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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Wayne Shelor, Interim Pastor
Tedd Didden, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Prelude: Top of My Lungs

Tony Wood, Jim Oden, Ryan Wyngo

Guitar Ensemble: Cathy Farrell, Lou Marucci, Dan Sarm, Harold Schaefer

Welcome

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P. In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

GREETING

P. 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

ELW Setting 3

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



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

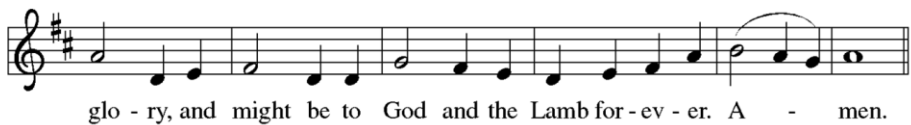
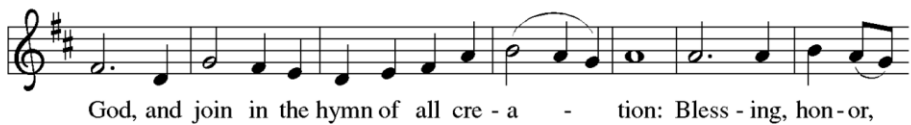
Refrain



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



Prayer of the Day

P. With our siblings around the world, 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.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² 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.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ 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?

⁵ 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.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ 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!

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- ⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
- ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
⁸ 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 ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

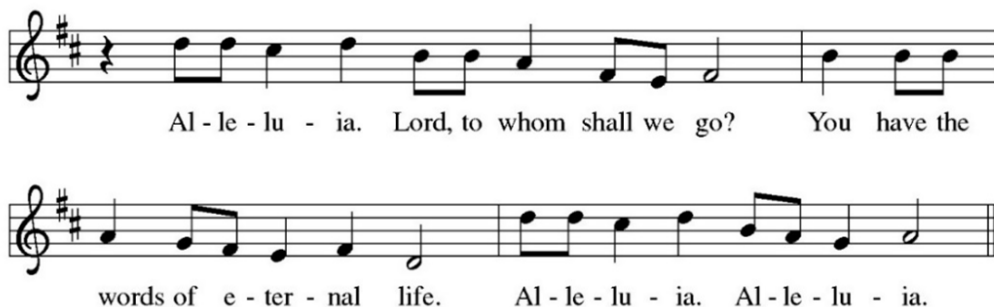
¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

P. Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

ELW Setting 3



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “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. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his

slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ 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."

⁴² 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?"

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: Pastor Wayne Shelor

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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THE CREED

A. Together with our siblings around the globe let us confess our faith.

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

A. To the petition "Hear us, O God, " please respond "Your mercy is great."

GREETING OF THE PEACE

A. The peace of Christ is with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please share this peace with one another.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.*

Music at the Offering: Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zeschech

OFFERTORY

Please Stand

ELW Setting 3



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

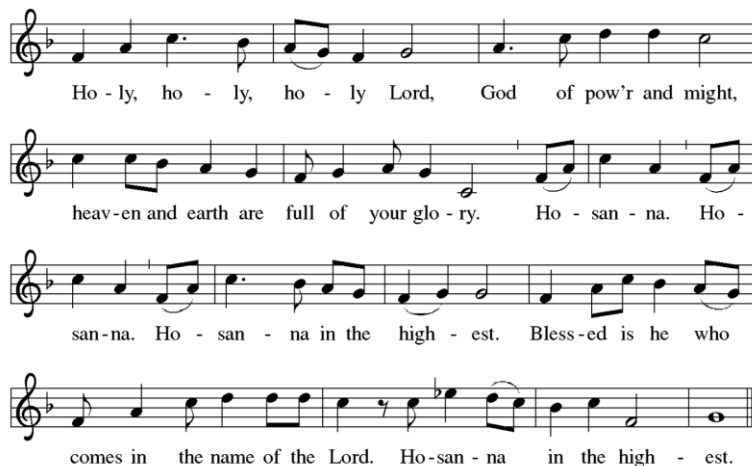
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P. 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 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our lord Jesus took bread, 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.

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 has risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

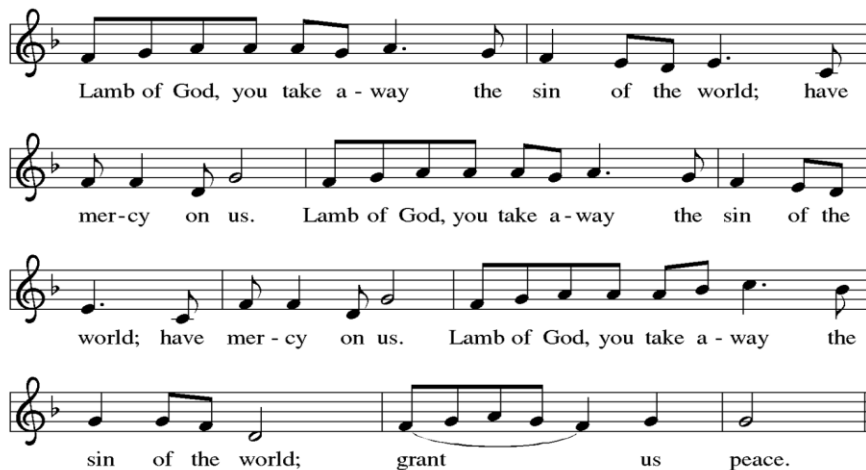
Invitation to Communion

P. Loving God, we join you at this table trusting in your abundant mercy. Grant that we, here in this room or in distant places, may know the peace and joy of your ever-abiding presence.

Amen.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

We gather together at the Lord's table, where our Lord welcomes all. If you have received communion anywhere before, you are welcome at this table, please come! At the usher's direction, come forward to the chancel (filling in from your left) to receive the bread (gluten free is available) from the Pastor. The Assisting Minister will then offer you a cup from the tray (red is wine, white is grape juice). A second helper has a basket for your empty cup, then return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you his peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW 696

A. PRAYER:

Dear Lord, thank you, for loving us. Please direct us in all we do that our works begun, continued, and ended, may strengthen our ministry for the Lord in this place, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: The Church of Christ, In Every Age

J. Bert Carlson

Serving today: Thank you !

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Wayne Shelor

Assisting Minister: Karen Seiler

Lector: Cathy Farrell

Minister of Music: Tedd Didden

Ushers: Kay Deussing and Don Capanear

Altar Guild: Jaime Kaler

Altar Flower Prep: Kathy Stawasz

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SOMETHING NEW: We are asking the members and friends of this congregation to pause each day at 7:00 PM and pray this same prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you, for loving us. Please direct us in all we do that our works begun, continued, and ended, may strengthen our ministry for the Lord in this place, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Happy First Anniversary to our Minister of Music !!

Tedd Didden, our Minister of Music, is celebrating one year at Grace. Since October 5, 2025, he has shared his musical gifts with us each Sunday.

Please join us for a special coffee hour **TODAY** to thank Tedd for his talent and the music he brings to our worship services.



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