

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
October 12, 2025**



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*Vertrau Auf Gott!*  
*[Trust in God]*  
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## The Holy Eucharist

### Announcements & Prelude

A Hymn in Procession – “*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*”

Hymnal #681

### The Invocation

*Celebrant* In the Name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Celebrant*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

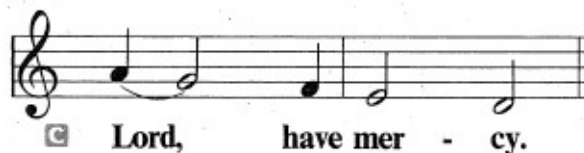
**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We repent of all our sins, known and unknown. We are truly sorry and pray for forgiveness. We firmly intend to amend our lives and to seek help in mending what is broken. We ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

*The Celebrant declares the Absolution.*

### The Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie Eleison – “*Lord, have mercy*”

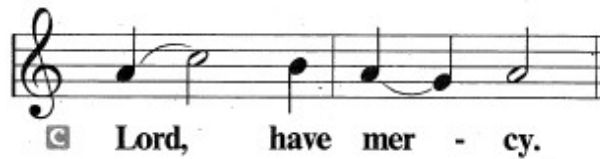
*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*Response:* **And also with you.**)

*Celebrant* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People*



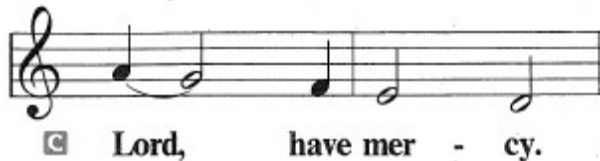
*Celebrant*  
*People*

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



*Celebrant*  
*People*

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



*Celebrant*  
*People*

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



*Celebrant*  
*People*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



### **The Canticle – *This is the Feast***

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God**

and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Reading of Ezekiel 47:6-12

<sup>6</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup> As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup> He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. <sup>9</sup> Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. <sup>10</sup> People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglam; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. <sup>11</sup> But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. <sup>12</sup> On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”

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

Psalm 147 *Laudate Dominum*



- 7 Sing to the | LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make music to our | God up- | on the | harp.
- 8 He covers the | hea- vens with | clouds \*  
and prepares | rain | for the | earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow u- | pon the | mountains \*  
and green | plants to | serve man- | kind.
- 10 He provides food for | flocks and | herds \*  
and for the young | ravens | when they | cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the | might of a | horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the | strength | of a | man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in | those who | fear him, \*  
in those who a- | wait his | gracious | favor.
- 13 Worship the | LORD, O Je- | rusalem; \*  
\* | praise your | God, O | Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the | bars of your | gates; \*  
he has | blessed your | chil-dren with- | in you.
- 15 He has established peace | on your | borders; \*  
he satisfies you | with the | finest | wheat.
- 16 He sends out his com- | mand to the | earth, \*  
and his | word runs | very | swiftly.

## **A Reading of Romans 8:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

## **The Alleluia and Verse**

*The Celebrant and People*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **A Reading of the Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend Jonathon Moyers, S.T.M.*

## **A Hymn – “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”**

**Hymnal #694**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 petition, (God of grace) the congregation responds:* **Receive our prayer.**

## The Sharing of Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Liturgy of the Altar

**The Offertory Hymn** *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

**Hymnal #879**

## The Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, 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 him thanks and praise.

### *The Celebrant continues*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### *The Celebrant and People together*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n 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.



*The Celebrant continues*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

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

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;

We implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in this Most Blessed Sacrament may receive the true body and precious blood of your Son, be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be ✠ sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ and all your saints, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*The Celebrant and People together*

**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.**

## The Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”



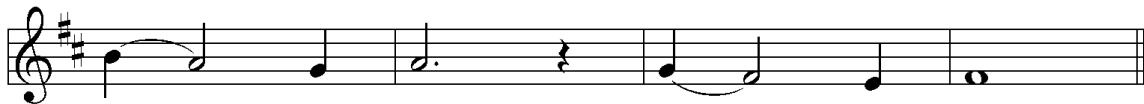
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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.**

## Invitation to Holy Communion

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

*In the Evangelical-Lutheran tradition, we invite all baptized persons to receive Holy Communion at the altar. We believe that in the Blessed Sacrament we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the usher and return by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the Celebrant will bring Holy Communion to you.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People together*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant*

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

**The Final Hymn – “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

**Hymnal #679**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

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Serving this Week

Ushers & Tellers: Donnie Davis and Keith Davis/Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lector: Stevi Saathoff Communion Assistant: Tom Roesel

Serving Next Week (October 19)

Ushers & Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth Lector: Declan Corley

Communion Assistant: Declan Corley Acolyte: Declan Corley

## **This Week**

**Tuesday, October 14** BIBLE STUDY at St. Paul's Church 9:00am

**Wednesday, October 15** VESPERS at Grace Church 5:00pm

**Sunday, October 19** HOLY EUCHARIST at St. Paul's Church 8:45am

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5, Luke 18:1-8

**Sunday, October 19** HOLY EUCHARIST at Grace Church 10:45am

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