



**“HAVE SALT IN  
*yourselves,*  
AND BE AT  
PEACE WITH  
*one another.*”**

**MARK 9:50, ESV**

**September 30, 2018**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Cares for Us and Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins. When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that “the burden of all this people” was too heavy for him and that he was “not able to carry all this people alone” (Num. 11:11–14). So the Lord had Moses gather “seventy men of the elders of Israel” (Num. 11:16), and the Lord “took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders” (Num. 11:25), so that Moses would not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39–41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42–48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they “pray for one another,” that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers “a multitude of sins” and saves our souls from death (James 5:15–20).

**Preservice Music**     **Please sing along with us!**  
***“Bringing in the Sheaves”***

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

**Refrain: Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,**  
**We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (Repeat)**

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter’s chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. **Refrain x2**

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,  
Tho’ the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
When our weeping’s over, He will bid us welcome,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. **Refrain x2**

### ***“It Is No Secret What God Can Do”***

The chimes of time ring out the news; Another day is through.  
Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you?  
You may have longed for added strength, your courage to renew.  
Do not be disheartened, for I have news for you:

**Refrain: It is no secret what God can do.**

**What He’s done for others, He’ll do for you.**

**With arms wide open, He’ll pardon you.**

**It is no secret what God can do.**

There is no night, for in His light you’ll never walk alone.  
Always feel at home wherever you may roam.  
There is no power can conquer you, while God is on your side.  
Just take Him at His promise. Don’t run away and hide. **Refrain**

### ***“Love Lifted Me”***

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me. Now safe am I.

**Refrain: Love lifted me! Loved lifted me!**

**When nothing else could help Love lifted me! (Repeat)**

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I’ll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing;  
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul’s best songs,  
Faithful loving service, too, To Him belongs. **Refrain x2**

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves,  
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves;  
He’s the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;  
He your Saviour wants to be – Be saved today. **Refrain x2**

### ***“This Little Light of Mine”***

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

I've got the light of grace, I'm gonna let it shine  
I've got the light of grace, I'm gonna let it shine,  
I've got the light of grace, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

We've got the light of love, We're gonna let it shine,  
We've got the light of love, We're gonna let it shine,  
We've got the light of love, We're gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

## **Ringin' of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

### **Opening Hymn**

#### ***"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.

**Refrain: I love to tell the story;**  
**'Twill be my theme in glory**  
**To tell the old, old story**  
**Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story; More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies Of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story; It did so much for me,  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story, 'Tis 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. **Refrain**

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,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. **Refrain**

## **Invocation and Confession of Sins** (Please rise)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Bible says that if we don't confess our sins and our Savior, we won't be forgiven.

But, if we confess both of them, God will forgive us of all our sins.

So, I ask each of you, do you confess your sins that you have committed in your life?

Do you confess Jesus died on the cross, suffering hell there, to forgive you all of your sins?

And will you ask the Holy Spirit, to help you gratefully become more like Jesus?

Then, answer, "Yes!"

**C: "YES!"**

P: I, as your pastor, sent by God, announce to you that your sins are all forgiven for Jesus'

sake, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

## **Hymn of Praise**

***"Standing on the Promises"*** (Please be seated)

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!

Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;

"Glory in the highest!" I will shout and sing,

Standing on the promises of God.

**Refrain:**

**Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;**

**Standing, Standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,

When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God I shall prevail,

Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

Standing on the promises, I now can see

Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;

Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,

Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

Standing on the promises, I cannot fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my All in All,  
Standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

**Old Testament                      Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup> 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!  
<sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup> But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> 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.' <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup> 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!”

## **Epistle                    James 5:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. <sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. <sup>12</sup> But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore

its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> 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.

## **Gospel**                    **Mark 9:38-50** (Please rise)

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

<sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> “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. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>47</sup> 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, <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> 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.”

## **Apostles’ Creed**

### **Memory Verse** (Please be seated)

“We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

## **Sermon Hymn**

### ***“He Touched Me”***

Shackled by a heavy burden  
“Neath a load of guilt and shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.

