



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

11:00 am



Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Order of Worship

= Hymn Number, pp. = Page in front part of "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (ELW)
or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

"Oh the Glory of His Presence" Steve Fry

Oh the glory of Your presence

We Your temple give You rev'rence

Come and rise from Your rest

And be blessed by our praise

As we glory in Your embrace

As Your presence now fills this place

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(stand) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,
C **we can be a stiff-necked people.**
We are not quick to help those in need.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from your guidance.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen

- P** Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
- C** Amen

OPENING SONG

“The Heart of Worship” Matt Redman

**When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart**

**I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus**

**King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath**

**I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus**

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(stand) **GREETING**

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

G **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray...
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.

G **Amen.**

(sit) **FIRST READING..... 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A Word of God, word of life.

G **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TALK

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**
“You are the Living Word”Fred Hammond
Jesus, Jesus, that’s what we call You
Manger born but on a tree
You died to save humanity
You are the Living Word

(stand) **GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8**

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow’s pleas. Jesus is calling God’s people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON Pastor Scott Sessler**

SONG OF THE DAY

“He’s Able” Deitrick Haddon

**Exceedingly
Abundantly
Above all
All you can ask or think
According to
The power
That worketh in you in you**

**God is able to do
Just what He said He would do
He's gonna fulfill every promise to you
Don't give up on God
'Cause He won't give up on you
He's able**

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He's able**

**Oh oh He's able
Oh oh He's able**

**He's able
(REPEAT)**

**Don't give up on God
'Cause He won't give up on you
(REPEAT)
He's able**

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(stand) **APOSTLES' CREED**

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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.**

(stand) **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"

The response is "receive our prayer."

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

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(sit)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

P

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

C

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are in need of your grace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P

The Lord be with you.

C

And also with you.

P

Lift up your hearts.

C

We lift them to the Lord.

P

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

P

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C

Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name.

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

Give us today our daily bread, and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.

In the time of trial lead us into light .

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name, holy is Your name

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

C

Thanks be to God.

(sit)

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Piano Mediations.....LeRoy Kennedy

(stand)

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray...
O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
so others may come to know your love.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P** The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”..... Gary Oliver

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Worthy to receive glory

Worthy to receive honor

Worthy to receive all our praise today

Praise Him

Praise Him and lift Him up

Praise Him

Exalt His name forever

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