

# *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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## 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.
- △ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father, **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your

**beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.                   **C Amen.**

### **Introit**

Say unto my soul, I am thy Salvation:

**The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth.**

He delivereth them out of their troubles:

**He is their God forever and ever.**

Give ear, O My people, to My Law:

**incline your ears to the words of My mouth.**

**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.**

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### **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that

**sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray: O Almighty and most merciful God : of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 28:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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! <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:22–28*

<sup>22</sup>Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:1–8*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup>But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>6</sup>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.” <sup>7</sup>And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup>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.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor. Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

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## Sermon

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**[ Offering ]**

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**



## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution

### 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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## 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no sufferer friendless But rights the wronged at last.
- 2 He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.  
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav'n above us, As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.
- 3 For as a tender father Has pity on his children here,  
God in His arms will gather All who are His in childlike fear.  
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.  
We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.  
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.
- 4 His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove  
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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### 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,  
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:  
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
  
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!  
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.  
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
  
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.  
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!  
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,  
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.  
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!  
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
  
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!  
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;  
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!  
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

## 732 All Depends on Our Possessing

- 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.
  
- 2 He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine.
  
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
  
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender Soul and body I surrender,  
For on God alone I build.
  
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.
  
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**☩** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**☩** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**☩** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩** Amen.

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**☩** Bless we the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**☩** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace. **☩** Amen, amen, amen.

## 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

- 1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy living finger never wrote  
That life should be an aimless mote,  
A deathward drift from futile birth.  
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled  
In splendor through Thy broken world.  
Since light awoke and life began, Thou hast desired Thy life for man.
- 2 Our fatal will to equal Thee, Our rebel will wrought death and night.  
We seized and used in prideful spite  
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.  
We housed us in this house of doom,  
Where death had royal scope and room,  
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace, Breached all its walls for our release.
- 3 Thou camest to our hall of death, O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,  
To drink for us the dark despair  
That strangled our reluctant breath.  
How beautiful the feet that trod  
The road that leads us back to God!  
How beautiful the feet that ran To bring the great good news to man!
- △4 O Spirit, who didst once restore Thy Church that it might be again  
The bringer of good news to men,  
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,  
That in these gray and latter days  
There may be those whose life is praise,  
Each life a high doxology To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

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## TRINITY XIX

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing –

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Genesis 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. *“The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”* (Matthew 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. *“For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation”* (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In Holy Absolution He raises up the new man (Ephesians 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day.

Consider the faith, not of the paralytic, but of his friends. They had gone to great lengths to bring their sick friend to Jesus so He could heal him. In another Gospel, it says that they even tore up the roof. Then they lowered the sick man so that he was in front of Jesus, they asked nothing of Christ, and they committed the whole thing to Him. “Seeing their faith,” Jesus turned to their sick friend. Since they demonstrated such great faith, Our Lord in turn demonstrates His own power—not first by healing the body, but by using His authority to absolve (forgive) sins. He did not immediately heal the visible body. Rather, He healed first that which is invisible, the soul, by forgiving his sins. And when the soul was healed, then the body was saved.

– St John Chrysostom