**Refrain: He touched me - O, He touched me  
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know  
He touched me, and made me whole.**

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise Him,  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls. **Refrain**

**Sermon** *"Table, Sea, and Spirit Salt"* Numbers 11:4-6, 25; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:50

**Offerings** *"Give Me That Old Time Religion"*

**Chorus: Give me that old time religion,  
Give me that old time religion,  
Give me that old time religion,  
It's good enough for me.**

It was good for the Hebrew children, It was good for the Hebrew children,  
It was good for the Hebrew children, And it's good enough for me. **Chorus**

It was good for our fathers, It was good for our fathers,  
It was good for our fathers, And it's good enough for me. **Chorus**

It will carry us to heaven, It will carry us to heaven,  
It will carry us to heaven, And it's good enough for me. **Chorus**

**Response Hymn**

***"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"***

I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong.  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk let me walk close to Thee.

**Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Thru this world of toils and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares None but thee dear Lord, none but Thee.

**Refrain**

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. **Refrain**

### **Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, help Your children to rejoice in the work of the Spirit wherever He pours out His gifts, giving all the glory to You and Your boundless love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of glory, continue to raise up those who assist Your ministers in bearing the burden of caring for Your people with their prayers, their service and their support. Enable all ministers of the Word to proclaim Your Law and promises with faithfulness and zeal. Put an end to all grumbling against one another, and help us remember that the Judge is standing at the door. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember in mercy all who have strayed from the life of Your Church and Your truth, and use us to bring them back to You. Give us a godly fear of the grave danger of causing Your little ones, by our words or deeds, to stumble and fall from You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

To Your kindness we commend all who have been entrusted with public service in our land. Keep them ever mindful that they will give account to You. Protect them from every impulse to serve self and to live in luxury or self-indulgence. Fill them with Your wisdom, and make them a blessing to our people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of all compassion, You call us to patient waiting in our lives until the coming of our Lord, when we know You will restore us fully. Bless those who pass through trying and difficult times [especially Your servants at Zion...] with steadfast faith in Your mercy and compassion and a cheerful hope for their future. Bless all ministry to the sick or suffering in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us with Spirit salt that You season us with in the Word of God, the blood of Christ, the favor of our heavenly Father, and the power of the Spirit to share with still many more who are given to impatience with their lives, and who need You to work pour out Your Spirit salt through us Your children.

God of life, receive our thanks on this day for all Your servants who finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Bring us to share with them Your unending life on the day of the Savior's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray... **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### **Blessing**

P: The Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed, bless you and guide and strengthen you, by the Holy Spirit, that you may faithfully serve and live this day in love for God and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### ***"When We All Get to Heaven"***

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

**Refrain: When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory.**

While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh. **Refrain**

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Postlude**

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Elder/Reader</b>	Jack Traub
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>Guitarist</b>	Randy Laurenz
<b>Greeters</b>	Gertie Schomaker & Karen Seeburger
<b>A/V</b>	Brad Pinet
<b>Ushers</b>	Marc Pinet, Mike Hingston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Michelle & Troy Beyersdorf

## **Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

Attendance last week – 81 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$3,167 = Loose Plate \$52, Envelopes \$2,691, Mission \$55, Maintenance \$200, Misc \$170; Cap Prj. \$5.

Thank you to the **Sunday School Students of St. Peter Lutheran** who donated a portion (\$70) of what they raised at their rock painting event at Sawdust Days to God’s Helping Hands!

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday** ~ Oct 5- Nicholas Coulter; Oct 6- Kathy Clapp; Oct 8- Ruth Shields (her 88<sup>th</sup>); Oct 9- Suzanne Carroll, Don Schomaker (his 84<sup>th</sup>), Melvin Winslow (his 89<sup>th</sup>).

**Resources for Rachel** ~ Door offering will be taken next Sunday following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”.

**From Time to Eternity: Waiting for the Resurrection** ~ Sunday, October 14, at 4:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, MI. This event will feature hymns that focus on God’s precious promises in the midst of our present pain while we wait for the perpetual paradise of life of the world to come, hymns by such writers as Martin Luther and Johann Walter. This event will feature a mass choir made up of members of area churches. All are invited to attend.

### **Heavenly vision**

Known as the “queen of gospel song writers,” Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) wrote more than 9,000 Christian hymns, including “Blessed Assurance” and “Safe in the Arms of Jesus.” Blind from a young age, she developed a love for poetry and Scripture, memorizing about five chapters of the Bible each week. Crosby was the first woman to speak in the U.S. Senate, lobbying to support education for the blind. She also was an abolitionist who made friends with several presidents.

A well-meaning pastor once told Crosby, “It is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you.”

She responded that her blindness was a blessing she wouldn’t wish away. “When I get to heaven,” Crosby said, “the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.”