

PRAISE

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 16, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

String Band

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

What sort of creatures are we that call ourselves “human beings,” who God has given dominion over so much of this world? How has God prepared us for this crucial role of stewarding creation?

When confronted with challenges, human beings have always been resourceful.

Throughout history we have created, invented, designed, and reasoned our way out of problems. From diseases to drought, from energy to internet, from oceans to outerspace, our ingenuity has improved the potential quality of human life.

Yet we have never solved the problem of our selfish nature, which continues to create unjust societies, to produce people groups who demean or attack others, and to establish inequitable distribution of the resources we are called to steward.

God has granted us many things, but we are not God's equal. Our great talents have led to great successes, but also great tragedies. So what shall we do?

We will begin our worship this day acknowledging our limits and failings and declaring that God alone deserves glory, praise, and honor.

HYMN #34: *Not unto Us, O Lord

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34 (*Old Testament page 735*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 119:97-104 (*Old Testament page 569*)

Amen.

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (*New Testament page 213*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 18:1-8 (*New Testament page 81*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #524:** *Thy Word*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #346:** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #299: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious,
Gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you,
Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service in the Narthex,
for coffee, treats and a time of conversation.*

Welcome!

GREETERS: Todd and Donna Larson
ACOLYTES: Phia and Jonah
READERS: Tom and Diney Ruebel
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Corbin Sheffels
USHER: Corbin Sheffels
COFFEE SERVERS: George and Judy Brinkmann
LIVESTREAM: Signe Blomgren



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