

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

KIVA Sunday

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Welcome and Good News of St. Paul's

Prelude James Fett

↑ Call to Worship

O give thanks to God who is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.

We thank you, God, for your steadfast love,
for your wonderful works to humankind;

For you satisfy the thirsty,
and fill the hungry with good things.

Fill our hearts with wisdom
that we may ponder the majesty of your loving deeds.

↑  "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #186 Red

↑ Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Silent prayer

Gracious and merciful God: **In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread. In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves. Have mercy on us and open our hearts to your work.**

May God our Father and Mother forgive us by the death of the Son and so strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days, in lives of humility and service. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

↑ 🎵 Response Red #338

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Children's Message and Prayer

🎵 Response "Jesus Loves Me" v. 1

Morning Prayer

Mother of all Wisdom, and Father of Surprise, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. Where we are closed, open us with your Word, that we might recognize the Christ and follow. **Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

Upon seeing her cousin Elizabeth, Mary voices a song of deep praise for what God has done for her—and how that will change the world around her.

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

♪ Response #288 Red, v. 1:

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Sermon

↑ 🎵 "Here I Am, Lord" #149 Gray

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, who loves all and forgets none, we bring to you our prayers for all your children. For all whom we love, watch over, and care for: **Hear us, O God.**

Silent Prayer

For all prisoners and captives, and all who suffer from oppression, that you will manifest your mercy toward them, and make all hearts as merciful as your own, hear us, O God.

For all who bear the cross of suffering, the sick in body or mind, hear us, O God.

For all those who are troubled by the sin or suffering of those they love, hear us, O God.

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of others, and know the saving grace of the cross, hear us, O God.

For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life and overshadowed with doubt, that your light may guide them, hear us, O God.

For all who are tried by temptations or weakness, that your mercy may be their strength, hear us, O God.

For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of others' joy, that they may know you as their friend and comforter, hear us, O God.

For the infirm and aged and for all who are dying, that they may find their strength in you and light at evening time, hear us, O God.

For all forgotten by us, but dear to you, hear us, O God.

For the joys and thanksgiving we offer to you, hear us, O God.

O compassionate God, hear our prayers, answer them according to your will, and make us channels of your infinite grace, for it is through Jesus Christ we pray, as he himself taught us, saying...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.*

Offering

Offertory James Fett

↑ 🎵 Response #356 Red

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye Heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

↑ Prayer of Dedication

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived.
Amen.

Communion

Invitation

Come, let us gather around the table the Lord Jesus has set for us, that our hearts may burn within us once more.

♪ "Let Us Break Bread Together" #210 Red

v. 1: Let us break bread together on our knees;

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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

v. 2: Let us share the cup together on our knees;

Let us share the cup together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Great Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We bless you O God, for you give us counsel and in the night, you instruct our hearts.

We keep you always before us; because you are at our left and our right, we shall not be moved. You show us the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. In your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, you give us the gift of salvation and call us together to be your people at this table.

Still-speaking God, you call us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Therefore, as we remember with praise and wonder the works of your mighty hands and the sacrifice of your Son, we give you thanks once more for all your good gifts, and we look forward to fulfillment of the kingdom of God, when your reign of justice, equity, and mercy shall know no end, and we are reunited with you at the heavenly banquet where all are accepted and none are denied God's love.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Words of Institution

We remember that when the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the disciples with him. He took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

May all who share in the body and blood of Christ today be united in him, and may they recognize him in the sharing of this meal.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

♪ "Let Us Break Bread Together" #210 Red

v. 3: *Let us praise God together on our knees;*

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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Distribution of the Elements

Come, for the table is set. O taste, and see that God is good!

We will receive communion in the pews this morning.

You may take the elements when the tray is passed,

or wait to receive them as a community.

All are welcome to receive communion. This is an open table.

Receive this bread as the token that Jesus loved you and died for you.

Take this fruit of the vine, and let Christ cleanse you and fill you with his love.

Prayer after Communion

Thank you God, for you have come close to us in the bread and the cup, in song and prayer, in celebration and joy. **Stay with us, that we may always abide in you. Amen.**

↑ 🎵 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #198 Red

↑ Blessing and Sending

May Christ draw you to humility and worship, and bring you to see God at work in your work and generosity, and the steadfast love of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you now and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Postlude James Fett

Announcements

- Today:** 10:00 Worship with Communion—Kids' Sunday
KIVA Sunday
Noisy Sunday!
- 10/18 6:30 Council
- 10/22 10:00 Worship: Messy Sunday(-ish)
Service for Gary Miller after worship
- 10/23 6:30 Women's Fellowship
- 10/29 10:00 Worship and Sunday School
Reformation Sunday
- 10/30 6:30 Mission Committee
- 11/5 10:00 Worship with Communion—Kids' Sunday
Food Pantry Blessing
All Saints' Day
- 11/12 10:00 Worship and Sunday School
- 11/19 10:00 Worship with Communion (Circle)—Kids' Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday
Noisy Sunday!
- 11/26 10:00 Worship and Sunday School
Christ the King Sunday

Today's altar flowers are offered in memory of Norval and Marjorie Rather.

The Holyland Food Pantry is in need of these items:

Food: Black beans, chick peas, navy beans, canned peas, tomato soup, jelly, quick oats, lunch snackables, sugar, flour.

Personal care items: Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste

Thank you for your continued support!!

If you are unable to be present for worship, our Sunday worship services can be viewed at the St. Paul's Facebook Page.

Pastor Dan will be in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 to 2:30. He is also available as needed.