

Prayers of the Church

**Offering** *(During this time of pandemic, both children’s and adult offering baskets are placed at the entrance of the sanctuary so that gifts can be given directly, without physical contact)*



Offertory Prayer

L: God of abundance,  
C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution  
+Lord’s Prayer  
+Distribution Hymn      *Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue*      ELW#644  
+Blessing

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*      ELW#543

**Sending:**      P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
                  C: Thanks be to God!

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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*  
*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”*

Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021; 9:30 am      Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Special Music      *Oh Be Careful*      Children’s Choir

Confession and Forgiveness      ELW p. 94

Opening Hymn      *God is Here!*      ELW#526 (vss. 1-3)

Prayer of the Day (All)

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

First Lesson      Genesis 2:18-24      Janet Andersen

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Alleluia Verse

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512

Gospel

Mark 10:2-9

Pastor Greg Johnson

(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” (Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

Children’s Sermon / Bible Presentation

Mary Lee

Sermon

“One Voice”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all - Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
‘Til on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid - Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; ‘Til He returns or  
calls me home - Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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**