

Sunday, October 19, 2025
The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

9:30am: Hope Lutheran Church
1801 62nd Avenue N

11:00am: Trinity Lutheran Church (Livestream)
401 5th St N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our light, our strength, and our salvation.
Amen.

In the presence of God and of one another,
let us confess our sin.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your people, but we do not follow your ways.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your goodness to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Rejoice over us as the lost
who have been found.
Amen.

Jesus Christ came into the world
to save sinners just like us.
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!



GATHERING HYMN *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

ELW 669



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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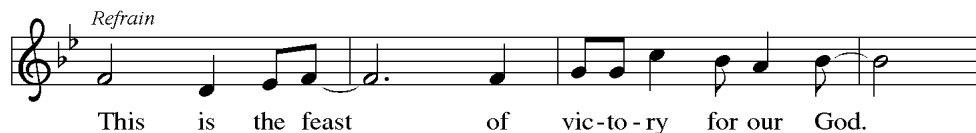
GREETING

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of justice, you are always ready to hear our cries. Throughout the world, inspire us to seek and to work for your enduring justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



GETTING BACK TO BASICS



FIRST 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."

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 Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 121

The refrain will be played through once as introduction, and will then be sung by the congregation; the congregation will then repeat the refrain at the end of each set of verses, as indicated by "R"



My help comes from the LORD, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

¹ *I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?*

² *My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

³ *The Lord will not let your foot be moved*

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep. R

⁴ *Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;*

⁵ *the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;*

⁶ *the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. R*

⁷ *The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.*

⁸ *The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore. R*



SECOND 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. ^{4:1} 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.

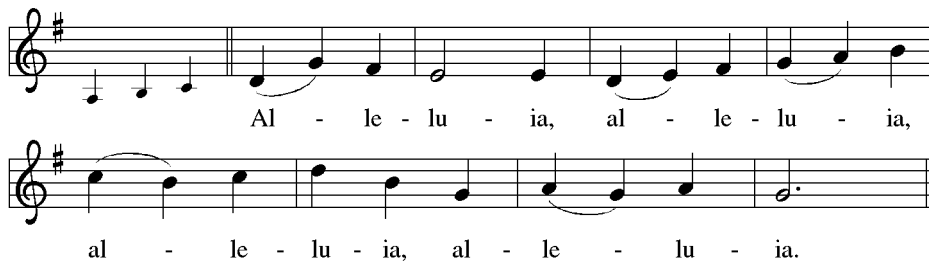
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing:



Choir: The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
(Heb. 4:12)

Congregation repeats "Alleluia"



GOSPEL: 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 good news of God's love according to Luke.

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?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

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1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ-teous-ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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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

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

After each petition:

God of grace; **receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

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

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THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the appropriate QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.



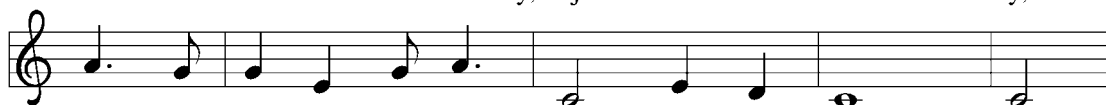
OFFERTORY HYMN

Give Me Jesus (verses 1-3)

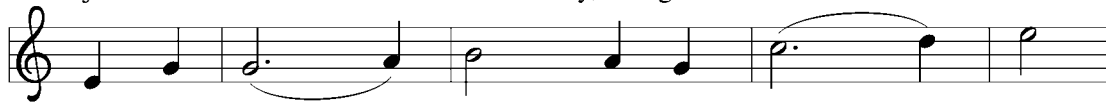
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1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual



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 on you. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to this meal of mercy.
Jesus welcomes us!



LAMB OF GOD

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



COMMUNION HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW 773

Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, lin-ger near,
 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is al - most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,
 Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



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

Let us pray. O God, through this meal
you have strengthened us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our lives with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



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.**



SENDING HYMN *If You But Trust in God*

ELW 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in love.
Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE



[Recording ends]



After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation



Thank you to those serving this month:

Service	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
10/05	9:30	Combined service at TRINITY – No 9:30am service today	
	11:00	Jacque Bishop	Violet Prepost, Phil Rearick
			Roy Pringle – IHO parents, Ken & Marion Pringle
10/12	9:30	Terri Craig	Margarita Rodriguez
			(open for sponsorship)
	11:00	Stephen Hewitt	Lynne Tallon, Barb Macomb
			(open for sponsorship)
10/19	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Betty Herzhauser
			To the glory of God from the people of Hope
	11:00	Paul Erickson	Paul Frakes, Ruth Kinsey
			Paul & Jan Frakes – IMO Paul's parents, Ralph & Meta
10/26	9:30	Terri Craig	Linda Gascon
			Joe Haynsworth – IMO his mother, Kathleen (Morgan) Haynsworth
	11:00	Combined service at HOPE – No 11am service today	

