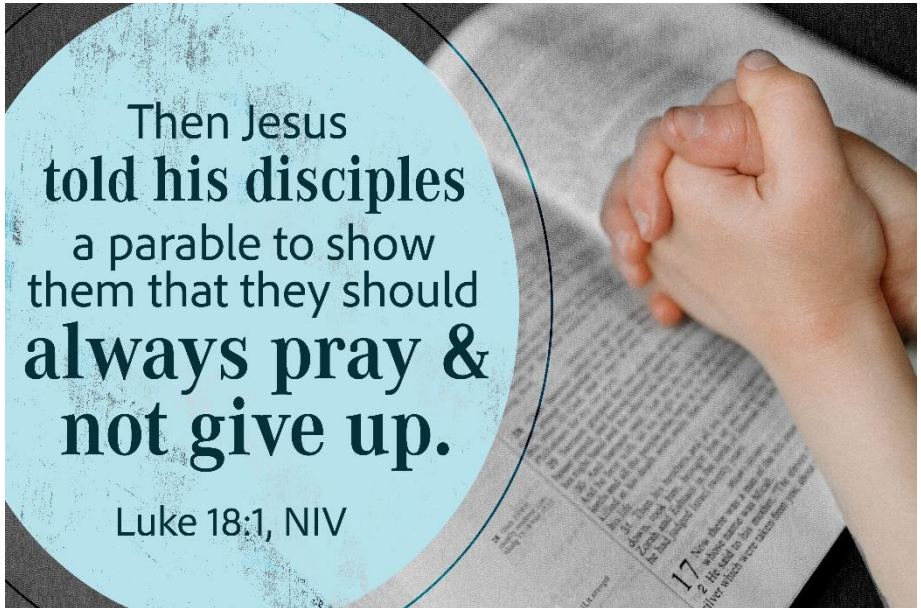


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

10:30 a.m.



"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

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The life of faith means that we might wrestle with God. Jesus commends to us the story of a widow who would not take no for an answer. And Paul commends to Timothy a life of persistence in proclaiming good news, even when the world may not be eager to hear it. We contend with God, and we find our peace when God assures us of our identity and blesses us.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.. **C** Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C** Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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GREETING

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all **[C]** **And also with you.**

KYRIE

$\text{♩} = 44-48$

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

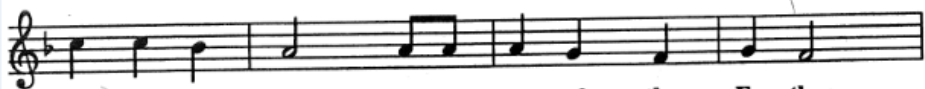
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

C A - men

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

$\text{♩} = 48-52$

☐ Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king,
 al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry.
☐ Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are



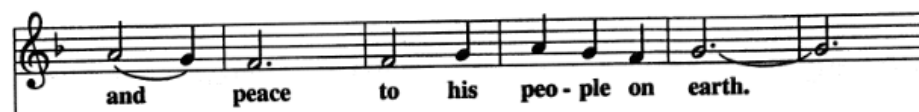
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:



re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



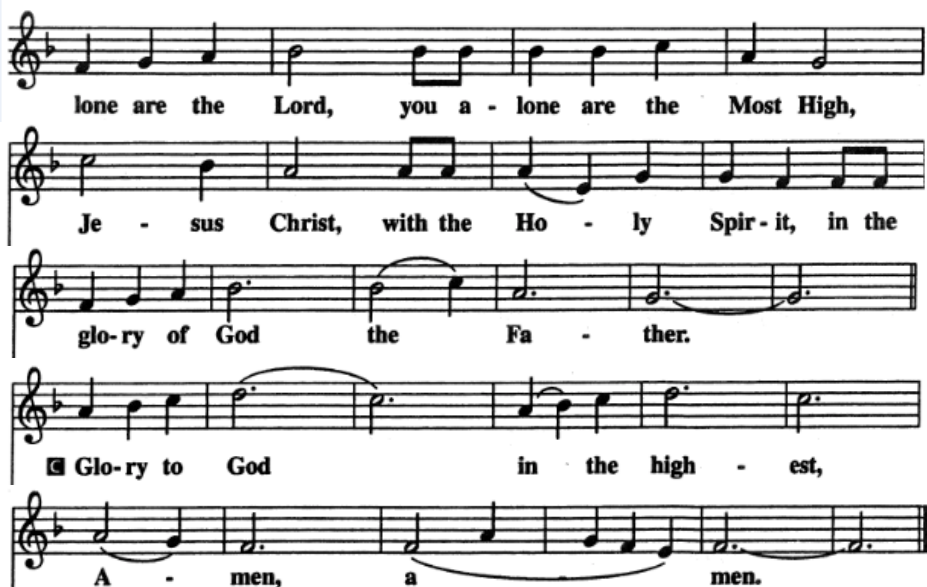
Glo - ry to God in the high - est,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

