
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Opening Hymn #784 WS
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis

♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

1. Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King

2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within

3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The First Lesson – Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Psalm of the Day- Psalm 121

*Antiphon – Keep me, keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me,
hide me in the shadow of Your wings.*

I will lift up my eyes | to the hills-*

From whence | comes my help?

My help comes | from the Lord,*

Who made heaven | and earth.

He will not allow your foot | to be moved;*

He who keeps you will not | slumber.

Behold, He who keeps | Israel*

Shall neither slumber | nor sleep.

Antiphon – Keep me, keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade at your | right hand.*

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the | moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all | evil;*

He shall pre- | serve your soul.

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your | coming in*

From this time forth, and even for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon – Keep me, keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

The Second Lesson – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Verse of the Day – Luke 18:8

Alleluia. I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Alleluia.

The Gospel – Luke 18:1-8

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

The Alleluia

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith ***The 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.**

Hymn of the Day #524

In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust

1. In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust;
Leave me not helpless in the dust,
Let me not be confounded.
Let in Thy Word My faith, O Lord,

Be always firmly grounded.

2. Bow down Thy gracious ear to me
And hear my cries and prayers to Thee,
Haste Thee for my protection;
For woes and fear Surround me here.
Help me in mine affliction.

3. My God and Shield, now let Thy power
Be unto me a mighty tower
Whence bravely I defend me
Against the foes That round me close.
O Lord, assistance lend me.

4. Thou art my Strength, my Shield, my Rock,
My Fortress that withstands each shock,
My Help, my Life, my Treasure.
Whate'er the rod, Thou art my God;
Naught can resist Thy pleasure.

5. The world for me has falsely set
Full many a secret snare and net
To tempt me and to harm me.
Lord, make them fail, Do Thou prevail,
Let their disguise not charm me.

6. With Thee, Lord, have I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To Thee my soul commending.
Lord, be my Stay, Lead Thou the way
Now and when life is ending.

7. All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,

Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We'll run our race
Till we depart victorious.

Sermon Text – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Sermon

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

Offertory

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

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

P: Jacob wrestled with You, O Lord, and would not depart without a blessing. Grant us the blessing of Your grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of Your Word. Give us patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom.

**1. God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord. ...**

P: Almighty God, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg You to keep the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles [*including* _____].

**In the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.**

P: Heavenly Father, guide and protect all families. Grant that husbands and wives might live in faithfulness to each other. Bless mothers with child, all children and all who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith.

**2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory
With the Father ever one; ...**

P: Gracious Lord, teach us to pray with persistence because You love us, always provide for us and promise to give justice to Your elect who cry out to You day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with You but trusts that You remain in control. Do not let us go until You have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ.

**Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.**

P: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give faithfulness to pastors, that they may bear witness to the appearing and kingdom of Christ, who will judge the living and the dead. Instill in them patience and sober-mindedness, that they may rebuke, reprove and exhort all sinners with sound teaching. Grant preachers and hearers a fervent desire for the truth of Your Word, that we may not be led astray by our passions.

**3. God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.**

P: Holy One, bless President Trump; the Congress of these United States; Governor Walz; and all elected and appointed officials of government. Guide them to promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people. Give them integrity, that they may serve the highest good with their abilities. Bless those whose sacrificial service regularly protects and defends us here and abroad.

**Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.**

P: Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of ****please stand**** Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.**

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn #294

O Word of God Incarnate

1. O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps
Shines on from age to age.

2. The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.

3. It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass

That o'er life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

4. Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old!
Oh, teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face! Amen.

Silent Prayer

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