

Welcome to Worship

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Greeting

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

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For the reign of God, and for

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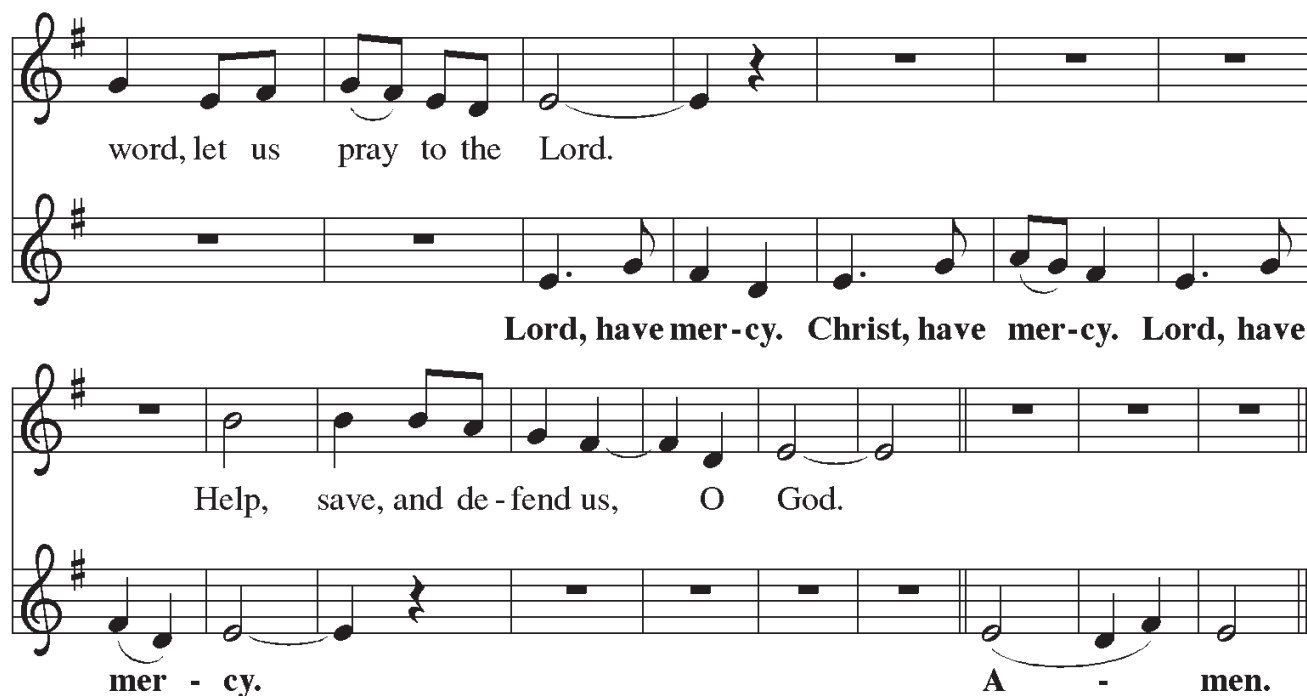
peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Please be seated.

I will sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.
 He dug it and cleared it of stones
 and planted it with choice vines;
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
 he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and people of Judah,
 judge between me
 and my vineyard.
 What more was there to do for my vineyard
 that I have not done in it?
 When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
 I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
 I will make it a wasteland;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his cherished garden;
 he expected justice
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness
 but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
 You cleared the ground for it;
 it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
 and its branches to the river.
Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this vine;
 preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Please stand as you are able.



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

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Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth

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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Please be seated.

Sharing of Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a greeting of Christ’s peace.

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Preface

Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

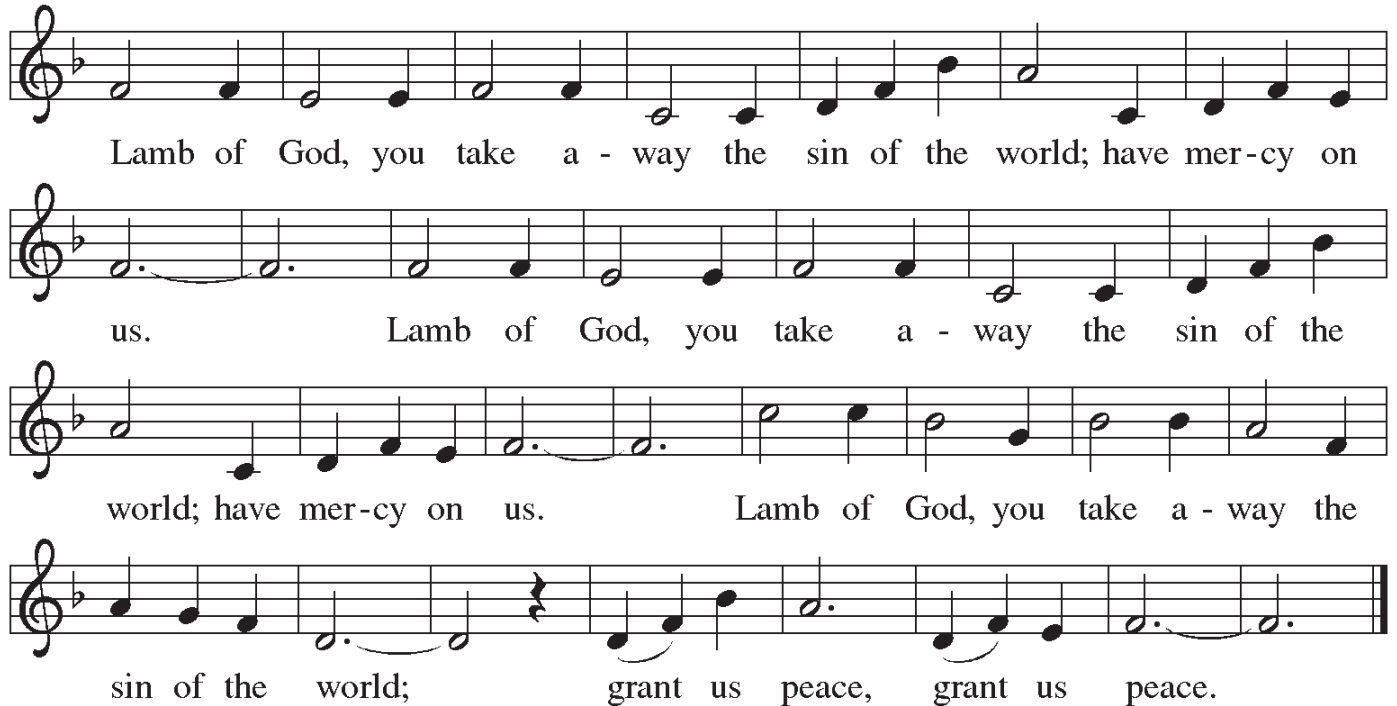
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Communion

Please be seated.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns during Communion

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Jesus Loves Me!
Around You, O Lord Jesus

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray. Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

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All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude