

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 03, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Three pg. 184 in the hymnal

**BELL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN**

*“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

**#816**

**INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION**

**KYRIE**

*“Lord, Have Mercy”*

**GLORIA**

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

**COLLECT**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)**

*God made human beings, not as isolated individuals, but as members of a community. That community is made up of families, which began in the Garden with the first marriage of Adam and Eve.*

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 2:1-13 (ESV)**

*Jesus is superior even to the angels in heaven. This is proven by the fact that God put all of Creation under his command. This was his due reward for suffering and dying to atone for our sins.*

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet. "Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." **L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 10:2-16 (ESV)**

*The Pharisees are interested only in manmade rules about marriage and divorce. Jesus points them back to God's original intention for marriage as a lifelong union between a man and woman.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the tenth chapter. **C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Jon Dunbar**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O Father, All Creating"*

**#858**

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God"*

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**PREFACE**

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**SANCTUS**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

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**LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (spoken)**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD (sung)**

**AGNUS DEI**

*"Lamb of God"*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*#618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

*#864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"*

*#867 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"*

*#392 "God Loves Me Dearly"*

*#921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"*

**DISMISSAL**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*"Song of Simeon"*

**THANKSGIVING**

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rev Matthew Mau & St John Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

**For Our Congregation and Community:**

**Christine Erks celebrated her "96th" Birthday on October 1st**

*Family of Dale Anderson Milford died 9/27 (Uncle to Neil and Wayne Naber, Ron Uffelman and families and great uncle to Greg Heine & Ryan and Eric Naber. Brother in law to Verna Neujahr)*

**Dementia and Alzheimers' Patients and Families**

**Dealing with an illness:** Paula Young (niece of Maribelle Gierhan), Wilmer Ritterling, Taida Grantski, Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

**Recovering from surgery:** Lindy Wiemer, Barb Barth

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***In Response to God's Love***

**September 26: Inperson Attendance: 191 Visitors: 30 Online: 70 Sunday School: 28**

**VOLUNTEERS:**

**TODAY: 10-03-21 Acolyte:** Nick Grantski **Lay Reader:** Gene Schlechte **Organist:** Dylan Teut

**Next Week: 10-10-21 Acolyte:** Meg Hoffschneider **Lay Reader:** Jeff Wellman **Organist:** Pat Koch

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY (10-03)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry
MONDAY (10-04)	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
TUESDAY (10-05)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (10-06)	8:30 AM	Chapel
	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Administrative Meetings
THURSDAY (10-07)	-----	
FRIDAY (10-08)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (10-09)	-----	
SUNDAY (10-10)	9:00 AM	Worship <i>5th - 8th Grades singing at St John Waco</i>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:00 PM	Card Social
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 09-12-21	Amount received 09-12-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$7,941.00		\$476,669.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$7,941.00	\$19,902.00	\$499,805.00	\$568,047.00	-\$68,242.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,908.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,476.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$320.00	\$192.00	\$128.00

Current Operating Note: \$20,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) \*\*Insurance Proceeds Received



*Thank you to all of you for your prayers, concerns, meals, transportation and for your Christian care for me during my surgery and recovery. I thank God for surrounding me with faithful Christian friends here at St Paul.*

*Ann Gardels*

*Sincere thanks and appreciation to so many of you for all your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, food, and visits since my cancer diagnosis. God is so good and HE has carried me through this challenge. Thanks again! I pray you too find all the peace and strength and blessings HE has planned for you! Pat Koch*

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and kind words. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*I thank God for all of you. God is Good!*

*Sharon Owens*

*THANK YOU. A note of thanks to all that attended or contributed to the Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed last Sunday. Thanks to all those that volunteered to bring salads or desserts to make the meal complete. Over 135 attended the dinner and the very generous contributions totaled \$3,273.10. The Orphan Train Volunteers*

**Today Utica's Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department is having a free will donation Pork BBQ lunch from 10:30 am - 1pm at the Utica fire station. Hope you can join us and thank you for your support!**



**Fundraising has begun for the LCMS youth gathering! In the narthex is a wall of envelopes. We ask that you take an envelope and return it with a donation matching the number on the envelope. You can return the envelope to the basket next to the wall of envelopes.**

**Thank you for supporting your St Paul Youth!**

**Seeking Childcare Help for AM Womens' Bible Study** Our Wednesday morning group is seeking two volunteers plus a backup (substitute) to serve young mothers wishing to participate in our Bible Study by caring for their children on Wednesday mornings 9-10:30am. It's an opportunity to serve young mothers as they grow in their faith and a chance to spend time with Jesus's littlest lambs in joy and gladness (and toys).

Please contact Hope Dunbar or Natalie Schmieding to volunteer for this very meaningful work.



**NEW Womens' Bible Study started WEDNESDAY September 29th!** Please join us for a new Bible Study. "Mighty & Mysterious" A Study on Colossians on Wednesday mornings (Choir Room) at 9am AND/OR at 7pm (Fellowship Hall) on Wednesday evenings. This study comes with weekly videos and a workbook. If you would like to purchase one, just let Hope Dunbar know, but please don't let the lack of workbook keep you from joining our fellowship and time in the word together.

***Every day brings different challenges in the life of a caregiver for someone who has Alzheimers, 70-80% of whom are women. What can you do to make their lives easier? There are 11 different ways given in the LLL tract, "Alzheimers: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime", written not just for caregivers, but also for everyone who knows someone in this situation. Pick up a copy of this tract at the Welcome Center.***

*Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the refugee home, coordinated by my Girl Scout Troop. We are overwhelmed and extremely grateful for St. Paul's generosity! We have everything we need and will be welcoming an Afgan family to Nebraska in the next two weeks. Thank you for helping a family get a new start on their life! --  
Josephine Turnbull*

*St. Paul's is excited to welcome Chelsea Irwin - a missionary living in Eastern Europe - for our morning worship and education hour on Sunday, October 31! Chelsea is a Lincoln, NE native and Concordia graduate who now oversees volunteer mission opportunities from her base in the Czech Republic. She has been serving the Lord in mission for the past 11 years, and will have many stories to inspire us to live out the Great Commission. Join us!*

*Thank you to Bill Deremer and his family for the beautiful new plantings on the southwest side of the church. These include boxwood bushes, catmint, aster, and reed grass. They were given to the church in memory of Bill's wife, Judy, who passed away last November. The new plantings are a lovely addition to our church grounds and a fitting memorial.*