

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 19th 2025 8:00am & 9:30am



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Preparation For Worship: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 121:7-8

Opening Song

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
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And tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Ministry Spotlight

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We live in the season of Pentecost, the time between Jesus' ascension and His return as King of kings. *Genesis 3*

People: For God so loved us that He has made a way for us that we may not perish, but have eternal life.

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."
John 11

People: God is good!

Pastor: All the time!
People: **All the time!**

Pastor: God is good!
People: **Therefore, since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have received access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

Romans 5

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth. Sin entered into the world with the doubt of God. Doubting God, and choosing to not trust God, pain, sorrow, and death came. Sin is choosing a way other than God who is our Way, Truth, and Life. God calls us to choose life. Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in prayer:

People: **You know me, Lord. There is nothing hidden from You. If I stood before You in all Your holiness on Judgment Day, and every secret sin I have committed and every idle word I have spoken came out as evidence I would be utterly guilty before You. So, I turn to You, trusting in Your word, confessing my sin, asking for Your forgiveness and grace. Thank You that You take away the sin of the world, and that includes mine. You have suffered me, loved me, and called me. I know, confess, and forsake my sin, and yield myself to You, Jesus, my Lord and Savior.**

(reflection for confession)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

O God, do not keep silent; do not hold Your peace or be still, O God! Even now Your enemies are in tumult; those who hate You have raised their heads.

Psalms 83:1-2

Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Luke 22:49

Let us pray:

People: Eternal God, I regret my unwillingness to honor Your way. When someone angers me, I want to retaliate. Thank You for showing me Your will. In the midst of hostility, You bring healing. You die for Your enemies. Today, strengthen me to trust You. Show me how to pray for and to bless those who hate. Amen.

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and 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. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Reader: Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

¹ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Sermon Song

Still

**Hide me now under Your wings
Cover me within Your mighty hand**

**When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood**

I will be still and know You are God

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Sermon/Watchword *Talk --- New, Knew, Next* Pr Knoll
Proclaim The Message; Be Persistent Whether The Time Is Favorable Or Unfavorable;
Convince, Rebuke, And Encourage, With The Utmost Patience In Teaching

Prayers of the Church *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the
ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active,
Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: **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**

Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.
Shalom. Shalom.

People: Amen.

Blessing: Child of God, our help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: our service begins!

Closing Song

Jesus Is Alive

**There is now a hope that last beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty
And the stone is rolled away
Praise the risen One Who overcame the grave
All you brokenhearted – all you worn and weak
Come find living water - everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit
Lost and searching – wanting something more
Find the risen King Who overcomes the world**

**Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is alive**

**No more condemnation – no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame – they have no power here
In His resurrection**

**Perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the risen King Who stands in victory**

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SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

Welcome To Worship At Zion. We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The October Mission of the Month is Voice of the Martyrs. See the October newsletter on the shelf outside the church office for more information on this local ministry. Use the Mission Envelopes to support this ministry.

Worship at Zion

Saturday	5:00pm	Chapel Service (<u><i>the 2nd and last Saturday of each month</i></u>)
Sunday	8:00am	Worship
	9:30am	G.I.F.T. Worship
	11:30am	Swahili-English Worship

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