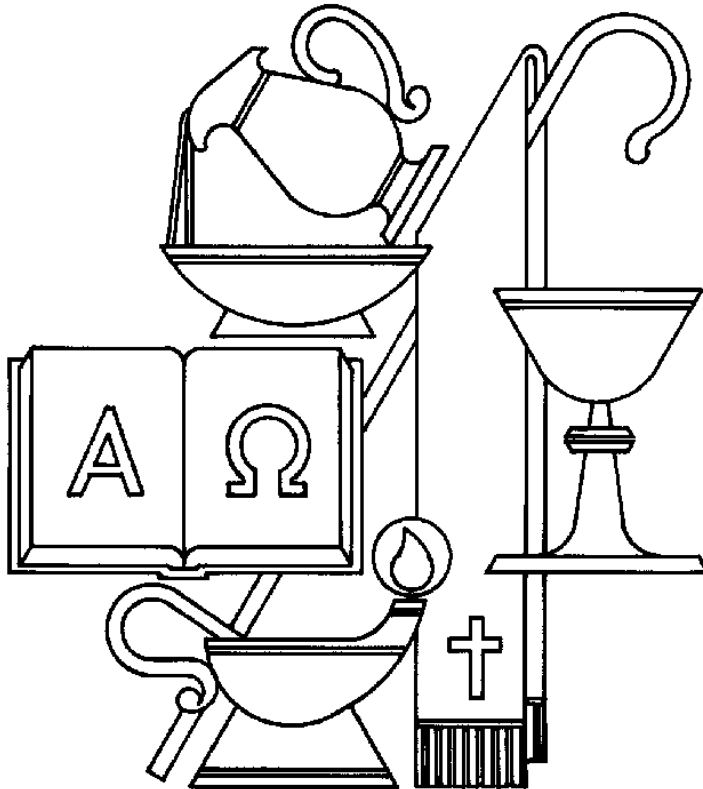


NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m.–Divine Service 10:30 a.m.–Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

We welcome both children and adults, who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian Romberg, recovering from the ill effects of a car accident

Isabella (Bella) Alonzo, and her family, as their house has been damaged by fire

Willie Nelson, Rodney Nelson's father, recovering from a successful heart surgery

Mark Uhden, Pastor's brother-in-law, recovering from a stroke

The family of **Charlene Holguin**, who has fallen asleep in Christ.

Becki Spartos, diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer

Sheri Coe, in thanksgiving for relief from nerve damage pain

Jane Dreher, who suffered a fall with the result of a greatly injured leg

Tony Vodvarka, son in law of Betty Mitchell, as his pancreatic cancer has recurred

Paul Spartos, recovering from a successful surgery

Glenn Henderson, who has been diagnosed with leukemia

Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico.

Shut-ins: Harriet Ouimette, Diane and Joe Ronchetto,

Bill Nye, Connie Johnson, Pamela Strong, Rev. Eugene Fenton

Altar Flowers

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Natalie and Rodney Nelson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Crucifer	Dominick Vasquez	Christian Vasquez
Acolytes	Brooke Cleary & Alexandra Hauschild	Caleb Buck & Lucas Hoffmann
Altar	Erica Vasquez	Alise Smith
Elders	Dylan Hatt	Jim Hauter
Finance	Vickie Stegemann & Hayden Ramsay	Alivia Villagran & Roger Loewecke
Flowers	Natalie & Rodney Nelson	Tom and Donna Crowley
Ushers	Andrew Pelson & Jim Hauter	Steve Aimar & Hayden Ramsay

SUNDAY	7:50AM	 Confirmation
	9:00AM	 Divine Service
	10:30AM	 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00PM	 Board of Christian Ed Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	 Bible Study

**The new Portals of Prayer
are in the narthex. Rev.
Jaime Nava, former
pastor of Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church in
Yucaipa, is one of the
contributors**

Reformation Picnic
October 25th at 11:30 am
The elders will be grilling the brats and
burgers. The rest of us are to bring a side
dish, salad, or a dessert. Check the signup
in the narthex.

Volunteers Needed!
We're looking for volunteers
to help run our "Ping Pong
Pumpkin" game booth on
Friday, October 16! Come
join the fun and help make
this a great event for our
community. Two volunteers
are needed for each time
slot.

The volunteer sign-up sheet
is available in the narthex.
Thank you for helping make
this event a success!

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS
Today we are receiving new members
during the Divine Service. What a
great cheer it is to be joined by such a
faithful tribe of Lutherans, both new
and old. You have enlarged the
fellowship and strength of our
congregation – thanks be to God.

Those being received are:
Joshua and Sommer Aldana
Daniel and Esther
Isaac DeWeerd
Tiffany and Rachel Erbland
Matthew and Daniela Cheldelin
Noah, Benjamin, Isabella
Jonathan and Renee Wegner
Abigail, Isabella



THE READINGS



Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith - ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8–10).

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is “making the sign of the cross”?

Making the sign of the cross means to draw an invisible cross on yourself at certain times during personal prayer, the Divine Service and other appropriate times during worship.

How do I make the sign of the cross?

Hold your thumb and two fingers together. ① Touch your forehead, ② then your tummy, ③ your left shoulder, ④ then your right shoulder ⑤ and finally your chest. Try it a few times and you'll get it. Before long, it will be easy to do!

Why is it a great thing to do?

Can you think of a time when your pastor first made the sign of the cross on you? At your Baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ! Making the sign of the cross is a great way to remember all that Jesus has done for you on the cross and given to you in and through Baptism!



Parents: Before or after the service, practice making the sign of the cross with your children. Remind them that we may make the sign of the cross at certain times during the service, for example, anytime you see a small red “cross” symbol, or pastor makes the sign of the cross on the congregation.



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THE INTROIT Ps. 118:22-24; antiphon: Ps. 118:1



Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good; *
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

The stone that the builders re- | jected *
has become the | cornerstone.

This is the Lord's | doing; *
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good; *
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE GRADUAL Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you *
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!
