

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 19, $2025 \cdot 10:30$ am

about this community

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship

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.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service.

You are invited to participate throughout the service with the **bold** responses and in all hymns.

GATHERING

prelude Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

welcome Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

introit Salvation to Our God

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto to our God, forever and ever. Amen.

forgiveness

confession and Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. Amen.

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

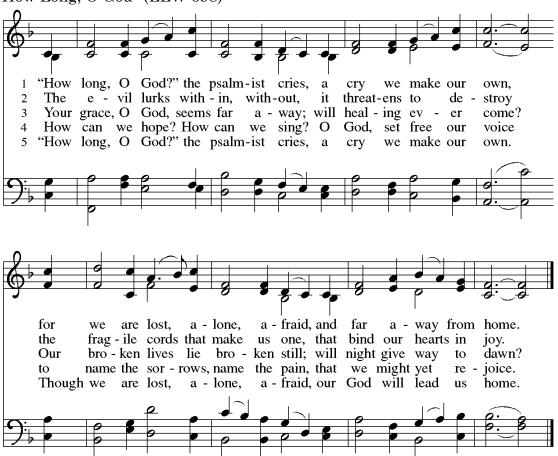
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

+ the sign of the cross is used throughout the service to symbolize the Holy Trinity and Christ's crucifixion—some may choose to cross themselves 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) Jesus, your sins are forgiven! Amen.

gathering hymn

"How Long, O God" (ELW 698)



Text: Ralph F. Smith, 1950-1994

Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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

And also with you.

"Glory to God" (ELW Setting Three) hymn of praise

in the glo-ry



of God the

Fa - ther.

men.

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.

All are seated

children's message

Children are invited forward for a message with Pr. Stephanie

Word

first reading Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

²² 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. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ 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." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 121

Olivia Cresswell (b. 1975)

To the hills I lift my eyes, For there my help is found: Jehovah made the heaven and earth; In Him my hope is bound.

He will not let your foot be moved; He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

He is your shade by day, By night He watches still.

He shall watch your soul; Jehovah will preserve your soul.

Your going out and coming in He keeps you now and evermore.

second reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A reading from Second Timothy.

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.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel Acclamation

gospel acclamation The choir sings the Gospel Acclamation once, all repeat



Syrian Hallelujah

gospel reading Luke 18:1-8

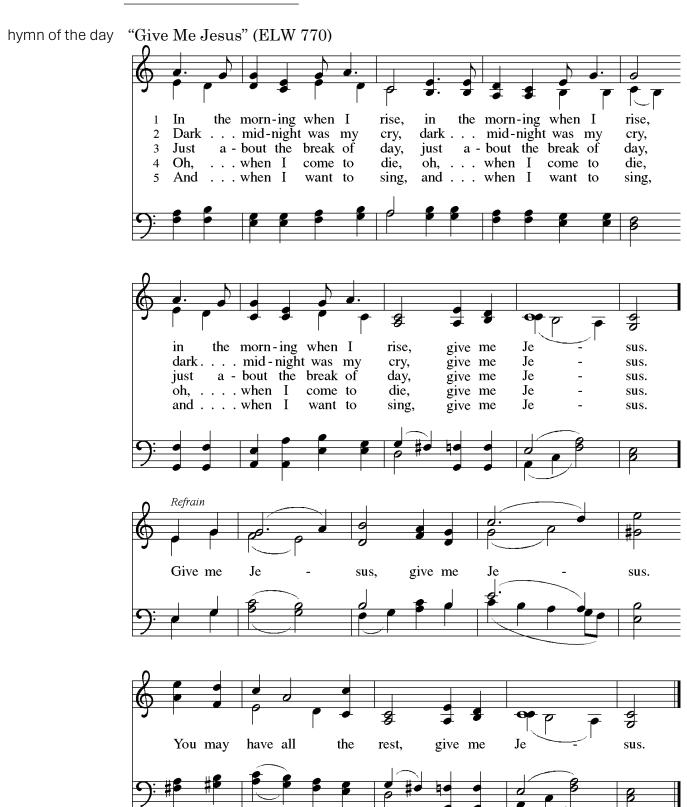
The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 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?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

 $Please\ be\ seated\ for\ the\ Homily$ sermon $Pr.\ Stephanie\ Jaeger$



Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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

The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:

...God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says

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

Amen.

