

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

Matthew 21:43

Prelude

Matthias Raffa, Organist

HYMN: “If Your Beloved Son, O God”

LSB 568

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant

of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1



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

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

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

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

ALL 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.

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

Kyrie

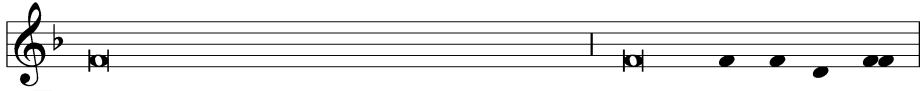
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



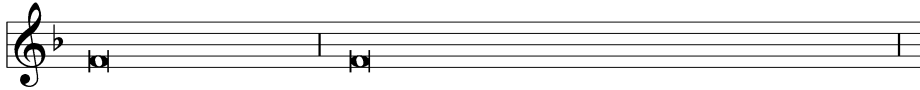
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



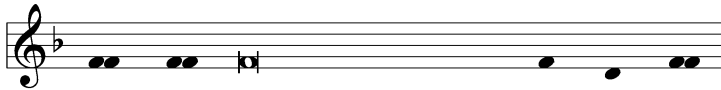
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He 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.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What 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?
⁵And 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.
⁶I 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.
⁷For 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!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



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

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

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
 a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the
 church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had,

I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, 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 ⁹and 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— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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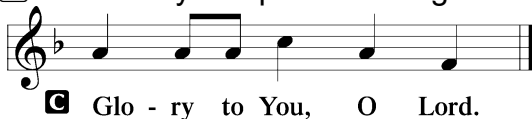


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said:] “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.

³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants

to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They 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."

⁴²Jesus 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'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

LSB 909

Sermon

Rev. Richard Gaub

Stand

Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Our Offerings to God

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



Our Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

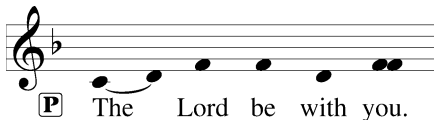
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor or see an usher to assist in speaking with Pastor or an Elder. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

If you intend to receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please place the empty cup in the gold bowls following your table's dismissal. If you intend to receive from the common cup, please raise your hand forward, signaling your preference, and then feel free to guide the chalice to your lips by holding on to the bottom of the chalice. For further study, see *Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

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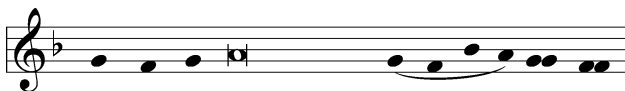
C And al - so with you.



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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

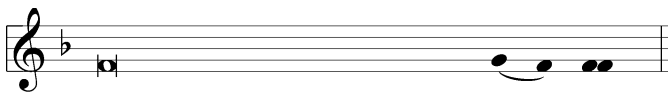
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



Sit

Distribution

HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430

HYMN: "Lord Jesus, Think On Me"

LSB 610

HYMN: "Christ, The Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 540

HYMN: "Fruitful Trees, The Spirit's Sowing"

LSB 691

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

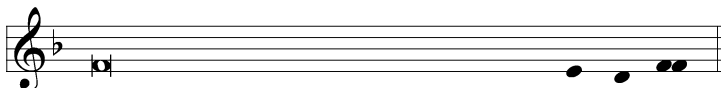
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You

would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

LSB 166



P 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.



Sit

HYMN: "Christ is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912

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Serving Us this Week

Elders (8am): Aaron Viets

(1030am): Steve Jagow

Finance Team: J. Klas and Schueller

Altar Committee: Melissa Lareau &
Cindy Scheunemann

Usher Team (#1): Ben Hedrick, Captain

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun (10/04/26)

† Nineteenth S. after Pentecost

- **Divine Service 8am and 1030am–**
with Rev. Richard Gaub
- Bible Study and Sunday School
Hour 915am-1015am
- Board of Ed meets after 2nd service

Tues (10/6/26)

- Women's Bible Study – 1pm *Church Library*
- Trustees Meeting – 6pm

Wed (10/7/26)

