

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Faithful Conversation

October 15 & 16, 2022

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### AS WE GATHER

How shall we pray? That question is the focus of today's Readings. With Jacob as a model, our prayer might seem to be a struggle with God's will. And Jesus' parable teaches that prayer is a long-term effort. But prayer is more than a monologue; the Epistle reminds us that God started the conversation with His Word. The Spirit has used Word and Sacrament to awaken and guide our faith. Within that relationship, prayer is a conversation begun by God and continued each day. In worship, we do that with our brothers and sisters in Christ, moving from individual concerns to those of the Body of Christ, the Church. And in worship, we take the time to listen as God accuses and then excuses us by grace for Jesus' sake. So let us pray and worship together.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,  
always being prepared to make a defense  
to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;  
yet do it with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #660 "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord in deed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone,  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,

**People: and the man became a living creature.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

**People: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.**

Pastor: And when [Jesus] had said this, He breathed on them and said to them,

**People: "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

Pastor: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable

**People: for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Confident of His grace and mercy, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

**People: Merciful Father, we confess that we have erred and wandered from your ways like stray sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done; we cannot help ourselves. O Lord, have mercy on us. Breathe new life upon us; teach, reprove, correct, and restore us through your Word that we may live in praise of your holy name.**

Pastor: In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, all your sins were atoned for and your sinfulness forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us.

**People: Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

## 10:30 BAPTISM SONG #590 “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

## 10:30 BAPTISM of Jacob Steven Gosling

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### ☩ WORD ☩

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 32:22–30* (Jacob wrestles with God; his name becomes Israel.) <sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have

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prevailed.”<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *2 Timothy 3:14–4:5* (Scripture is God-breathed and makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.)

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it<sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,<sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 18:1–8* (In Jesus’ parable, a persistent widow is eventually granted her request from even a godless judge.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.<sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.<sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’<sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’”<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says.<sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?<sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

#### **CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**“Jesus Loves the Little Children”** TOSBB 19

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;  
Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

#### **SERMON HYMN #662 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!

**Refrain: Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. **Refrain**

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.

Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that Church prevail;

We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail. **Refrain**

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. *Refrain*

**SERMON**      *“Christians Fight the Good Fight of Faith”*      **2 Tim. 3:14-4:5**

(Rise)

**5:00 & 8:00 APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, the righteous call to you day and night, and you answer them speedily. Strengthen our faith to rest securely in your mercy and justice as we await the coming of the Son of Man. Encourage us to be bold with your Gospel until that day comes. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, Timothy was charged to preach the Word in season and out. Grant us faithful pastors who will answer your call and be faithful voices, speaking your Word to those who have not heard it, to those lost in error, to those who have fallen away and to those who are weary. Bless all those in full-time service to your Church, and raise up many who will serve the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you have caused the sacred writings of your Word to be proclaimed through all generations. Encourage and strengthen parents to teach your Word to their children, that Your people may be trained in righteousness and equipped for every good work. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Judge of all, grant justice according to your Word to those who suffer wrong. Give wisdom and understanding to the leaders of all nations, especially our own, that they may punish evil and reward good, fearing God and respecting man. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Father, because you neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg you to keep the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles including Shirley, Bob, Noah, Debra, Tom, Jill, Paulette, Shirley, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Norma, Vern, Amy, Brian, Cathy, Vern, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Richard, Helga, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we thank you for the gift of Baptism which washes away our sin, seals our faith, and shields us from the attacks of Satan. We thank you especially for baptizing this weekend Jacob Steven Gosling. Guard and protect his faith, bringing him up in your word. Be with Lucas and Stephanie as they bring him up in the one true faith. Lord in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, you behold our going in and our coming out, both now and forevermore. Grant us repentant hearts as we approach your altar this day, that confident in your protection and grace, we may receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for our good. May this pledge of salvation preserve our life, keep us from all evil and guard us in all our ways. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of comfort and hope, grant peace to Gloria Gammon and family as they mourn the passing of Kenneth. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, you desire us to come to you in prayer and not lose heart in the midst of suffering. As we struggle with many afflictions in this vale of tears, strengthen us by the suffering and cross of your Son. Have mercy on us when our spirits fail and we are overwhelmed by despair. Renew our faith by the proclamation of the Gospel to cry to you in hope day and night. You are our Keeper. Guard us when death draws near, and grant that we would be found faithful on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**People: 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.**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**HYMN # 664**

**“Fight the Good Fight”**

Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

**HYMN #507**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**HYMN # 583      “God Has Spoken By His Prophets”**

God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world’s despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast;  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father’s glory, With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our heart’s again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first , and God the last.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Thanks to you, Lord our God, for again assuring us of sins forgiven for Jesus’ sake.

**People: Breathe on us with your grace and power, we pray, that, relying on your Word and promise, we may produce good works to the glory of your holy name;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING HYMN #680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

*Scripture Readings for next week*

*Genesis 4:1-15*

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

*Luke 18:9-17*

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