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Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost Lection 27

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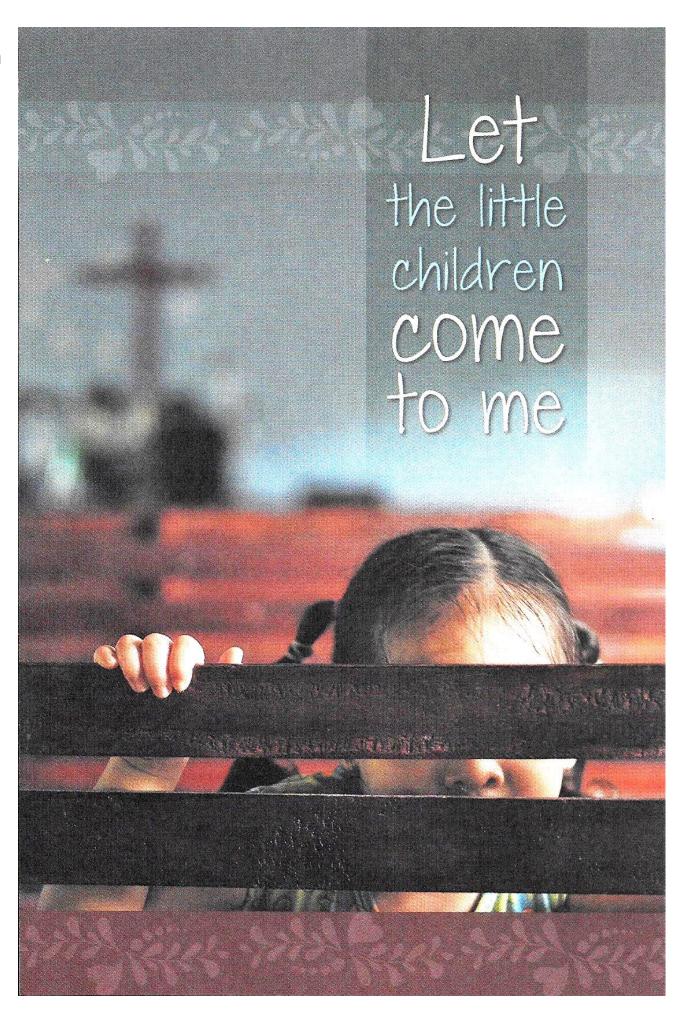
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 27 HOLY COMMUNION



9:00 AM OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL!

We pray, as we enter the presence of the Lord, He would send His Spirit to help us offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving in our service of worship. If you are worshipping in person and unvaccinated, thanks for keeping your mask on over your nose and mouth all the time you are in the building. You help protect us all, especially our children.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE / BELL/ PARISH NOTICES



(Please stand if able)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (You may be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

The first reading is in Genesis chapter 2, verses 18–24. Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman). And now the Reading:

Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, 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 cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he 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; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

The second reading is in Hebrews chapter 1, verses 1-4 and chapter 2, verses 5-12. Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

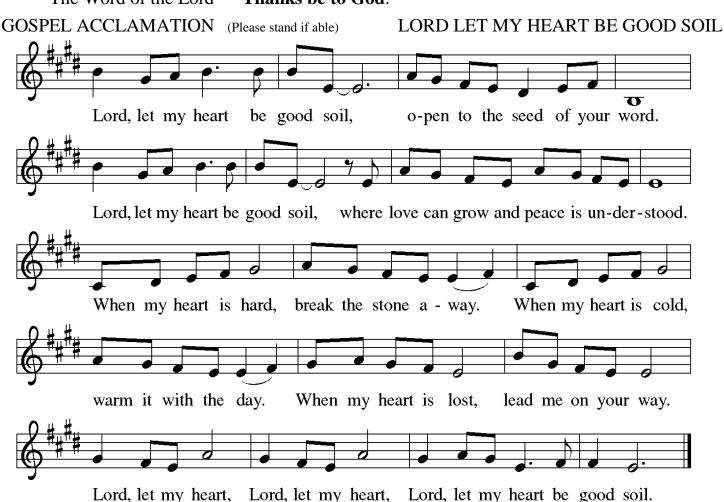
Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

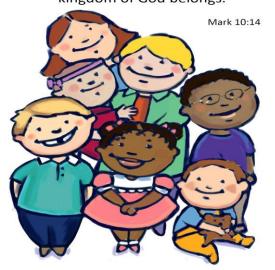
Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 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."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

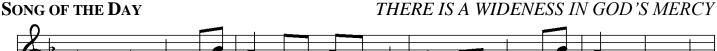
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Let the little children come to me ... it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.



SERMON (You may be seated)

Pastor Tim Mason





- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea; 2 There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind:
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



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no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as nar - row by false lim - its we make this love too of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. There is up - per home of is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that bliss. zeal God will not fy its strict-ness with a and we mag-ni own. be our lives will thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of and Lord.

CREED (Please stand if able)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH God in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. (You may be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING (Mary's Choice)

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OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUION

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

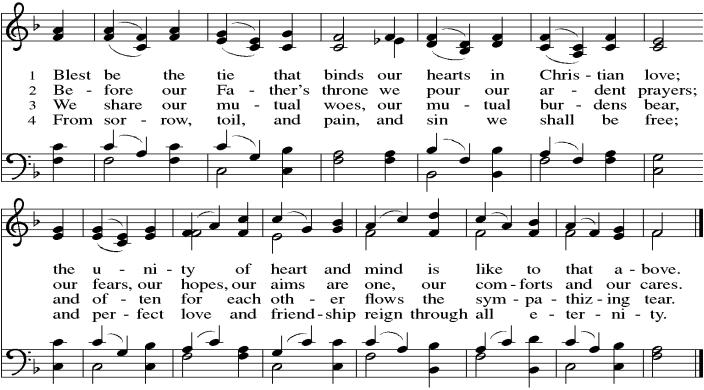
BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Blest Be the Tie that Binds



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please wait for the Usher to release you. Thank You.

