

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact Pastor Doug (980) 234-8848.

**Stand Hymnals in Pew Rack: LBW = Green WOV = Blue TCH = Burgundy*

PRELUDE *Please observe silence for meditation and prayer.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love, grace and forgiveness in Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and confession of our sins before God and one another.

P: Merciful Father,

C: we have sinned against You and one another. We do not fully live as Your beloved daughters and sons. We use Your gifts to our own ends and neglect your call to bear fruit in Your world. Look upon us in mercy and forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through our Lord's death and resurrection, Christ has defeated death and sin, reconciled us to God and one another, and made us his own beloved sons and daughters. Led by the Holy Spirit, who grants freedom and newness of life, let us rejoice in the Good News that God has granted us the

entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

*** GREETING**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.
Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING: I Kings 8:22-30

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and

have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 116

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
 because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
 I came to grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
 "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

⁴Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
 our God is full of compassion.

⁵The LORD watches over the innocent;
 I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
 for the LORD has treated you well.

⁷For you have rescued my life from death,
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸I will walk in the presence of the LORD
 in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: I Timothy 2:1-8

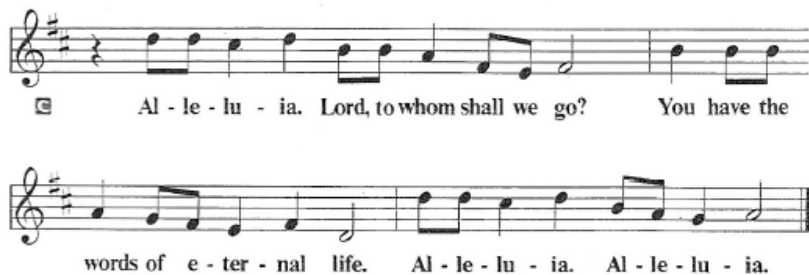
¹I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. ⁵ For there is only one God and one

Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. ⁶ He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. ⁷ And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth. ⁸ In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

The congregation is invited to stand.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”



***GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He (Jesus) was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy

Spirit to those who ask him!"

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You O Christ!**

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Luther's Small Catechism Sermon Series Part 3, The Lord's Prayer

By Mr. Tim Eckard



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

LBW 439

***AFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST**

P. Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is appropriate on this Lord's Day that we renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms -- that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Let us boldly make our confession of faith before God, renouncing the sinful life of godlessness and embracing the godly life of the Spirit-filled Christian.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce all the devil and all the forces defy God?

C. I renounce them.

P. Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C. I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C. I renounce them.

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C. 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.

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C. 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.

P. You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C. I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P. People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C. We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C. Amen

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Response at the end of each petition. P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Worshipers may greet one another with “the Peace of Christ.”

The assembly may be seated.

*** OFFERING** In response to God’s blessings, we offer our tithes to the Lord

The congregation is invited to stand.

*** OFFERTORY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **LBW 564**

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, **C: O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we here offer to you, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright” **LBW 438*
(Sung to alternate tune New Britain which is Amazing Grace)

***DISMISSAL**

P: As beloved children of the Heavenly Father, baptized into Christ, encouraged to pray without ceasing, let us go in peace and joy to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed as we serve the Lord and our neighbor! **C: Thanks be to God!**



In the Grace Church Family:

Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Lisa Childers Fox, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Tim Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Joe Momier, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Michael

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Nursing Home: Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village)

Friends and Relatives in our Prayers: Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, Terry Barnett, Daniel Baucom, David Baucom, Ashlee Bumgardner, Jessica Cassels & Family, Clinton Childers, Evelyn Childers, Elizabeth Frye, family of Barbara Jarrett, Thurman McCaslin, Ryan McMullen, Randy & Rita Neill, Eric Phillips, Wayne & Brenda Reed, Anita Sabino, and Scott Speagle. Prayers for world peace and for our church, the United States of America, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces

COMING UP AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Today: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30am – Sunday School

10:30am - Worship Celebration

Monday 6:00pm – Leadership Ministry Board

Wednesday 6:30pm – Vespers with Bible Study on the Five Solas – Sola Fide “Faith Alone”

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:

October 10 – Cooper Johnson

October 13 – Todd Childers

October 13 – Allen Hatchett

October 19 – Riley Leatherman

October 25 – Matt Speagle

October 28 – Todd Setzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26 Reformation Sunday

October 26 Trunk or Treat Outreach Event with Hot Dogs for Community 5-7pm

See Pastor Doug if you would like to help; everyone is encouraged to participate so that we can reach out to our community with the love of Jesus.

