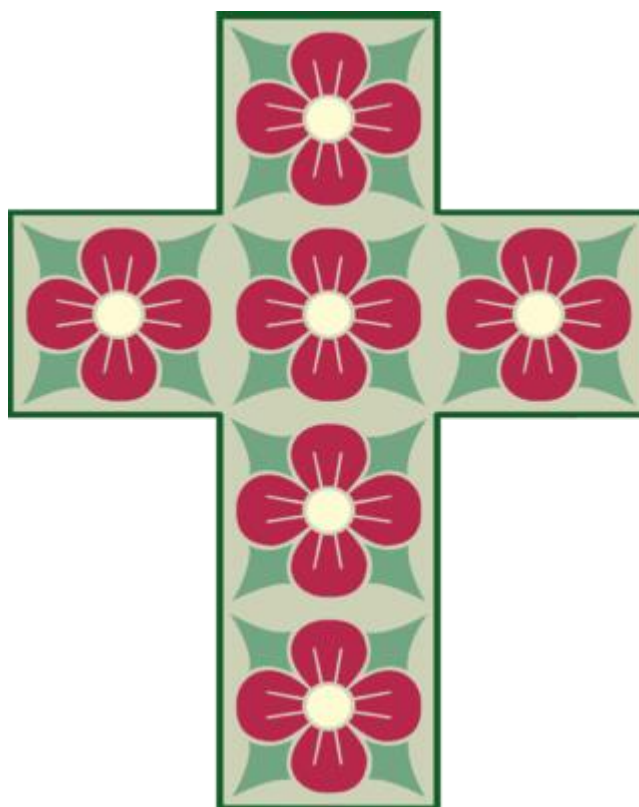


Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross

9:25 AM

Special Musical Arrangement

Matty Colonna

WELCOME

Pastor Lisa

- ☐ Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross.
Today is God's day. Let us rejoice in it!

If you have a prayer request, please call or email the office and let us know.

ONSITE WORSHIPPERS:

If you are worshipping with us onsite, wear your masks throughout the worship service. Please speak your responses *softly* within the liturgy. During hymns or other musical pieces, onsite worshippers are asked to hum or sing very softly. ***Loud vocal responses and singing are greater risks to spread aerosol and droplets.***

*OPENING HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

ELW 401 vs. 1,2,3

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- 1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

- 3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*

***GREETING**

Pastor Lisa

P 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor Lisa

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

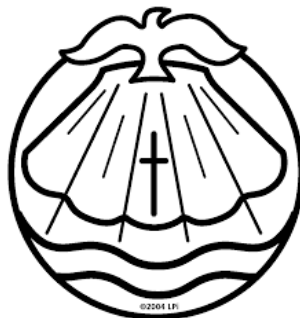
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen



☞ Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

☞ Kyrie eleison, ev-ry day.

☞ For the peace in the world,
For the health of the church,
For the unity of all;
For this holy house,
For all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord

☞ Let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

☞ Kyrie eleison, ev-ry day.

☞ For your spirit to guide;
That you center our lives
In the water and the word;
That you nourish our souls
With your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

☞ Kyrie eleison, ev-ry day.

P Let us Pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristen Hitchcock &
"Donkey"

FIRST READING

Philippians 4:1-9

L ¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L Word of God, Word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 22:1-4

☞ The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew, the Twenty-Second Chapter.**

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Having The Mind of Christ”

Pastor Lisa

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

ELW 644 vs. 1,2,3,4

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- 1 Although I speak with angel's tongue,
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain
as clanging gong or blaring brass.
- 2 For love is patient, love is kind,
and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love will abide.
- 3 For now we peer at darkened glass;
our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see:
then we will see love face to face.
- 4 The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.



***Apostles Creed**

Pastor Bruce

- © 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.**

Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us, O God." Please respond with, "Your mercy is great."

☒ Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

[Pause for silent prayers.]

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☒ Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. We pray for all who are affected by Hurricane Delta and the wildfires in the West. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☒ Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☒ Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill, especially Aaron and Kevin & Bette. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. We ask for healing and comfort for those suffering from Covonavirus, especially at this time for the leaders of our nation! We ask for protection for all front-line workers. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☒ Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor Lisa: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

Pastor Lisa

(Note: Share the Peace by turning and waving to one another.)

☒ The peace of Christ be with you always..

☑ **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Pastor Lisa

TEMPLE TALK

Tom Mainelli

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Beautiful Savior

Video - LCC Choir

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Kristen Hitchcock

Heavenly Father, you are the creator and source of all things good. You shower us with your love even on the days we fail to acknowledge you. We praise you for all the gifts and blessings you have given us.

As You have been generous to us, we offer to you these gifts as symbols of our gratitude for your kindness. Use us and these gifts to multiply your love in our community and world. In Jesus name, we pray.

C Amen.

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Pastor Bruce

P Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God...

C We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God...

C We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God....

C We give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Bruce

**☞ 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.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa

☞ May God, the brightness of the universe, bless us.
May Jesus, the light of the world, save us.
May the Holy Spirit, energy of the creation, strengthen us.
And may we be blessed with the power to speak and share
God's love with others. In the name of the Father, (+) Son and Holy Spirit.

☞ Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

Kristen Hitchcock

☞ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

☞ Thanks be to God!

***CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor Lisa

☞ During the singing of the Closing Hymn, onsite worshippers may depart as you desire. Please proceed directly to the parking lots and do not linger or congregate in the hallways. Outside in the parking lots you may visit with one another as you choose!

CLOSING HYMN*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547 vs. 1,2

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1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC*Special Musical Arrangement*

Matty Colonna

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