petitions end... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is through our partnership with the Helping Hands food pantry. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be.)

Offertory Music: *Ricercata*

Giovanni M. Trabacci

Offering Response: We Plow the Fields and Scatter (v. 2 only)

ELW #681

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.  
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:  
**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 the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

ACS p. 40

1. O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!
2. My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,  
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
4. Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here  
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,  
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,  
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Allegro* from Concerto 1

G. F. Handel

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Reader: Holly Hesper

Fellowship: Barbara Ovitt

Communion Asst:

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of October 8:**

- WOW! for children grades Pre K – 6 is Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 6-7 in the Fireside Rm.
- *Church & Civic Life* study concludes Wed. 7 pm in the Library
- GF Jazz Band rehearses 7-9 pm in the Social Hall – Wednesday
- Handbells rehearse at 5:40 pm and choir at 6:30 on Thursday in the Sanctuary
- GF Community Band rehearses Thursday from 7-9 pm in the Fireside Room
- Montana Synod LPA class meets at New Hope 5 pm Friday – 3 pm Sunday (Oct. 13-15)

**Keeping in Prayer...** Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Ray, Ron, Dorothy, Noah, Elaine, Dorothy, Jerry, Toni, Steven, Megan, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley,