



**TEACHING THE UNCHANGING TRUTH OF GOD'S SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE**

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**Meeting Times**

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM
Bible Study	9:45 AM

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 20, 2019**

**W**elcome! If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the “guest register” in the back of the sanctuary so that we might better get to know and serve you.

- **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall and a baby changing station is located in the Women's bathroom in the Preschool wing.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, you may use the entryway couch area.

## **In Nomine Jesu Order of Service**

**Prelude: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”**

**Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 – 1748)**

**Opening Hymn #340: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**P.:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C.:** **And also with you.**

P.: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C.: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P.: Is this your confession? Then answer: Yes.

**C.: Yes.**

P.: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C.: Amen.**

P.: Let us pray: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C.: Amen.**

## First Lesson

**Amos 6:1-7**

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,  
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
you notable men of the foremost nation,  
to whom the people of Israel come!

<sup>2</sup>Go to Calneh and look at it;  
go from there to great Hamath,  
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.

Are they better off than your two kingdoms?  
Is their land larger than yours?

<sup>3</sup>You put off the evil day  
and bring near a reign of terror.

<sup>4</sup>You lie on beds inlaid with ivory  
and lounge on your couches.

You dine on choice lambs  
and fattened calves.

<sup>5</sup>You strum away on your harps like David  
and improvise on musical instruments.

<sup>6</sup>You drink wine by the bowlful  
and use the finest lotions,  
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;  
your feasting and lounging will end.

(NIV 1984)

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 146 on page 120 in your hymnals**

## **Second Lesson**

## **1 Timothy 6:6-16**

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. (NIV 1984)

*Please stand for the Gospel Lesson*

## **Gospel Lesson**

## **Luke 16:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

<sup>25</sup> “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup> “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup> “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup> “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

<sup>31</sup> “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

(NIV 1984)

## **Nicene Creed**

### **Confess Together**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*Please be seated*

**Hymn #347: “Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be”**

**Sermon Text: Amos 6:1-7**

**Sermon Theme: “*Foolish Boasting*”**

**Offering**

**Offertoire: “Air” Henry Purcell (1658 – 1695)**

**Thank Offering Prayer**

**Intercessory Prayers**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Lord’s Supper**

**Communion Meditation: “Adagietto”**

**Stanley Vann (2001)**



**P.:** Let us pray: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving-kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C.: Amen.**

**P.:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with His favor and give you peace.

**C.: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #469: “Take My Life and Let It Be”**

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude: “Toccata”**

**Andreas Willscher (2007)**



## **Announcements:**

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Rose Marie Lenz for blessings received.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY: 28**

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

**Chronic pain or illness** – Carroll and Evelyn Lothar; Carolynn Perkins; Lois Montesano; Tammie Mueller; David Schield; Manny Vega (brother-in-law of Allan Champlain); John Saylor; Rose Marie Lenz; Allan Champlain; Laura Reilly; Nancy Morgan-Keiser; Renoda Dogs; Colleen Udakin and her son Brad; Ray Renner; Marian Schadler; Art Stiemke; Linda Johnson; Carolyn Gumm; and Pastor LeRoy Martin

**In Rehab:** JoAnn Miller

**In the Hospital:** Earl Zastrow

**Death of a loved one:** Allan Champlain and family as they mourn the passing of his brother, David.

We were able to send \$215.00 to **WELS Christian Aid and Relief** to help them assist those who were afflicted by Hurricane Dorian.

### **FELLOWSHIP AND SERVING**

**Volunteers for this week:** *Ushers:* Eric Roth (C) & Richard Dettmann *Counters:* Cynthia Champlain & Marlys Stolt *Fellowship:* Alice Hayes *Communion Set-Up:* Marge Dettmann

**Volunteers for next week:** *Ushers:* Jim Smith (C) & Cindy Smith *Counters:* Cynthia Champlain & Marlys Stolt *Fellowship:* Cynthia Champlain

**Wednesday morning Bible class** is studying the book of Hebrews, which describes the “heroes of faith” and points out attention to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Bible class is held Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Join us.

**The Sunday Bible class** is studying the life of Moses and the Children of Israel as the Lord leads them from Egypt to the Promised Land.

The next **Women's Ministry** meeting will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am!

Once again it is time to collect for our **LWMS Mission Fund**. This money helps missions around the world and here at home that are not funded by the WELS budget. Mite boxes, cash or checks will be collected until October 27<sup>th</sup>. Give them to Lois Zastrow or put them in the Women's Ministry mailbox. Checks must be made out to Bethany Lutheran Church and marked for LWMS.

Thanks, Lois

Dear Bethany Family,

Last Sunday's outpouring of love, appreciation, and affection really took me by surprise. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your expressions of Christian love. The words spoken, cards, and gifts will be cherished for the rest of my life. I do not consider you a congregation. I consider you family – brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you so very much for your love and expressions of concern, care, and appreciation. It is my prayer that the Lord God richly bless each and every one of you with His boundless love and grace.

Jesus loves you and so do I.  
Pastor Alan W. Gumm

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