

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW 742

GREETING

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

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!

Amen.

Chorus

Precious Jesus loving Savior
Our Redeemer Lord of all
Precious Jesus loving Savior
Grant us everlasting peace

Verse

Lamb of God our help and our salvation
Lamb of God hear our prayer
Grant us everlasting peace
Hear our prayer grant us peace

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

A reading from Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

NEW TESTAMENT 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.

A reading from Second Timothy.

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

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: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. 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 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

(2x)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

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.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, 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 suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

"I Lift My Eyes"

Hans Peterson

Chorus

I lift my eyes to the mountain from where does my help come?
My help comes from our God who made heav'n and earth.

In the scorching sands of dessert there's promise of shade.
In your deepest night a still small voice says don't be afraid.
(Chorus)

In your going and your coming a Guardian is near.
In the face of death the open arms of love appear.
(Chorus)

When it all seems so confusing alone in despair
the cross reveals new hope for life to rise from there.
(Chorus)

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SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.
Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way
Kyrie Eleison ev'ryday

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all,
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Chorus)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Chorus)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
for life and for love for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Chorus)

For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word,
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Chorus)

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- **Today, October 19th, after service** we will be having a **Pastor Appreciation Celebration** in Java Junction. Please join us! There will be a basket in Java Junction to put cards in. The World Needs S'More Pastors Like You, Pastor Phil!
- Sunrise Rotary will be hosting a **German Dinner**. Save the date! **October 24th 5-8 pm**. Tickets will be available soon. Please see a Rotary member or the Church Office to purchase tickets.
- Come support **Elle McGrath on October 26th** as she affirms her baptism. It is also Reformation Sunday so wear red to honor the fire of the Holy Spirit!
- **Welcome to our Thanksgiving Churches Challenge!**
Trinity is aiming to raise **** 700 ** cans** (30 oz. ones) of **Pumpkin Pie Mix/Filling**, any brand. These cans will go to the Community Food Basket to provide **700** Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Please place cans by the Giving Tree. All cans are **due by Sunday, November 2nd**.
- **We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our brand-new Information Kiosk**, commissioned by our Mission and Outreach Committees and beautifully crafted by local artisan Patrick Schmitt. This thoughtfully designed kiosk comes in two functional pieces: a moveable countertop for sign-up sheets, event displays, storage and announcements, and a swivel document stand to hold brochures, pamphlets, forms, and other helpful information. The new Information Kiosk will serve as a central hub where members and visitors can easily connect with opportunities to stay informed and engage more deeply in the life and mission of our church. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Patrick for his craftsmanship and to our committees for their vision and support. Be sure to stop by the kiosk and explore all that's happening in our church community!
- **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** \$20 each. Marj Nelson and Kate Reed have copies available in Java Junction. You can call Marj at 815-973-1286 or Kate at 815-830-2061. You can also pick up a copy at the church office during regular office hours. **Profits go to the Growing Project**.
- **The Giving Tree recipient for October will be cans of Pumpkin Pie Filling** for the **Community Food Basket**. Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others.
- Learn more on **October 26th as Partners in Pride** will be doing a Temple Talk. We look forward to seeing you there! www.mypartnersinpride.com.
- **Trinity Stitchers always welcome new helpers** as they sew and tie quilts, lap quilts and walker bags. They meet downstairs in the sewing room and fellowship hall on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month from **1 to 3 pm**, except for November and December when they meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Come join them for fun and fellowship!
- **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hungerPlease contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.
- Just a reminder that the **Church collects empty Laser Jet Printer Ink Cartridges for recycling**. There is a box in the hallway (on the left) as you enter the Education Building.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Sept Income = \$17,804.96 (Income YTD = \$178,006.79)
- Sept Expense = \$20,714.58 (Expense YTD = \$181,760.11)
- Income Less Expense = -\$2,909.62 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$3,753.32)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Principal Payment = \$1,000.00
- Left On Loan = \$9,187.37

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:

- **Monday (10/20):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (10/21):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
4:30p Property Committee (Conference Room)
6:30p TRMS Board Meeting (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (10/22)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (10/23):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (10/24):** *No Sunrise Rotary*
5p German Dinner by Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (10/25):** 1p Trunk or Treat (North Parking Lot)
- **Sunday (10/26)** *No Affirmation Class*
9a Sunday Session
10a Holy Communion & Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, October 19, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Jane Goetz, Keith Goetz, Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Debbie Guenther</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, October 26, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Sue Williamson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Mary Heider, Sue Williamson</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Katrina Bromann</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>
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