

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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OCTOBER 15, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

Announcement of the Day

The ministers gather for prayer at the steps and take their places. After the Announcement and the bell, we stand for the Entrance Hymn.

Entrance Hymn

Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal



1 On - ly - be - got - ten, Word of God e - ter - nal, Lord of cre -
2 Ho - ly this tem - ple where our Lord is dwell - ing; This is none
3 Hear us, O Fa - ther, as we throng Your tem - ple. By Your past
△ 4 God in three per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, Son co - e -



a - tion, mer - ci - ful and might - y: Hear us, Your ser - vants,
oth - er than the gate of heav - en. Ev - er Your chil - dren,
bless - ings, by Your pres - ent boun - ty, Smile on Your chil - dren,
ter - nal, ev - er bless - ed Spir - it: To You be prais - es,



as our tune - ful voic - es Rise in Your pres - ence.
year by year re - joic - ing, Chant in Your tem - ple.
and in grace and mer - cy Hear our pe - ti - tion.
thanks, and ad - o - ra - tion, Glo - ry for - ev - er.

Text: Latin, c. 9th cent.; tr. Maxwell J. Blacker, 1822-88, alt.
Tune: Antiphoner, 1746, Poitiers
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THE PREPARATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

1 John 1:8–9

- 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.

- 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.**

[John 20:19–23]

- P** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all our sins.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Apostolic Greeting

2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

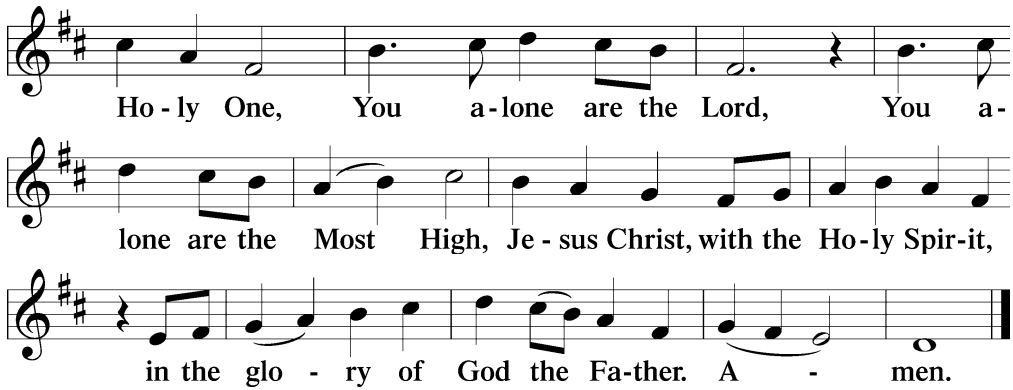
C And also with you.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10–17

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 84

Antiphon: Blessed are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the | living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King | and my God.**

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a | place of springs,*
the early rain also covers | it with pools.

**They go from | strength to strength,*
each one appears before God in | Zion.**

O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

**Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | noointed!**

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

**For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.***

**No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- | rightly.**

O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

**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.**

Antiphon: Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22–28

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day

Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.
Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857
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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

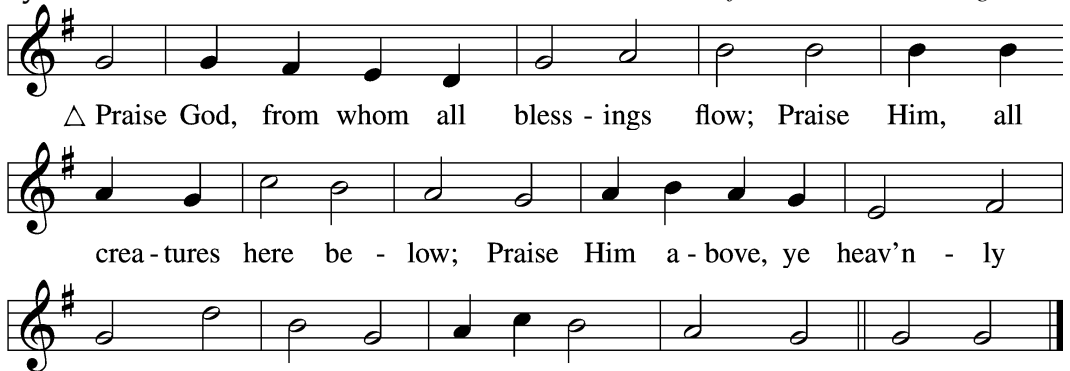
Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

Offering

When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.
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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

G A - men.

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

G 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;



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

Communion Hymn

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig

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Communion Hymn

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

- 5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

The following Hymn is sung three times.

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-94

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When all have Communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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

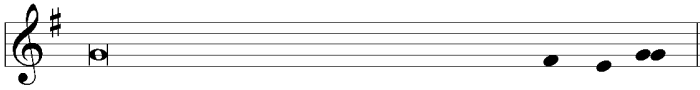
A Let us pray.

The Assistant Minister offers the Collect.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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.



C A - - - men.

Hymn to Depart

Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt.

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Announcements and Dismissal

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Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Robert Denley, Stephanie Andre, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Alyssa Bane, George and Rose Beauchesne, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for a full-time pianist, for John and Helen Baker.

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71. Sunday Offering 10/01: \$2,461.00.

From Martha Concerning Apple Butter...

APPLE BUTTER BOILING 10/20 & 21: We will begin snitting Friday at 1pm. Come whenever you can and stay as long as you're able. Please bring a pan, paring knife, clamp-type peelers, and food to share for our evening meal. Boiling will begin at 6am Saturday. We'll begin jar prep and filling after lunch. *This is an outreach event so invite friends, neighbors, and family to help and enjoy the fellowship!*

This Week

Monday – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. “Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition” Class begins, at 7pm at the church.

Tuesday – Ornament making at Michael and Melinda’s 9am. 11am Service at the Maynard.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, Midweek Communion Service at 1:30pm.

Friday and Saturday – Apple Butter Boiling. See above for information.

Looking Ahead

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting – October 24th at 7pm. The topic will be “Scams and Frauds”.
- Reformation Sunday – October 29th (observed). Wear red!
- All Saints’ Day – Wednesday, November 1st. We will commemorate at the Midweek Communion Service. **SEND PASTOR NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE SERVICE.**
- All Saints’ Sunday – Sunday, November 5th, 11am Divine Service. **SEND PASTOR NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE SERVICE.**
- **THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on November 12th, after the Divine Service. We will be voting on our annual budget, electing a Church Council, and a proposed Amendment to the Church Constitution. If you have questions, or would like to run for Council, please speak with Pastor Porter or a Council member.
- **A NEW SERVICE TIME** will be added to our regular one, beginning in the Season of Advent on Sundays at 8:30am. This will be a shortened version of the Common Service, spoken, with one familiar Hymn of the Day, sung a cappella. Communion will be administered. Please contact Pastor Porter if you have any questions.



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