October 26 Ordering for Christmas Poinsettias begins.

November 2 All Saints Day Service – we will remember and give thanks for all the Saints, especially those members who have died in the past year and are now with the Lord.

November 2 Annual Congregational Meeting

November 9 Wreaths Across America – Deadline to Order Wreaths

November 16 –Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

November 23 Sunday Thanksgiving Service at Grace
November 23 Deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias.
November 26 Community Thanksgiving Service (Location TBA), Wednesday
November 29 Hanging of the Greens 10:00 am
November 30 First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 10, 17 Midweek Advent Services 6:30 pm
December 13 Wreaths Across America 11:00 am at Union Church
December 24 (Wed.) Christmas Eve – Candlelight & Holy Communion 7:00 pm



Trunk or Treat on October 26 5-7pm

This is a Church-wide event; in other words, we need you to be a part of this. We need as many people as possible to open their car trunk or truck bed to decorate and hand out candy. Some decorate their trunks or have little games for the kids to play to get candy. After Trunk or Treat, we will have hot dogs, chips, and drink. We may also have the fire pit ready to do smores. We will see if we can get an inflatable to have fun with as well. If you would like to help with this event, please see the Youth and Family Ministry Team. We will have flyers made so that you can invite the community.



November 2, 2025, All Saints' Sunday,

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:13-23; Matthew 5:1-12. We will remember our loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant, the saints who are in heaven as we praise our Lord for the gift of their lives and eternal life. We will light a candle for each one and ring the church bell in thanksgiving for their lives. We will also give

thanks that we are the saints on earth because of God's love for us in Christ.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Please join us on Saturday, December 13th at 11:00am to honor our veterans in the Grace Cemetery where their bodies have been laid to rest. No matter where they served or how, Wreaths Across America strives to ensure that no one is forgotten. The deadline to order wreaths is Sunday, November 9th. An order form will be included in future bulletins.

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Ushers – Chris Jarrett & Jack Parris

Offering Counters – Todd Childers & Jason Yoder

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

"¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'² And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."⁵

- Luke 11:1-4 -

If we translate Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer into kingdom language, we see that all our prayer should be kingdom focused in every area of our lives. This kingdom focus helps us to make sense of Jesus' further instructions on prayer in verses 5-13.

Father	The Father is the King.
Hallowed be your name.	Hallowed be the name of the King.
Your kingdom come.	Let the King's rule come.
Give us each day our daily bread	Feed us that we may advance your Kingdom.
And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.	Forgive our transgressions against your Kingdom law as we forgive transgressions against us.
And lead us not into temptation.	Keep us from transgressing your Kingdom law and from denying the gospel of your Kingdom.

Since we were created to serve God, our well-being consists in serving His kingdom. Hence, God gives us those good things that help us serve His kingdom, especially the Holy Spirit. Such things are good for God's kingdom and are therefore good for us as we align with His kingdom.

Note that the Lord's Prayer includes both law and gospel. We ask God to uphold His kingdom law for His own name's sake. We ask God for the strength to uphold His kingdom law and avoid temptations to break it. But we also ask God to forgive our violations of His kingdom law as we forgive others. And we do so on the basis of Christ's death and resurrection. This is pure gospel.

Jesus gave His disciples the Lord's Prayer because they asked Him how to pray. In grace and mercy, He condescended to give them (and us) a pattern for prayer so that we might commune with God, advance His kingdom, and receive forgiveness for our sins.

Finally, notice the Trinitarian pattern here. The Lord's Prayer is directed to the Father. It is given and modeled (and thus mediated) by the Son. And it is prayed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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