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Reader	Cindy Anderson
Communion Assistant	Karen Voge
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Diane Evers & Connie Johnson
Ushers	Larry & Sherry Baumgardt
Altar Guild	Terry Newgord & Nicole Stevermer

For an hour each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., our church hosts a women's Bible study. We meet in the library, and participants are welcome to bring their own coffee or beverage. There is a time to connect socially, learn about our role as women of faith, and pray together. Lesson materials are provided.



Finally, in following the advice of our health professionals and out of care and concern for our neighbors, masks are perfectly acceptable (and required for those not yet vaccinated). We space ourselves out around several library tables for even greater precaution. Finally, a Zoom link will be sent for those who wish to listen or participate from afar. Let the church office know if you would like to receive that link to the weekly meeting. All are welcome!

Thrivent members are invited to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.



Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds. Call 800-847-4836 and have your ID Number available



Brown County Public Health will be hosting multiple opportunities for vaccination to the 12+ population. Vaccine clinic dates and announcements will be posted on the Brown County Public Health Facebook page, in newspapers, announced on the radio, or please call 507-233-6820 to inquire about vaccine clinic dates and times.





LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

AFGHAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

SEPTEMBER 2021

influx of internally displaced people withdrawal deadline of Aug. 31 has Inited States has been evacuating families, thousands of whom have The United States has withdrawn rom the war in Afghanistan. The served alongside Americans. The caused pressure on resettlement seeking safety in Kabul, but this Afghanistan, many Afghans are IDPs) is burdening a weakened agencies to accompany Afghan arrived in the final months. In housands of Afghans who nfrastructure.

also in partnership with Lutheran Lutheran Disaster Response is affiliates that are taking a role in welcoming Afghan families. is reaching out to synods and Jutheran Disaster Response

Yes, I want to help!

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Email address

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Afghan Humanitarian Crisis" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



ELCA.org/disaster (CWSA) is assisting Afghan families humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, in Kabul through food security and cash assistance. Lutheran Disaster Service (LIRS) and Church World Service (CWS). To respond to the Community World Service Asia Alliance's Rapid Response Fund which is funding CWSA's work. Response contributed to ACT Immigration and Refugee

Afghanistan. Give today to support and CWS. Your gifts designated to "Afghan Humanitarian Crisis" will those affected by the situation in be used in full (100%) to support engagement is to respond to the supplementing the work of LIRS immediate humanitarian crisis, this response and others like it. Lutheran Disaster Response's

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New Orleans on Aug. 29 - exactly

16 years after Hurricane Katrina.

Hurricane Ida made landfall near

AUGUST 2021

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surge caused widespread flooding

torrential rain and strong storm

Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds,

As a strong Category 4 storm,

and wind damage in southeastern

Louisiana and coastal Mississippi

Strong winds knocked out power

lines and electrical substations,

people without power, including

the entirety of New Orleans.

leaving more than 1 million

The impact of Ida is vet to be fully

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DOS Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

October 3, 2021

God's Word is our greatest treasure!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday Mark 10:17-31 A rich man goes away sad Monday 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 Everything belongs to God Tuesday Matthew 6:19-24 Don't trust in earthly riches 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Don't put your hope in wealth Wednesday Thursday Psalm 119:97-104 God's words are sweet Psalm 119:105-112 Friday Your word is a lamp to my feet Saturday Psalm 49:16-20 Seek understanding, not riches



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Mark 10:35-45

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.

Hebrews 4:12

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Sunday

Lord God, please keep us from putting money and possessions ahead of you and your people. Amen. (Mark 10:21-25) Mealtime Prayer:

The Son of Man came to serve

Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive and give gladly to any who are in need. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's word be at work in you. May the Lord give you strength in times of weakness and mercy in times of need. Amen

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is your favorite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it?
- · How is the Bible different from other books?
- Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is "alive and working." How have you experienced this to be true?

DEVOTIONS

God's word changes the lives of people of different languages across the world. Find out more about the work of Bible translators, such as those from Lutheran Bible Translators (www.unitedbiblesocieties.org). Write a letter of encouragement to a Bible translator, organize a fundraiser to support Bible translation, or make a household donation.

SERVICE

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Visit or contact a sick friend or relative this next week. Bring their needs to Jesus in prayer throughout the week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Select a Bible to serve as your household Bible. Paste photos of household members on the covers, or decorate with your own drawings of Bible events. Highlight the favorite Bible verses and Bible stories of different household members as well as any wedding, baptism and confirmation texts. Place the Bible in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.

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In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



Trinity's Mission Statement We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all

people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving: \$3529.68 September Giving: \$17,399.09 Yearly Contributions to Date \$179,280.30 We are \$57,531.00 below budget. Your help is needed.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church...</u> that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

<u>Pray for our World...</u>that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

<u>Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...</u>that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to Beth, Joan, Greg, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Son, Tina, Tammy, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Steven, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

<u>Pray for all families...</u>that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

<u>Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly</u> <u>married</u>...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for Brady Augustin and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)</u>...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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...all things are possible with God. Mark 10:27