

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Jesus Is My Lord"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

All: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Liturgist: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

**All: So, sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Declare his glory among the nations, and his marvelous deeds among
all peoples.**
Psalm 19:1-4; 96:1-3

* **All Singing: 372 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 610 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing
before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
All: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Liturgist: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
All: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Liturgist: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. *Psalm 19:7-9*

**All: Lord, have mercy. Forgive us for not trusting your will and way.
Forgive us for pride in our own wisdom and confidence in our own strength.
Forgive us for clinging to position and privilege as if it was our own doing.
Lord, have mercy.**

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: Everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by Christ. I didn't want any petty inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ – God's righteousness!
Philippians 3:8-9 - The Message

* **All Singing: 175 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

BAPTISM OF NATHAN STEVEN VRYHOF

Minister: Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Nathan Steven be baptized?

Parents: We do.
All: With joy we celebrate together the gift of God's grace in Christ!

Minister: In presenting your child for baptism, desiring that Nathan Steven be grafted into Christ as members of his body do you receive the teachings of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Creeds of the church?

Parents: Yes! We trust in him as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, trusting in his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, with God's help as long as we shall live.

Minister: Will the congregation please stand and with these parents proclaim your faith using the words from the Apostle's Creed.

All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

COVENANT VOWS
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
BAPTISM
WELCOME

Minister: Some of us will have the privilege of encouraging Nathan Steven often, over the course of many years. Others of us may not be able to do so. Yet we all speak words of promise and welcome, speaking on behalf of Christ's whole church, in time and space, and committing ourselves to live lives of Christian encouragement wherever God calls us.

Brothers and sisters, we now receive Nathan Steven into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love him and to assist him to be Christ's faithful disciple.

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you, Nathan Steven, into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Soloist: "You Cannot Lose my Love" Groves

You will lose your baby teeth. At times, you'll lose your faith in me.
You will lose a lot of things, but you cannot lose my love.
You may lose your appetite, your guiding sense of wrong and right.
You may lose your will to fight, but you cannot lose my love.
You will lose your confidence, in times of trial, your common sense.
You may lose your innocence, but you cannot lose my love.
Many things can be misplaced; your very memories be erased.
No matter what the time or space, you cannot lose my love.
You cannot lose, you cannot lose, you cannot lose my love.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing: 755 "Speak, O Lord"**

Scripture: Philippians 3:4-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Dynamis*

* **All Singing: 251 "The Church's One Foundation"**
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

Dedication

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. World Renew

OFFERTORY "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

arr. Robert Powell

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Sending


* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “The Church’s One Foundation” arr. D. Hustad

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Adam Post
Prelude Pianist:	Sarah Rinckenberger	Liturgist:	Jim Achterhof
Vocalist:	Aron Reppmann	Prayer:	Mark Friesen
Soloist:	Marjie Coleman		
Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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