

October 19, 2025 8:00/9:30am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE (9:30) **"In Holy Conversation"** **arr. Richard W. Gieseke**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"** **LSB 901, vv. 1-2**

Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

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Women's Choir

*Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!*

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14;
Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901, v. 4

Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

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CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9*

As the Psalmist writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.

We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.

Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.

Forgive us, Lord.

As in Jesus’ parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

Forgive us, Lord.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901, v. 5

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;

Let Thy will be done indeed.

May I undisturbed draw near Thee

While Thou dost Thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows;

Here is balm for all our woes.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 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. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." 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. 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lift Thine Eyes"

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 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. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, 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: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 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, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”****LSB 770**

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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SERMON**“Wrestling for a Blessing”****Pastor Snow**

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

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

HYMN

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779, vv. 1-2

Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,	Thou art coming to a King,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;	Large petitions with thee bring;
He Himself has bid thee pray,	For His grace and pow'r are such
Therefore will not turn away.	None can ever ask too much.

Ever-hearing Lord, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN**“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”****LSB 779, v. 3**

With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

Ever-providing Lord, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN**“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”****LSB 779, v. 4**

Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.

Ever-guiding Lord, You place us where we are to be lights in a dark world and proclaim Your Word in truth and love. Empower us in our witnessing among family, friends, and strangers that they too may know the relationship You desire with all people through the Savior You have given. Grant Your Spirit to open ears and soften hearts that Your Gospel may be received and furthered throughout the world until You come again. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN**“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”****LSB 779, v. 5**

While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

Ever-present Lord, grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer, [especially . . .]. For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779, v. 6

Show me what is mine to do;
Ev’ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people’s death.

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Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Musical Offering (8:00)

“In Holy Conversation”

arr. Richard W. Gieseke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and have sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As you hear our persistent prayers, You respond and give blessing not out of necessity or obligation but out of grace and mercy. As we gather at Your altar, we do so in humble prayer, asking You to grant us the blessings of forgiveness, renewal, and strength with Your Word and Spirit as we faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

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 sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

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. This we eat and 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 to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

- **Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion.**
- **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**
- **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**
- **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN**“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”****LSB 623**

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven’s high and holy feast.

By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

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HYMN**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”****LSB 655**

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

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HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

LSB 739

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

His steadfast love endures forever.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us Your Son's body and blood to eat and to drink. As we persevere in prayer to You, You speak to us through Your means of grace. Guide us, direct us, strengthen us, and sustain us 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.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725, vv. 1-2

Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

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God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN’S TODAY! If this is your first time at St. John’s, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Mackenzie Tucker

Elders: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Timothy Peterson, Lyle Hilk

Communion Assistants: 8:00 Chris Mundahl, Marcus Simpson, Zac Lewis/9:30 Pete Stephan, Pete Siedelman

Usher Team: 8:00 Mark Asmus/9:30 Michael Bennes

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gary Herber, Levi Leao & Family/9:30 Elizabeth Bennes, Bruce Bergo

Tech Crew: 8:00 Hunter Krueger/9:30 Martin Sihombing

Coffee Hour: 9:30 Kenley Sandvig

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UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, October 20	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 22	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Confirmation (Public School) 6:00pm
	Youth Board Meeting 6:00pm
	Messengers of Praise Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm
Thursday, October 23	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Friday, October 24	All For One Event at Hazeltine Golf Club 6:00pm
	AA 6:30pm
Saturday, October 25	Men's Bible and Bacon Bible Study 6:30am
	Trunk or Treat 2:00–5:00pm
Sunday, October 26	Reformation Sunday
	Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am

Celebrating Anniversaries

10/19 Wade and Dana Mesenbring

10/23 Scott and Sara Feltmann

10/21 Wade and Amy Kranz

10/25 Todd and Lynnae Degler

10/22 Lyle and Susan Hilk

Expectant Moms

Nicole Stockey

Jessica Lewis

Katelyn Olson

Kourtney Vipond

Nicole Thuente

Amy Peterson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The birth of a son, Hollis Craig Jeurissen, to Darren and Anna Jeurissen

Celebrating Birthdays

10/19
Michael Burfield
Keirah Beach
Emersyn Fick
10/20
Helen Anderson
Kurt Krenz
Beth Sefkar
Blake Larson
Wallace Otto

10/22
Kay Molnau
Steve Zupke
Carrie Meyer
10/23
Sara Feltmann
Karen Poppler
Jessica Saba
Zoey Lewis

10/24
Judy Fuller
Lynda Gentz
Julie Rasmussen
10/25
Carter Steinert
Brynn Wille

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Westlee Koepsell
Lisa Neitzel
Bernie Gnan
Marilyn Lenzen

John Gates
Jolene Berg
Angeline Rannow
Doris Rossow

Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman

Meet Maria Mayberry: Our New Church Ministry Assistant



Hi! My name is Maria Mayberry, and I'm so blessed to be the new Church Ministry Assistant at St. John's. I'm married to a wonderful man named Joe, and together we have four kids (one girl and three boys, ages 6 to 15). For the past eight years, I've worked as an HR Admin and Recruiter within the Printing and Water Technology space. I've lived in Chaska most of my life, and my family and I currently attend a church in Bloomington. I enjoy long car rides, peaceful walks, cooking/trying new foods, and

spending time with family. I'm truly excited to serve, connect, and grow alongside so many wonderful people here at St. John's. My heart's desire is to be the Salt and Light in all that I do. I look forward to meeting and serving you, and this wonderful church community in any way I can!