

# 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

8:30, 11:00 a.m. & Livestream



**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.



✦ GATHERING ✦

Prelude

*Organ Meditation #1*  
Denni Arrup

David Barton

Confession and Forgiveness

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

**P** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Merciful and loving God,*

**C** **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.**

**P** *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 † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!*

**C** **Amen.**



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

*Forever*

Chris Tomlin

### **Verse 1**

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures for-ever  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Verse 2**

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures for-ever  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Pre-Chorus**

Sing praise, sing praise

### **Chorus**

For- ever God is faithful, for-ever God is strong  
For-ever God is with us, for-ever, for-ever

### **Verse 3**

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures for-ever  
Sing praise, sing praise

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus*

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people,*

**C** **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.**

*Please be seated.*

✦ **THE WORD** ✦

**First Reading**

Genesis 32:22-31

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

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 121

A <sup>1</sup> *I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?*

C <sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

A <sup>3</sup> *The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.*

C <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

A <sup>5</sup> *the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;*

C <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

A <sup>7</sup> *The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.*

C <sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## Second Reading

## 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A *A reading from second Timothy. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> 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.*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to Luke the eighteenth chapter.*

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”*

**P** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Drew McCaffery

*Please stand as you are able.*



1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.  
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.  
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;  
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.  
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*  
**C** **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 into hell. 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.**

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

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *God of grace,*  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*  
**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated.*

**Offering & Anthem**

*GALLIARD*

Wiliam Byrd

*As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.*



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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**A** *Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,*  
**C** **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.**

### ✦ THE EUCHARIST ✦

**P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**C** **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 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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** *Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.*

*You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.*

*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.*

*Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.*

*By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

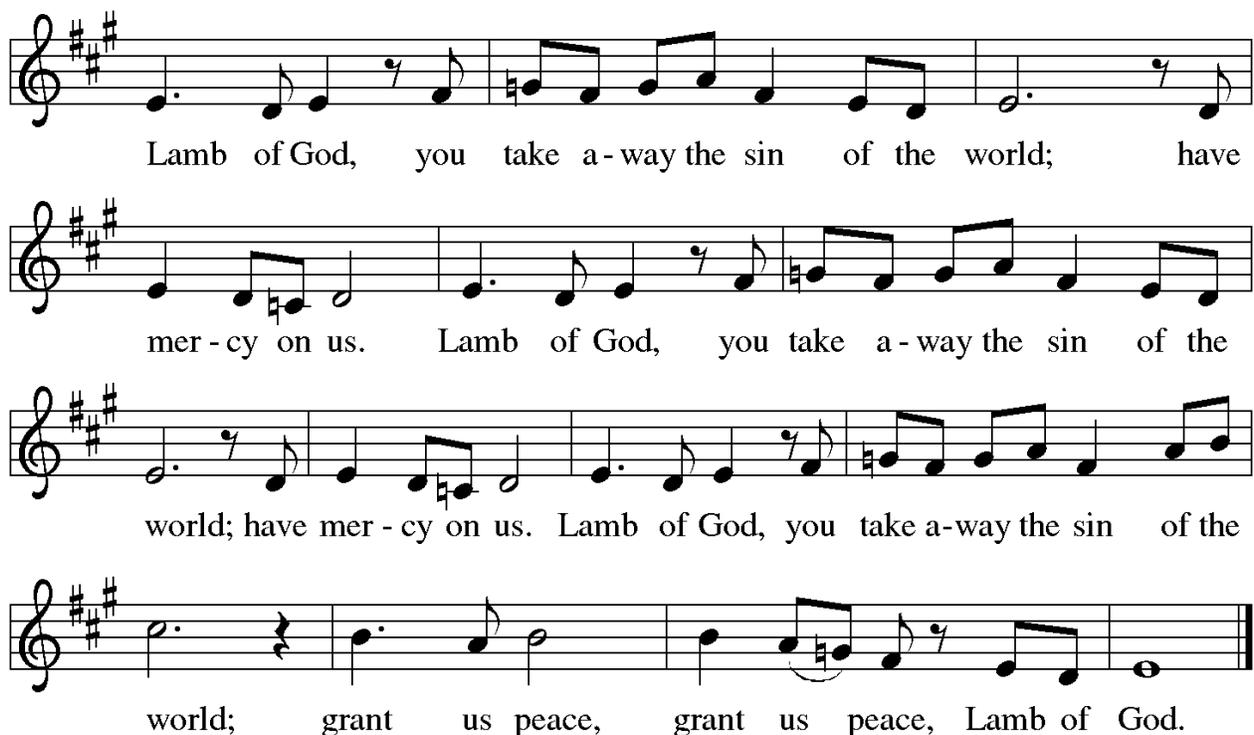
**P** *Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.*

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)*

*During the distribution, the following is sung:*



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, Lamb of God.

*Refrain*



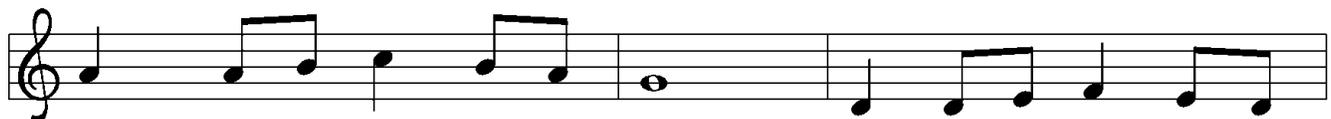
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a - way;
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de - clare	his	death;



1	thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
2	hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and
3	self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
4	home	in	the	life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly		
5	bread	and	be - lieve	Eas - ter	morn;	trust	his	re - turn	and,	with	



1	sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres - ence	the	loaves	will	a - bound.
2	liv - ing	way,	that	the	full - ness	of	life	may
3	food	for	you,	that	your	hun - ger	and	thirst
4	One	of	God,	and	be - lieve	in	the	truth
5	ev - 'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you

*Refrain*

*After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.*

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. O God,*  
**C** **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** ✦

**P** *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.*  
**C** **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

No. 717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king 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.

**A** *Go in peace. Do not lose heart.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Postlude in F Major*

Duane Plash

*We welcome and thank Denni Arrup for providing our music today!*

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Paul, Jessie, Kathy, Donna, Andrea, Al, Joan, Teri,  
Betty, Carol, Jean, Lois, Barbara & Bruce*

**The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God**

*by Mary Dietz in loving memory of her sister, Betty Messick*





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**11:00 a.m.**

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