Birthdays this week:

10/20 - Nina All
 10/20 - Suzanne Todd
 10/21 - Beverly Bruder
 10/23 - Gary Bartelt
 10/23 - Carol Bertoluzzi
 10/23 - Judy Matheson
 10/23 - Linda Miles
 10/24 - Timothy Ames
 10/25 - AJ Shipley

Anniversaries this week:

10/19 - Margaret & Mel Wachtmann

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (10/19)

Assist Training (CommUNITY Room)

1:30pm – Fleet Reserve Association (Trinity 2nd Floor)

2:00pm – Opera: Susannah (Palladium)

Monday (10/20)

5:30pm – Trinity Church Council (Trinity 2nd Floor)

Tuesday (10/21)

10:00am – Hope Church Council (Hope Library)

Wednesday (10/22)

10:00am – Women of Hope Bible Study (Hope Library)

11:30am – Community Meal (Trinity 3rd Floor)

6:00pm – Faith 2 Life (CommUNITY Room)

Thursday (10/23)

6:00pm – Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (Hope Sanctuary)

Friday (10/24)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (1st Floor at Trinity)

9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:00pm – Preschool Fall Festival (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (10/25)

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

3:00pm – Music in the Park (Clymer Park, Gulfport)

6:00pm – Trunk or Treat (Meadowlawn Park)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

- **Faith 2 Life:** “Why the Bible?” addresses questions about reading and understanding the Bible.
- **Food Pantry:** we are still gathering items! For the pantry at Trinity:
 - “Snack Pack” fruit cups & applesauce
 For the pantry at Hope:
 - Canned Soup
 - Laundry Pods
 - Canned Vegetables
 - Toilet Paper
 - Cereal
 - Pasta
 - Mac & Cheese
- **Music in the Park on 10/25/25 3:00pm:** The New Horizons Band & New Horizons Jazz Band. At the Pavilion at Clymer Park, 2300 Beach Blvd S., Gulfport.
- **Trunk or Treat on 10/25/25 6:00pm:** Join us at Meadowlawn park this year where we will join with the Meadowlawn Neighborhood Association for the community's Trunk or Treat event!
- **Linda Nelson burial on 10/27/25 11am:** Rodger Nelson & his daughter Kristen Nelson-McKenzie would like to extend an invitation to all church members to the burial of Rodger's eldest daughter, Linda Nelson, at Bay Pines National Cemetery.
<https://www.haisleyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/linda-nelson>
- **Concert on 11/07/25:** There will be a fundraising concert to raise funds for our SOLAR project in conjunction with our **Nov 7th** First Friday dinner. Join Pr. Paul and Ross for a lovely dinner and a concert of songs that feature sun, wind, and water – sources of renewable energy!

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those needing strength & healing:

Mike Lederhouse	Nicole Redmond
Maureen Rogers	K. Redmond
Charlie Braitling	Paula Smith
Brenda Braitling	Vickie Clark
Marjorie Smetana	Luke Mendenhall
Jim & Edna Howell	Guy Smith
Debbie McNeilly	Joyce Dare
Dave McNeilly	Cecil Miles
Ana Rivera	Linda Miles
Elmer Goetz	Sandra Marzan
Myrtle Munsch	Leonard
Teri Fitzpatrick	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Justin Fitzpatrick	Brian Schutzbach
Tyler Pollard	Shakira & family
Kristi Sullivan	Scott family

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Barbara

For those homebound:

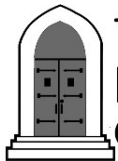
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Petra Young
Betty Aker

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Family & friends of Craig Mowrer
Family & friends of Chan Ros
Family & friends of Barbara Johnson
Family & friends of Sheila Johnson
Family & friends of David Larson
Family & friends of Gerda Fjogreen Peterson
Family & friends of Lenny Jerritt
Family & friends of Linda Nelson
Family & friends of Scheryl Hill

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Today's Date:

10/19/25

Name and Address
Email
Phone
Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

- ☐ I'm visiting: ☐ First time ☐ Repeat
☐ I just moved here
☐ Please add me to your email list(s)
☐ Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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