SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 19TH PENTECOST

Prelude - "Allegretto from Sonata in A" Sophia Dussek (1775-1831), ed. Anne Marsden Thomas

Welcome | Call to Worship

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Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: ... his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

Children's Choir - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (H. Van Dyke, director Ralph Kendrick)

Brief Order of Confession

Pastor: My friends, in Jesus Christ we have a Lord who knows us and understands the challenges we face. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find the strength we need to move forward in faith. (Hebrews 4)

....silence for reflection...

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we often dismiss the faith that lives within us and wander away from the truth. We are quick to use the gifts of creation without care or concern for those yet to come. We often ignore the struggles, loneliness and vulnerability of others in favor of our own wants and desires. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God who is rich in mercy has revealed his love for us in Jesus Christ. We no longer stand separated from God, but in Christ we receive forgiveness and by the Holy Spirit we are strengthened by his presence. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! | ALL: Amen

Gathering Song - "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" (ELW #632, v. 1 - 4)

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise - "O Christ, Our Hope" (ELW #604, v. 1, 5)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen

Children's Message - Preschool bibles presented

First Reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Acclamation - "Christ, Be Our Light" (ELW #715, refrain only)

Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

Message - Pr. Nate Montover

Hymn of the Day - "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (ELW #579, v. 1-3)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you now and for life everlasting.

Congregation: Amen

Canticle - "How Firm a Foundation" (ELW #796 vs. 1-2)

Announcements | Benediction

Sending Song - "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" (ELW #742)

Dismissal

Pastor: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Congregation: And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

Postlude - "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (Kirk Dearman, arr. Mark Hayes)

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover
Cantor: Laura Lovseth | Organ & Piano: Tracy Qian
Greeters: Paul & Michelle Haas | Ushers: Joan Dutton, Wendy French, Cathy Winch
Tech Team: Ralph Kendrick, Les & Evelyn Beck | Nursery: Jennifer McGowan
Café Hosts: Mary Jo & Roger Carlson | Donut Runner: Larry & Marcia Edwards
Counters: Linda Sundermeyer, Roger Carlson, Evelyn Beck

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Gathering Song "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Hymn of Praise "O CHRIST, OUR HOPE"

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:

All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity, through all eternity!

Gospel Acclamation "CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT"

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Hymn of the Day "LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION"

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

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Canticle "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Sending Song "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Fun Fact:

As a Scottish-born pianist, harpist, and composer who performed widely in London, Sophia Dussek not only performed alongside her husband, but also helped promote the harp as a fashionable salon instrument in England.