



**Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School**  
**Grafton, WI**  
**October 12, 2025**

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Today's Focus:** The Holy Spirit equips us to bear the fruit of good deeds in unique ways and to unique individuals as part of our life of sanctified stewardship.

### **Stewardship from God's Word:** 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Paul concludes his appeal to the Corinthians with encouragement that God will bless their generosity. Not only do generous gifts bless others, but they also produce a harvest of righteousness that results in thanksgiving to God. There is great power in the simplest acts of generosity. Generosity fosters gratitude to God on the part of the giver and the receiver. That gratitude is multiplied as people praise God for the obedience that accompanies our confession of the gospel of Christ. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Welcome!**

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## O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

CW 751

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

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.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

For you a -

lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,  
with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his  
peo-ple on earth.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Genesis 8:15–22*

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup>Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>“As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 111A LORD, I Must Praise You

Psalm 111A

*Vocalists will sing Psalm 111A.*

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10–15

<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup>This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup>And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple/Arr. Jane Hostein

*Anthem sung by the choir.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred let me bring your love.*

*Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord*

*And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek*

*So much to be consoled as to console*

*To be understood as to understand*

*To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Stand

## **Gospel**

Luke 17:11–19

<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

**Sermon**

Luke 17:11–19

**Offering Cleansing to Modern Day Lepers**

*Space is provided for you to take notes during the sermon.*

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Eternal God, you are the Father of all whom you have made and you protect and preserve all your human creatures. You create the times and places in which people live, you cause the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the just and unjust, you bid us to hold in our hearts not only those we know and love, but all people in all places and circumstances.

**Hear us, Lord, as we pray.**

Lead us to see in the lives of all people the working of your eternal plan. Preserve us from an arrogance that elevates our service and sacrifice above that of others. Lead us to appreciate the gifts you give to all people and to give you thanks with our acceptance and humility.

**Hear us, Lord, as we pray.**

For all the descendants of Adam and Eve, for all peoples and nations, those in lands far away from us, those who differ from us in race, language, and culture, that in some way they might come to see the light of your Son;

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

For those who bring food from the earth, who tend flocks and herds, who cultivate the ground, who find food in the sea, and who bake our daily bread, that they may know you, as we do, to be the giver of every good and perfect gift;

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

For those who help us in times of trouble, for lawyers, doctors, emergency workers, counselors, funeral directors, and all whose life interests focus on difficult times, that they may see themselves as those who extend your divine hand to the hurting;

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

For all who support us day by day, often without our notice, janitors and maids, cooks and servers, secretaries and technicians, and so many more, that they may enjoy the grateful thanks we children of God owe them;

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

For people who live in great poverty or endure war and political unrest or experience oppression and tyranny, that their quest for security might lead them to search where you may be found.

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

For those who endure physical and mental afflictions every day and those who are tortured by disease and tormented by fears. [Especially we pray for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Let them find in us Christ-like compassion and meaningful help;

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

For all in our congregations who work hard each day to gain their daily bread and then work hard again to support and participate in the gospel ministry, that they may be spared fatigue and frustration as they use their leisure time for the sake of your Son;

**For these we pray, O Lord.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Eternal Father, give us a sense of purpose as we live our lives in the roles you have designed for each of us. Help us to see your divine plan in our calling and make us content as we carry out our tasks. Give us joy to know that we live for you and for others as the servants of Christ Jesus.

**In his name we pray. Amen.**

## Offering

*Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:*

**Give In person:** The offering is collected during each service.

**Give with the App:** Download the *Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement* app, search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".

**Give Online** [Oursaviorgraffton.org/give](https://Oursaviorgraffton.org/give).



## God of Grace and God of Glory

CW 770

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Blessing

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 favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Lord, You Call Us as Your People

CW 736 sts. 1, 4-5

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## Who We Are

Institutional Ministries (IM) helps those who are either physically or emotionally behind walls. We serve people in hospitals, mental health centers, extended care centers, jails, prisons, and those returning to society. We also provide caring support to those suffering behind unseen walls. This includes Frontline workers struggling with moral injury and PTSD and anyone struggling with addiction or emotional trauma.

About 85% of those we serve have no church or do not know their LORD. As a result, most of what we do is raw mission work. Most of the people we serve are walking in darkness, far away from our Lord. We pray that as we bring the gospel message, the Holy Spirit will shine the light of Christ into their hearts.

The goal of IM chaplains is to provide a loving, compassionate presence for people facing difficult challenges in life, building a relationship/trust bridge by which we can bring the saving Gospel of Christ into their hearts and lives. Our behind-the-walls ministry is divided into these four areas:

<b>CORRECTIONAL CARE</b> Prisons   Jails   GraceLinks			<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Hospitals   Mental Health Facilities
<b>EXTENDED CARE</b> Nursing Homes   Hospice Rehabilitation Centers			<b>CARING SUPPORT</b> Addiction Recovery   Frontline Workers   Returning Citizens

**Our Ministry Partners:** Institutional Ministries exists because of individuals, congregations, and foundations who have a passion for helping hurting souls and desire to support our work. We do not receive funds through the WELS synodical budget. We are an affiliated ministry, formed to function alongside WELS and to offer services not provided by WELS. We are in the process of incorporating WELS Prison Ministry into our work program and budget. Our tagline and mission statement express the symbolism behind our logo while also highlighting the very heart of our ministry.

**Tagline:** *Shining the light of Jesus' love on the walled-in souls of our communities!*

**Mission Statement:** *To provide direction, comfort, and hope by shining the light of Jesus' love on the walled-in souls of our communities!*

**May the Lord continue to bless our efforts to let the "Light of the world" shine behind the walls.**