



**FAMILY VALUES
FOLLOWING JESUS**

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Seward, Nebraska

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. They are also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

When All Your Mercies, O My God | 259

1 When all your mercies, O my God,
My waking soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

2 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ,
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes these gifts with joy.

3 Through ev'ry passing phase of life
Your goodness I'll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

4 Through all eternity to you
A joyful song I'll raise,
But, oh, eternity's too short
To utter all your praise.

INVOCATION

please stand

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

- C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

- M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

- C **Amen.**

- M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on you, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see your Son that we may follow him on the way that leads to eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷This is what the LORD says.

Sing with joy for Jacob,
and shout for the greatest of the nations.

Make your praises heard and say,
"LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel!"

⁸Watch, I will bring them from a land in the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.
The blind and the lame will be there,
the pregnant woman together with the woman in labor.
They will return as a huge community.

⁹They will come weeping.
They will pray as I bring them back.
I will lead them beside streams of water,
on a level path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel.
Ephraim is my firstborn. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

Refrain

I will lie down and sleep in peace,
for you, O Lord, make me dwell in safe - ty.

Psalm tone

Answer me when I call to you, O my / righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and / hear my prayer.
How long, O men, will you turn my glory / into shame?
How long will you love delusions and / seek false gods?

Know that the LORD has set apart the godly / for himself;
the LORD will hear when I / call to him.
In your anger / do not sin;
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.

Refrain

Offer right sacri- / fices
and trust / in the LORD.
Many are asking, “Who can show us / any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, / O LORD.

You have filled my heart with / greater joy
than when their grain and new / wine abound.
I will lie down and / sleep in peace,
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in / safety.

Refrain

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation, says this: ¹⁵I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. If only you were cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm and not hot or cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, “I am rich. I have become very wealthy and need nothing.” But you do not know that you are miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments, so that you may be clothed and the shame of your nakedness may not become public, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

¹⁹I rebuke and discipline those whom I love. So take this seriously and repent.

²⁰Look, I stand at the door and I am knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in with him and dine with him, and he with me. ²¹To the one who is victorious I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

²²Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

please stand

M The Gospel according to Mark chapter 10.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, a blind man, Bartimaeus the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many told him to be quiet, but he kept shouting all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

They called the blind man, saying, "Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you!"

⁵⁰He tossed aside his outer garment, jumped up, and went to Jesus.

⁵¹"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man replied, "*Rabboni*, I want to see again."

⁵²Jesus told him, "Go. Your faith has made you well." Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus on the road. (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Just as I Am | 397

1 Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

SERMON

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD.**

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

HYMN (*sung as gifts are presented*)

We Give Thee but Thine Own | **485 v. 1-2**

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first-fruits give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ your Son and for all the promised graces we have received through him:

C **In his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing pardon for all our sins;**

M In his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting;

C **In his ascension to your right hand we have the assurance of his intercession for our every need.**

M Help us that we may so truly believe and trust in him, and so faithfully love and serve him, that in all thought, speech and action we may imitate his obedience and humility.

C **Make us determined to follow Jesus with grateful hearts no matter what others think or do.**

M Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence.

C **Enlarge our sympathies, deepen our hope, and confirm us in faith.**

M Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone that no difficulty, trial or adversity will be able take from them the conviction that you are their helper in every time of need.

C **Enable all our loved ones to follow you no matter what.**

M Relieve the afflictions of the weary and sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful.

C **Lead them to look to you as the unfailing source of all healing and hope.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M All these things, and whatever else we should have asked, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

be seated

HYMN

How Can I Thank You, Lord | 460

1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving-kindness,
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.

2 It is your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and your grace That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart new-born.

3 Lord, you have raised me up To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank you, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.

4 Grant that your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that he give me strength In my infirmity;
May he renew my heart To serve you willingly.

5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here And there with you abide.

PRAYER

- M** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

- M** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and \oplus give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke | 453

- 1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spoke, "All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take my example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.