The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

During the passing of the peace, many will shake hands, hug, or simply make a peace sign

After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated

announcements Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements

offering



The offering collected this Sunday supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.

anthem at the offertory Go Not Far From Me, O God

Niccolo Zingarelli (1752-1837)

Go not far from me, far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing Thy glory and honor all day long.

presentation of the offering



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt. Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

The assisting minister leads us in prayer

offering prayer

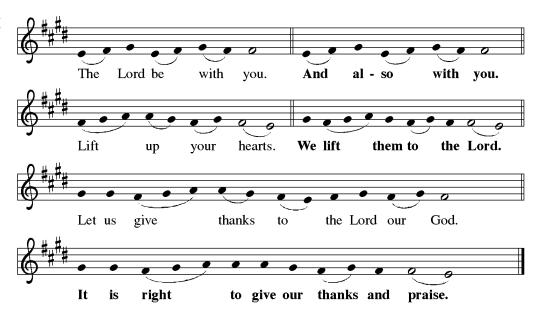
Lord of the harvest,

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.

MEAL

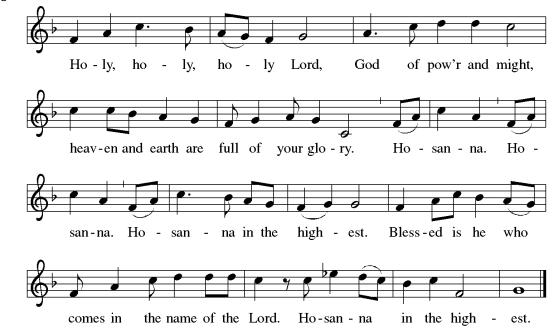
the great thanksgiving



The pastor continues chanting

preface It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

sanctus



thanksgiving at the table

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

the lord's prayer

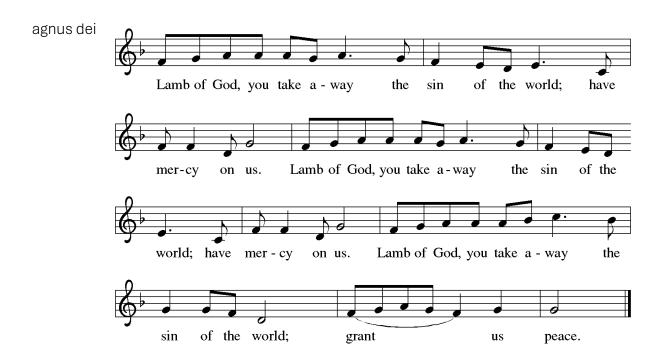
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

invitation to communion

Jesus welcomes all, sinners and saints, and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.



communion hymn

"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" (ELW 402)



- need this day; help me to see your strength I need to serve my God and 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I
 - Come with the vi sion and the strength I need to



on - ly know my need, as deep as life, ask or what to say; Ι pur-pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss; ful - fill - ment of all hu-man - i - ty; my life in love out-poured:



Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996 Music: Plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697 communion hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (ELW 773)



Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993 Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

After communion, all stand and receive the blessing

table blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ + strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

Amen.

The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer

prayer after communion

O God,

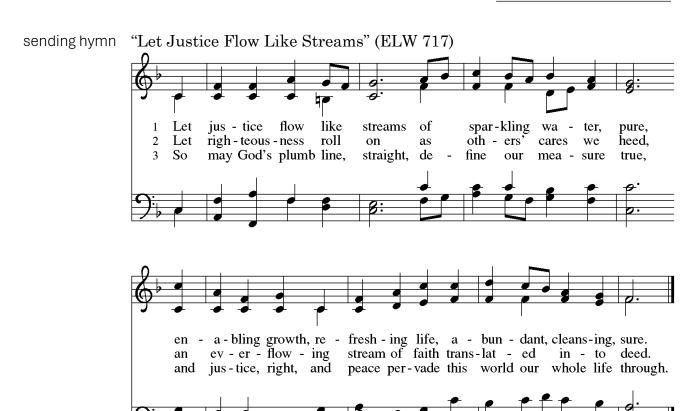
through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, 中 bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926 Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

dismissal Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

postlude on 'St. Thomas'

George Burdett (1856-1943)

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We would love to meet you at Coffee Hour downstairs after the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Assisting Minister Roger Wesby

Organist Trent Whisenant

Altar Guild Lorraine & Richard Schrader

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Livestream Tech Peyton Bloom

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Pat Zulch, Sean Reardon, Barbie Parker, Amy Fittapaldi, Vincent Pizzolo, Gonca Latif-Schmitt and her family, Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Tim Pranschke, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, the family and friends of RT Pranschke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Perry Summerford, Denise Melious, Maria Alvarez Castro, Friends and Family of Phillip Herbst, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Sabina Baker, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Migdalia Jimenez, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, Carmen Aponte, and James Ciccolella

For those in our armed services, especially Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, and the US Army

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