



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020

AS WE GATHER: Who knew that when 2020 arrived, it would be the year that it has been? Who could have seen it? In our new sermon series, “2020 Vision,” we will focus clearly on the core values of our church and school, namely, Worship, Christian Education, Missions, Stewardship, Biblical Truth, and Christian Service. Sometimes these things can become blurry, out of focus, and misunderstood. Join us as we put on our “Biblical eyeglasses” and clearly see what we, as God’s people, are to be doing as the Body of Christ in this world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #578, vs. 1,3,6

“Thy Strong Word”

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

- 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 119

Pastor: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

People: **Who walk in the Law of the LORD!**

Pastor: How can a young man keep His way pure?

People: **By guarding it according to Your Word.**

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You;

People: **Let me not wander from Your commandments!**

Pastor: I have stored up Your Word in my heart,

People: **That I might not sin against You.**

Pastor: I will delight in Your statutes;

People: **I will not forget Your Word.**

Pastor: Your Word is a lamp to my feet

People: **And a light to my path.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"For the Bible Tells Me So"

Miss Heidi

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

#712, vs. 3

"Seek Ye First"

**Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-32

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

VIDEO

"What is Biblical Truth?"

SERMON

"2020 Vision: Biblical Truth"

Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#523

“O Word of God Incarnate”

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,
Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see You face to face!

APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker 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 to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

For faith to act in love and service to people, as we follow Jesus through the seasons and changes of life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace in the midst of conflict rather than freedom from it, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For kind pastors who speak the peace Jesus revealed to us in God's Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who hold positions of public trust in this and every land that all people may live in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the healing of the sick and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For life eternal under God's reign with all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

COMMUNICANT INSTRUCTIONS

CANTICLE (Please stand)

“Thank the Lord”



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #923

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.
- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.