- UGT 11am-3pm
- Youth Catechesis 5th and 6th grades –
530pm

Thurs (10/8/26)

- Men's Bible Study – 630am
Fredonia Family Restaurant

Sun (10/11/26)

† Nineteenth S. after Pentecost

- **Divine Service 8am and 1030am–**
with Rev. Austin Meier
- Bible Study and Sunday School
Hour 915am-1015am

**** MARK Your Calendar!!**

**Sunday, October 18th Candidate Call
Voter's Meeting after 2nd service –
Sanctuary ****

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- ✝ Rose Bottesi
- ✝ Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother)
- ✝ Judy Fischer
- ✝ Keith Johnson
- ✝ Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt)
- ✝ Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son)
- ✝ Lou Anne (Grace Bonjean's friend)
- ✝ Nico Lawver (Lisa McGuire's cousin's son)
- ✝ Pam Anschuetz (Renae Roos's friend)
- ✝ Amelia (Mass family friend)
- ✝ Joni Heilgendorf (Rose Bottesi's sister-in-law)
- ✝ John Diehl (Mike Czysh's uncle)
- ✝ Alvin Czysh (Mike Czysh's father)
- ✝ Mike Czysh
- ✝ Jeff Ader
- ✝ Ron Parchim
- ✝ James Blecha (Mike Berry's Grandson)
- ✝ Ellen Heilgendorf (cousin of Rose Bottesi)
- ✝ Sandra Truebenbach

Join the Stewardship Committee!

St. John is forming a Stewardship Committee, and we would be blessed to have you be part of it!

This team will help coordinate, run, and debrief our upcoming **Philippians Conference on November 7 with Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador**, and then help us prayerfully shape what stewardship can look like at St. John going forward.

The time commitment would be for the remainder of this year. To start, you can expect about **2–3 hours a week** leading up to the conference, the conference day itself, and a couple of follow-up meetings afterward.

Interested, or simply want to learn more?
Please contact Matt Hein by Sunday, October 11, at mhein@stjohnfredonia.org.
We'd truly love to have you be part of this team and help us grow in stewardship together!

UPCOMING Blood Drive



On Sunday, **November 8th**, the St. John Lutheran supported event through Versiti for “Virginia’s Renewed Strength Blood drive” will take place in the Church Fellowship Hall from 1030am-3pm. To schedule your time, please visit: **versiti.org**. Once on the website select **Donate Blood**, type in the **zip code of 53021**, the **date of the event** and schedule your time. We are grateful to Virginia Rathke’s desire to give back to the community and celebrate the donors who help her in her time of need.

Save the Date: Philippians Conference Saturday, November 7

Mark your calendars! St. John's is excited to host the Philippians Conference on **Saturday, November 7**, featuring Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, President of the South Wisconsin District. It's a day to dig into what Scripture says about stewardship — and you'll leave with a few practical takeaways to put into action right away.

Open to all members — plan to join us all morning and into the early afternoon, and there's **no cost to attend**.

More details on registration and the schedule to come — stay tuned!

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St. John members looking to attend should contact Steve Jagow to help facilitate one group RSVP to the event.
Email: stagow58@gmail.com

COST: \$50

Friday

5:30 pm Vespers

6:00 pm Dinner - “Act Like Men” (1 Cor. 16:13)

Rev. Brian Rohde

Fellowship to follow

Saturday

7:30-8:30 am Breakfast & Coffee (parish hall)

8:30 am Matins

9:00 am “The Image of God, Marriage, and Family”

Rev. Peter Bender

10:00 am Conversation Break

10:30 am Workshops

“Fraternal Conversation on Dating”

Rev. Jack Gilbert

“Becoming the Husband Your Family Needs”

Rev. Ralph Tausz

11:30 pm Lunch

12:00 pm “Overcoming Laziness: Rising Against the Sin of Sloth”

Rev. Michael Larson

1:00 pm Conversation Break

1:30 pm “Recovering Christian Brotherhood in a Lonely Age”

Rev. Dr. Thomas Pietsch

2:30 pm Closing Prayer



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