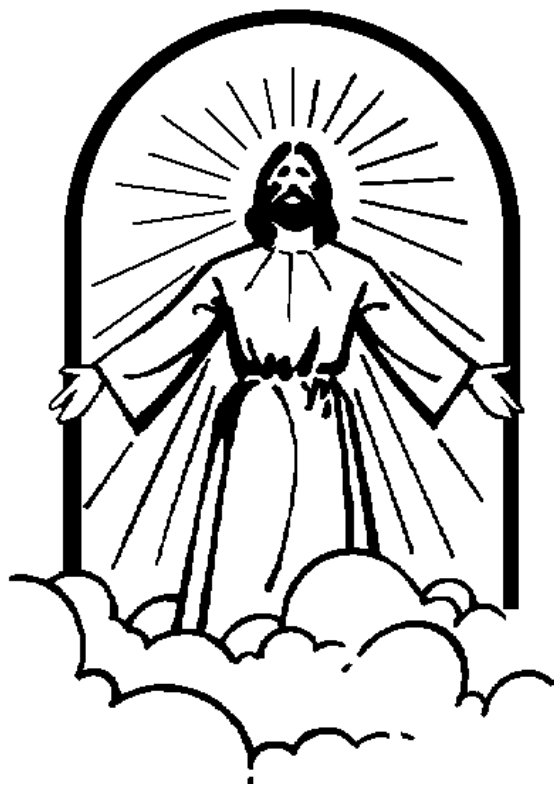


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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*“He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3b)*

**VISITORS:** It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today. We want you to be aware that because God’s Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Lord’s Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC to first meet with the pastor before coming to Communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you would like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of “Close Communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entryway. Thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 119:IV-V (page 149 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 657** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Beautiful Savior”*

Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2, p. 12 (Worship Supplement)

**FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, <sup>2</sup> that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup> Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you – “a land flowing with milk and honey.” <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 86

L: Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I cry to you all day long.

C: CAUSE THE SOUL OF YOUR SERVANT TO REJOICE, FOR TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL.

L: For You, LORD, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

C: ALL NATIONS WHOM YOU HAVE MADE SHALL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, O LORD, AND SHALL GLORIFY YOUR NAME.

L: For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

C: TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD; I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART TO FEAR YOUR NAME.

L: You, O LORD, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

C: I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD MY GOD, WITH ALL MY HEART AND I WILL GLORIFY YOUR NAME FOREVERMORE.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-16 *rise*

<sup>6</sup> Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. <sup>11</sup> But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup> that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, <sup>15</sup> which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 789 (Worship Supplement) "*Consider How The Birds Above*"

SERMON: Matthew 6:19-24

### KEEP LAYING UP HEAVENLY TREASURES

<sup>19</sup> **Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your**

**heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness! <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 608 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose The Road*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS)

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung*

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 175 (1st tune) (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*"

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WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY: Usher: Glenn Libby. Bible Study: responding to objections to God and His Word.

THURSDAY: NORTH AURORA INFORMATION CLASS at 1:00 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY: Usher: Rick Louderman; VOTERS MEETING immediately after church; NACC SERVICE: 3:00 PM, BR SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$591.00, and our attendance was 18.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE: 3:00 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH in MARKESAN, WI.

FALL CC REPORT: COPIES of the FALL CLC COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT are on the TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY. If you take one home, please bring it back so others may read it.