

September 29, 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

CHORAL INTROIT "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" Dearman

OPENING SENTENCES

Upon this gathering of your people, *Num. 11:16-29*
pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Be near to us and speak to us,
and we will proclaim your glory.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our strength and savior,
you know our great transgressions,
our hidden faults, our secret sins.
With our hands we grasp at power;
with our feet we stumble into evil;
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and lead us in your holy way
of life and love and peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;
send forth your Spirit to save us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Ginnie Gibson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 O.T. page 102
The spirit is upon seventy elders

PSALM Psalm 19:7-14
The law gives light

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 5:13-20 N.T. page 182
Prayer and anointing in the community

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:38-50 N.T. page 35
Warnings to those who obstruct faith

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Rev. 21:5
These words are trustworthy and true.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Amen Is Where We Begin" Choplin

SERMON "A Deed of Power in My Name" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

+**CHARGE** Mark 9:38-41
Let the name of Christ
be the word you speak,
the grace you show;
and the love you share.
Amen.

+**BLESSING** Num. 11:25
May the spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the word of the Lord live within you,
and the glory of the Lord shine around you,
this day and always.
Alleluia!

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Christ, Now Go Before Us" arr. Hopson

POSTLUDE "Allerseelen" Strauss

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Suzanne Lang
Greeters: Susan Chien and Kurt Immekus
Next Week's Greeters: Sally Hughes and Vern Schrock
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Isaac Reyes

Today's flowers are given by
Sue Riley
in memory of
Clarice and Richard Mills
and Keitha and Dr. Charles Norman

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#3. Ascension:

The risen Christ ascends to heaven.

(Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:6-11; John 3:13; 6:62; 20:17; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Phil. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 3:22)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 27. Does your confession of God as Creator contradict the findings of modern science?

No. My confession of God as Creator answers three questions: Who?, How? and Why? It affirms that (a) the triune God, who is self-sufficient, (b) called the world into being out of nothing by the creative power of God's Word (c) for the sake of sharing love and freedom. Natural science has much to teach us about the particular mechanisms and processes of nature, but it is not in a position to answer these questions about ultimate reality, which point to mysteries that science as such is not equipped to explore. Nothing basic to the Christian faith contradicts the findings of modern science, nor does anything essential to modern science contradict the Christian faith.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Welcome Back Potluck	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kurt Immekus	Oct. 2
Jacob Edmondson	Oct. 3
Matthew McGonigal	Oct. 4

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