[P] Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with an adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

[R] The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you

have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

R But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e -

ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL [P] The Gospel is written in Luke chapter 18, beginning at verse 1.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus tells a story reminding his listeners they are to be persistent in prayer, unceasing in their appeals. If an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea a persistent widow, how much more will our loving God hear those who call upon him!

[P] Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C] Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Lord Teach Us How to Pray Aright"

1) Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, With rev - 'rence
2) We per - ish if we cease from prayer; Oh, grant us
3) Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense Of pi - ous
4) Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice That can for

and with fear. Though dust and ash - es in
pow'r to pray. And when to meet You we
rev - 'rence give; A strong de - sire, with con -
sin a - tone; To cast our hopes, to fix

Your sight, We may, we must draw near.
pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
fi - dence, To hear Your voice and live;
our eyes On Christ, on Christ, a - lone.

Sing stanza five in unison:

- 5) Give these, and then Your will be done;
Thus strength-ened with all might,
We, through Your Spir-it and Your Son,
Shall pray, and pray a-right.

Meter: C.M. (86.86)
James Montgomery, 1818, alt.

Source: LBW 438;
TH40 #404

Tune: Song 67
Orlando Gibbons, 1623

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

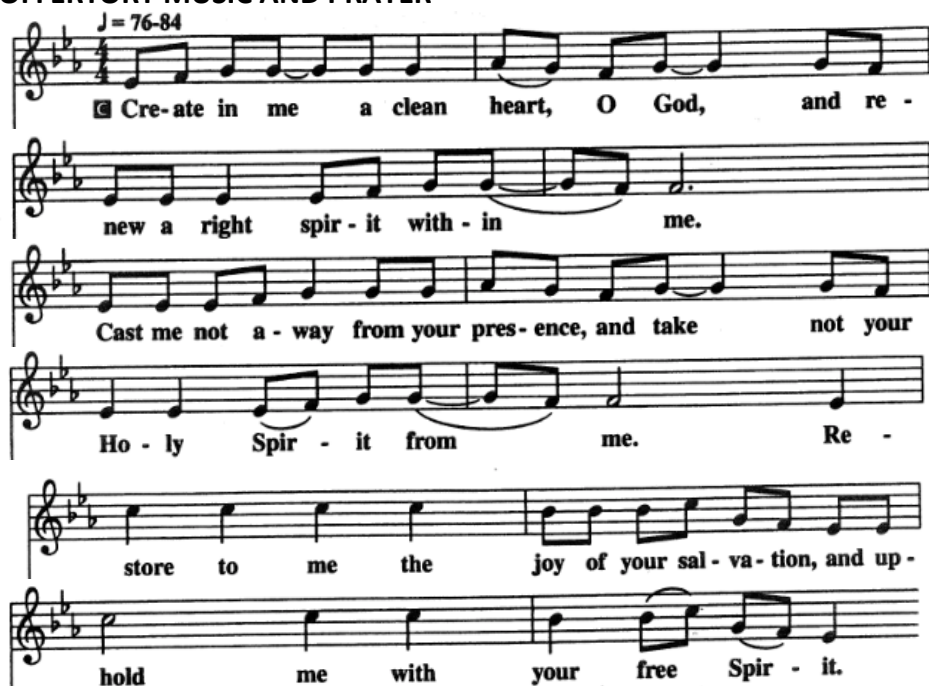
OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC AND PRAYER

J = 76-84



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it.



