# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025 8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I





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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

# **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

#### ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

All Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily

magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy Spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your

glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

# THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

# THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Lector The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah chapter 31...

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."
But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM 119:97-104

Lector We will read responsively from Psalm 119...

Lector Oh, how I love your law! All the day long it is in my mind.

People Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,

and it is always with me.

Lector I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

People I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

Lector I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

People I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me. Lector How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

People Through your commandments I gain understanding;

therefore I hate every lying way.

## THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Lector The Second Reading is taken from 2nd Timothy chapters 3 and 4...

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Please stand as able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**SERMON** *Please be seated.* The Rev. Whitney Burton

**NICENE CREED** Please stand as able.

People We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,

People We pray to you.

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; St. Giles', Pinellas Park; St. Matthew's, St. Petersburg; St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Petersburg; St. Thomas', St. Petersburg, and St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

People We pray to you.

Lector And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

People We pray to you.

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

People We pray to you.

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. (*Pause.*) God of Light and Life,

People We pray to you.

Lector

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given for the glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthday this coming week of Peter Dabrowski and Carolyn Hughes, and the anniversary of Garry and Jen Lumm. God of Light and Life,

People

We pray to you.

Lector

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. (*Pause.*) We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

People

We pray to you.

Lector

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People

AMEN.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Please be seated.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And with thy spirit.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all

places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Celebrant says a proper preface

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we

laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand, as you choose.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. AMEN.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
 Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION Lied Gordon Young
(1919–1998)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand as able.

Celebrant announces the blessing.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

The Thirty-second Psalm

Benedetto Marcello (1686 – 1739)

# **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant The Rev. Whitney Burton

Organist Tom Huffman

Crucifer/Chalicist Cheryl Sharpe

Lector London Bates

Prayers of the People Cheryl Sharpe

Ushers Joe and Betty Lombardo



# PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

Lynne H, Sue S, Mariah W, Dolly P, Butch N, Joe M, Liz N, Allison W, David B, Breanna B, Pat B, Elaine H, Daviel B, Sarah R, David Q, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Enez P, Sean E, Dan D and family, Rita W, Sonny, Mary Ann W, Ed S and family, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Michelle S, Bonnie S, Gloria S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, the people of Ukraine, Jim T, Mark and Maryellen, and Kam M.



## **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

Birthdays – Peter Dabrowski and Carolyn Hughes

**Anniversary** - Garry and Jen Lumm

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cursillo Meeting** - will gather after both services today in the Patio Room. Past and future Cursillistas are invited to attend.

**Daughters of the King** – will meet next Sunday, October 26th, from 11:30 to 1 PM in the Lounge

**Stewardship Kickoff & Volunteer Appreciation Celebration** – will be on All Saints' Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be one combined service at 9 AM followed by a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration in Kirk Hall.

**Book Club** – will meet on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Patio Room to discuss *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill. All are invited to participate.

**Murder Mystery Party** – melodrama in Margaritaville! All participants have their roles. If you are interested in joining in the fun, today is the absolute deadline. Costumes are encouraged! Snacks and clues are provided, and you are encouraged to Bring Your Own Beverage. The mystery will unfold this Friday, October 24 from 6 to 9 PM.

**Concert at St. Alfred's** – 4 PM today at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church in Palm Harbor. Music for Cello and Organ will be a tribute to local organists Robert Shone and Mark Prater who died recently.

**Dunedin Cares** – Today is our collection donation day. Our next collection donation day is Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping our community by bringing items urgently needed, such as pasta, sauce, condiments, rice, and cereal.