

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "In Heavenly Love Abiding" by Mendelssohn arr. Parks
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Parks

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

All: The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.

Liturgist: With joy we have drawn water from the wells of salvation.

All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One of Israel. *Isaiah 12:2-6 adapted*

* **All Singing: 575 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 746 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt.

All: But this is the covenant that I will make: I will put my law on their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.

Liturgist: No longer will a man teach his neighbor or a man his brother, saying 'Know the Lord,' because they will know me from the greatest to the least. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:31-34 adapted

All: Lord, we have made our own covenants and written our own laws. We have trusted our own strength and been puffed up with pride in our own sense of things. We have sinned and fallen short of who you created and called us to be. Lord, have mercy.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Choir: "Give Me Jesus" arr. L L Fleming

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Liturgist: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

All: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption – the forgiveness of sins.

Liturgist: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:13-14, Romans 5:1

* **All Singing: 608 "Salvation Belongs to Our God"**

Liturgist: Hebrews 13:1-6

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 618 "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart"
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Plucky Persistent Pestering Prayer

* **All Singing: 899 “Seek Ye First”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Daystar Academy

Choir: “Write Your Blessed Name, O Lord, Upon My Heart” Grotenhuis

Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart
There to remain so indelibly engraved
That no prosperity or adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense,
A comforter in tribulation, a deliv’rer in distress
And a faithful Guide to the courts of heav’n
Through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior!
Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart.

Thomas á Kempis

* **All Singing: 964 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Sending

* BENEDICTION


* **All Singing: 943 “God Be with You till We Meet Again”**
Singing verses 1, 3, 4 – Singing verse 3 a cappella

Postlude: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Karen Ball

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Isaiah Drenth
Pianist / Accompanist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Jim Achterhof
Choir Director:	David Baar	Prayer:	Dorothy Wassenaar
Violinist:	Bethany Keely-Yonker	Readers:	Bill & Amy Boerman-Cornell
Percussion:	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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