



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024 – Setting One

“Causes you to sin” in Greek is root of our word scandal, which was something that causes you to stumble, into sin. Now it is clear my hand does not think nor does the eye nor does the foot. Oh, my hand hit you, now hand apologize and cut it out. That’s an absurdity as is sin. Jesus knows what needs to be cut out. He already taught earlier in chapter 7 that defilement comes out of the heart: “evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, etc.”. Cut it out. Arduously keeping the Law of God will cut out some outward behaviors, which is good, but the heart condition remains. The Lord by His Law shows us the true source of the offense: the heart, that is, the will. He has cut out the blockages of sin and death and hell. He cut it out in His Body upon the Cross. Salt stings in order to preserve. “For the Lord speaks figuratively and does not want to be understood, as Luther says, that He here advocates physical mutilation or dismemberment, since that would obviously not take the sin and the desire to sin out of the heart. It is the heart which must be controlled by the spirit of love toward Christ and our neighbor, in order that the hand, the foot, the eye do not perform that which sin desires them to do.” (From The Popular Commentary) Cutting it off is called confession, cutting it out to be healed in His forgiveness. His Word like a surgeon’s scalpel cuts to heal.

– Pr. Mark Schroeder

Welcome

We are thankful you have joined us today!

Hymn

Shepherd of Tender Youth | 864

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon Psalm 37:4]

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD,
throughout all the ages:

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,**
who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!

**Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD,
throughout all the ages:

**For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.**

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

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD,
throughout all the ages:

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

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

A **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and
just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

[1 John 1:8-9]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. **Most
merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful
and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal
punishment. 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**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you
and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and
ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
† Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting 1]

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God | 946

[TUNE 917]

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Numbers:

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive

all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

[Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29]

Time for reflection.

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

The Epistle Reading is from James:

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

[James 5: 13-20]

Time for reflection.

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

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse. [John 6:68]



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:



John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." [Mark 9:38-50]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Talk

[Mark 10:14-16; Matt 19:14; Luke 18:16-17]

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Erkkinen.

Hymn

Hope of the World | 690

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the **Apostles' Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gathering of the Offering

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Those for whom we pray are listed on the *Life at Faith* insert.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand to sing:

Offertory Hymn

Lord, Whose Love | 848

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

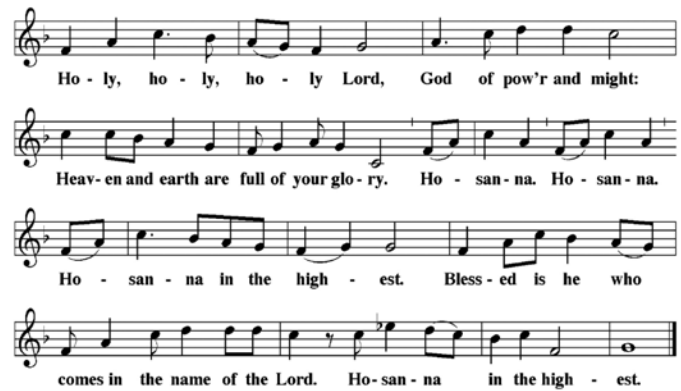
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

[1 Cor 11:26; Rev 22:20]

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

[Matt 6:9-13]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

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

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Hymns

Choir Chimes

Children of the Heavenly Father | **725**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing | **643**

When all have communed please stand.

Post Communion Song

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Please stand.

Benediction

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. **Amen.** [Numbers 6:24-26]

Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing | **922**

Postlude

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