[P] Let us pray. God of harvest,

[C] to your table we bring wine and bread, and gifts from the labor of our hands. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your living bread from heaven, that we may serve others in your name; through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

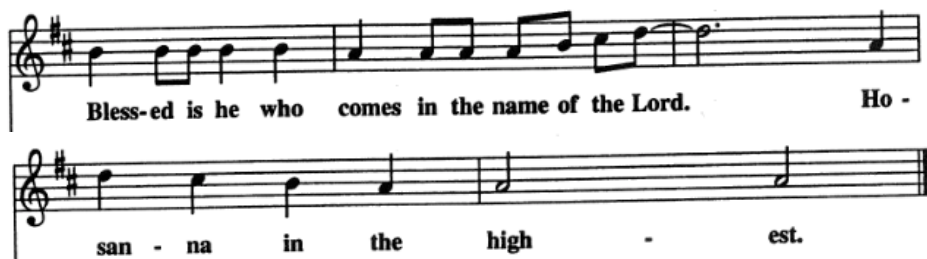
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[P] Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

[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

LAMB OF GOD



us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us
 peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB 770

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86
 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918; setting: *The Hymn Book*, 1971

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Matt. 7:7–8; Heb. 4:15; John 15:14–16; 1 Peter 2:24

Stand

THE BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C]** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

J = 104-112

C Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;
tell ev - 'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom-is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, faithful God, for feeding us with this one heavenly food. Transform us through this meal into the likeness of your Son, and unite us in love for one another, that we may be your body in the world; in Jesus' name we pray. **C** **Amen.**

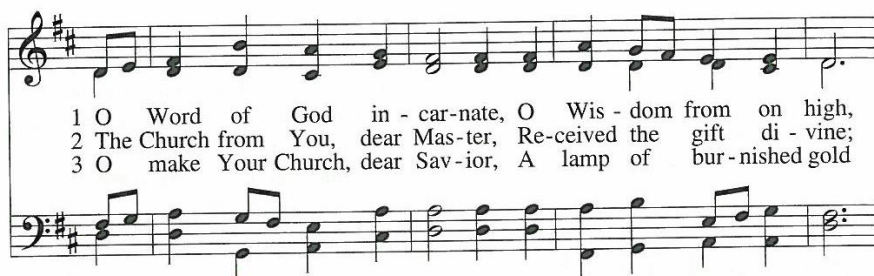
BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** **Amen.**

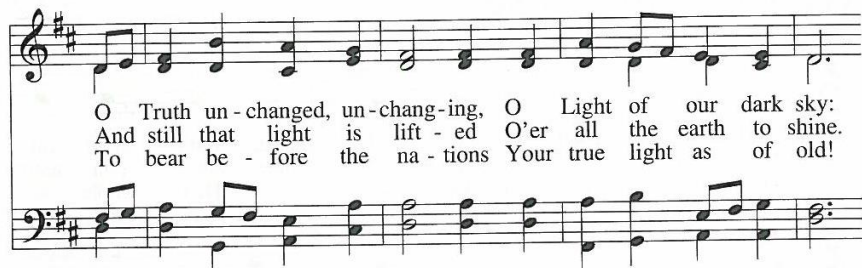
P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

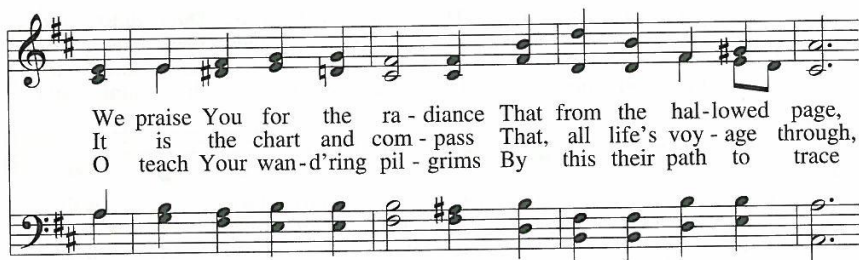
"O Word of God Incarnate" LSB 523



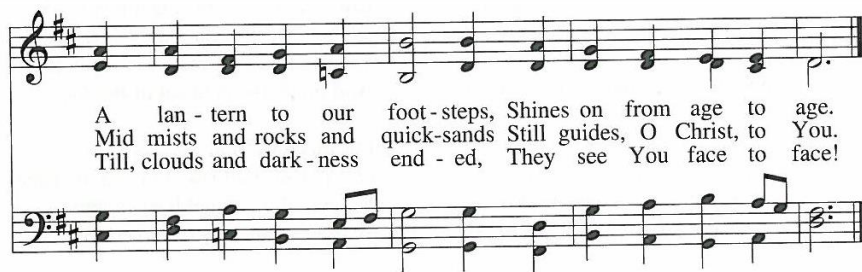
1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur-nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.
 Tune: *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693;
 setting: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47

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John 1:14; 2 Sam. 22:29-33; Ps. 119:105; Rev. 1:20

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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