

Sunday Worship Service – October 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost

With One Voice – Holy Communion – Bread of Life, Setting 5 (p.28-41)

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Words of Welcome

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Statement

Introduction to the Theme of the Bible Readings¹

Finding hope in hopeless situations challenges us on our journeys of life and faith, but today's Bible readings lift examples of people who did just that. Ten outcasts with leprosy are welcomed into health and wholeness when they cry out to Jesus for mercy, even though only one of them returns to give thanks. Hope binds us to God's promises.

Thanksgiving for Baptism²

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, (*pouring water into font*)
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word
you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

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and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
 Shower us with your Spirit,
 and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
 To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WOV #719 Gathering Hymn “God Is Here” (v.1-2,4)

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
 may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
 keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive;
 we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

p.28 **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

p.28 **Kyrie**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

p.29 **Hymn of Praise “Glory to God”**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
 glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,**

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day*

**O God of compassion,
through the witness of a captive maidservant you healed Naaman in the
waters of the Jordan. Through Jesus you healed the lepers. Heal us, in body,
mind and spirit, so that we may follow Christ with joy, giving thanks with all
our being. Amen.**

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

In this reading from 2 Kings, Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

A reading from 2 Kings, the 5th chapter:

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great officer and highly esteemed. It was at Naaman's hand that God gave a victory to Aram. Naaman was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease.

Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "I wish that Naaman could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure Naaman of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me." When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, Elisha sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel." Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean."

But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the prophet of God had said. His skin was restored and became clean like that of a youth. Naaman returned to the prophet of God with all his attendants. He came and stood before Elisha, saying, "Now I know for certain that there's no God anywhere on earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111 - Praise God!

I thank God with all my heart in the company of those who do right,

in the congregation.

The works of God are magnificent;

they are treasured by all who desire them.

God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness stands forever.

God is famous for God's wondrous works.

God is full of mercy and compassion.

God gives food to those who honor God.

God remembers God's covenant forever.

God proclaimed God's powerful deeds to God's people

and gave them what had belonged to other nations.

God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy—

they are established always and forever:

they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.

God sent redemption for God's people;

God commanded that God's covenant last forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name!

The love of God is where wisdom begins;

sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws. God's praise lasts forever!

p.31 **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

In the gospel reading, Jesus' mission includes making people clean again.

Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus entered a village, ten people with leprosy approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When Jesus saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. One of them, realizing what had happened, that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice, then fell down at Jesus' feet and thanked him. This person was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

ELWB #840 Hymn of the Day *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

1. **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
2. **Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**
3. **All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

A Contemporary Creed

We believe in God, creator of infinite wisdom and power,
whose love points the direction of the universe
and whose concern is for all of us.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

Jesus is the true gift of love, the reason for our hope,
and the promise of forgiveness and eternal life.

We trust Jesus.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us,
keeping us aligned to the truth of scripture and the example of Jesus.

We believe that our relationship to God is born out of grace
and acted out through deeds of love and mercy
through the church of Christ.

We can experience the true love of God in prayer, the sacraments,
the Word, and the companionship of all believers.

We desire that the realm of God would come to all people
and the joy of Christ would be ours forever. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession³

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and
all creation. Prayer petitions will end with "God of grace" and the
congregation is invited to respond by saying: **"receive our prayer."**

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your
word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word
of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water
the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities,

³ <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources#texts>

and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing (especially). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

p.35 **Offertory**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

p.35 **Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Thanksgiving Communion Liturgy

As the seed which was scattered to all corners of the field comes together
to make bread on our table,

**So God's people gather from all corners of the world to share the great
banquet of thankfulness and hope.**

At God's table there are no divisions.

At God's table all are welcome to share in the bounty of abundant life.

Here at God's table we join with all who seek to follow The Way.

Here we taste God's grace. Here we know that God is good.

The Spirit of the Living God be with you all

And also with you.

In this harvest season we pause to give thanks to God.

It is a good thing to give thanks for all God has given us.

God of growth, God of harvest, God of gifts, God of blessings,
here we pause to give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

**For the fruit of the earth, for the food on our tables,
for the love of our family of faith around the world.**

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair,
for the possibility of peace in a world torn apart by violence,

For these, and many other things, we offer our thanks and praise.

Remembering

In the middle of our thankfulness we give special thanks for a person from
Nazareth, Jesus, the one we call Christ.

Child of Mary, child of grace, Jesus came to teach about the wonders of your love. Jesus came to break down the walls of division among your people.

As Jesus ate with the despised and the least of this world Jesus showed us what the glorious banquet of life could be like.

We give thanks for Jesus' witness and commitment to The Way.

We give thanks for Jesus' healing of broken spirits and broken bodies.

We give thanks for Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Here, now, as we gather at the table to which Jesus calls us,
we remember another table long ago and far away.

At that table Jesus gathered with friends to tell again the ancient story of liberation from bondage.

Words of Institution

In that same night, in which he was betrayed,

Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,

Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the covenant in my blood,

Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Transforming

May the presence of the Spirit make this meal an occasion of transformation for we who gather to eat it together.

Creator, our Source of Love;

Christ, Love Incarnate;

Spirit, Love's flowing power

be praised, now and forever. Amen.

p.39 **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Communion *(for online worshippers)*

Communion Distribution

p.39 ***Lamb of God***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELWB #483 Communion Hymn “Here is Bread”

1. **Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.**

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: **In the bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

In this moment by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

2. **Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.**

Know His grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain)

3. **Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.**

We’ll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain)

Communion Blessing

p.40 **Post Communion Canticle**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God,

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Prayer after communion⁴

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

A Thanksgiving Blessing⁵

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as you reflect on what you have received.

May thanksgiving overflow in your hearts and be proclaimed in your prayers.

May the harvest of your good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

May your basket of blessings surprise you with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.

May you be open, willing, and ready to share your blessings with others.

May you never forget the Generous One who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.

In the name of the + Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

WOV #721 Sending Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

⁴ <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources#texts>

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1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."
4. "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Sending

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sources:

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