

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



Vincent van Gogh, The Red Vineyard at Montmajour, 1888.

Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC

Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.

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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today's coffee hour will immediately follow the service.
Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in Narthex.

TODAY	Guatemala 2026 Information Session with Ruth Pechauer	Adult Forum
10/10	Youth & Confirmation Retreat	Afton State Park
10/11	Call Process Discussion with Deacon Krista Lind	Adult Forum
10/25	The Finances of Giving	Adult Forum



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Morning Song

Michael Helman

Randall Egan, Guest Organist

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

My Lord of Light

ELW 832

✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.

✠KYRIE

ELW pg. 138-139

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

✠GLORY TO GOD

ELW pg. 139-140



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



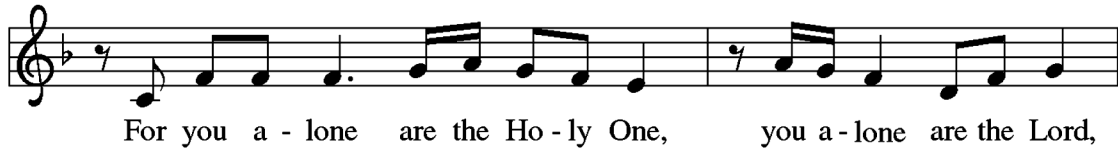
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**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

- ¹ Let me 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 wild 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 wild 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 waste;
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 pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8



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

^{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 make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Joe Fischer

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

✠GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Twenty-First Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.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 Finally 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 the fruits of the kingdom.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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Peter Coen-Tuff

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

ELW 727

✠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.

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Called As Partners

Alfred Fedak

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✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...

... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

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

**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.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. If you come forward and extend your hand, you will be served the bread. A gluten free option is available. If you do not extend your hand, you will be given a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are at the second station, and there is a basket for empty cups as you return to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 146

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

ELW 729

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Recessional

David Christensen

Randall Egan, Guest Organist

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Please pray for...

Kathy H.	Tyler F.
Gina K.	J.J. K.
Gary	Joe
Heidi G.	Cheryl & Jim
Betty H.	Mary C.
Charlie S.	Ginger F.
Brita G.	Duane B.
Julia L., Father, Family	Carol B.
Scott H.	Andrew
	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

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We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.

This week in worship, we pray for:

Brita Grafstrom
Peter & Laura Grafstrom, Anders
John Grafstrom & Carol Sime
Hanna Gulden & Mike Tischler
Bryan Gulden & Ann Haugen
Doug & Mary Hagerman
Mark & Kathy Hakanson, Isaac, Annika

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Peter Coen-Tuff

Guest Organist: Randall Egan

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	October 4, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Isaiah Vargas
Communion Prep	Jan Lathrop & Pam Ballis
Assisting Minister	Janice Kragness
Communion Asst 1	Deb Spivey
Communion Asst 2	Mary Sommerfeld
Greeter	Lowell Lundy
Coffee Servers	Polly & Scott Heaton
Children's Message	Joe Fischer
Reader	Polly Heaton
Liturgist	Julia Leone
Ushers	Family Team Weber
Welcome Desk	Fay Cushman
Bus Driver	Tom Spivey
Video Tech	Craig Canada

USHER TEAM

Team 1: Darrell Anderson, Fred Halberg, Paul McCreight, Sam Schultz

THIS WEEK AT CPLC



TUESDAY
October 6

9-10 AM FAITH TALK
AND
9-12 PM QUILTERS
See the online calendar or contact the office for more information on these weekly groups.

WEDNESDAY
October 7

6-7 JOYFUL RINGERS

7:15-8:45 CPLChoir

7-8 CONFIRMATION

7-8 YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY
October 8

2-6 PM FARMERS MARKET
(Apples, treats, neighbors, farmers!)

SATURDAY
October 10

YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION RETREAT

See the next page for more information.

SUNDAY
October 11

Call Process Discussion with Deacon Krista Lind

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Sunday, October 11

Call Process Discussion with Deacon Krista Lind

Join us after worship from 10:45am-12:00pm as we welcome Deacon Krista Lind, Assistant to the Bishop for Vocational Formation with the Saint Paul Area Synod. She'll guide us through what to expect in the call process as we begin discerning our next permanent senior pastor.

This is a valuable chance to hear directly from the Synod, learn what comes next, and ask questions as we move into this next chapter together.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

FALL 2026 OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00-5:00
Tuesday: 9:00-5:00
Wednesday: 9:00-5:00
Thursday: 9:00-5:00
Friday: 9:00-1:30

If you need dedicated time, please make an appointment — we're always happy to accommodate and talk.

If there are few staff members in the building, the front door may be locked. Ring the bell, and a staff member will assist you if available. For questions or scheduling, contact the church office at office@comoparklutheran.org.



YOUTH & CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, October 10

Our annual Youth & Confirmation Retreat is right around the corner! Youth in grades 7th–12th are invited for a fall day of devotions, discussions, games, hiking, and a cozy campfire at beautiful Afton State Park. It's a great chance to recharge, connect, and enjoy the season together.

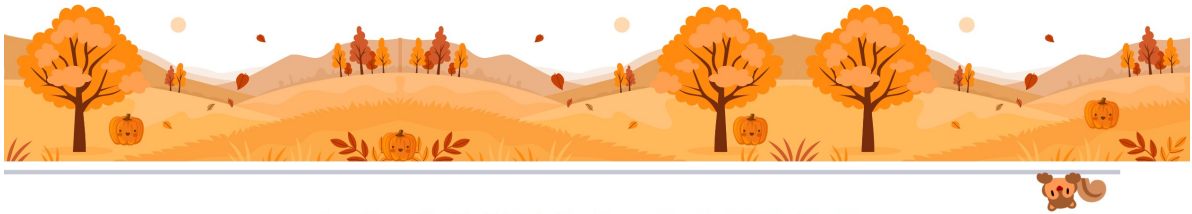
Who: 7th–12th graders

What: Youth & Confirmation Retreat

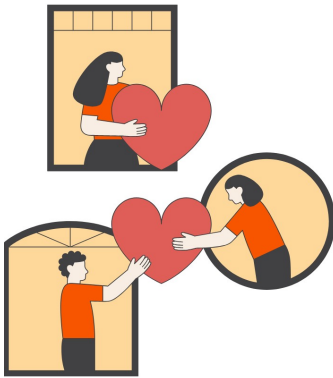
Where: Afton State Park

When: Saturday, October 10 — we'll carpool from church

Contact: David Osterhouse — osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org



LOOKING AHEAD



The Finances of Giving

Sunday, October 25th, 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Join us after worship for an Adult Forum conversation about the finances of giving. We'll look at some of the practical considerations that go into charitable giving, including ways to plan and make financial gifts thoughtfully.

Whether giving is already part of your regular practice or you simply want to better understand the options available, this will be a chance to learn more and ask questions.

Presented by the CPLC Trust Committee.

Hygiene Kit Assembly Day

Sunday, October 18th, 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

On Sunday, October 18th (MEA Weekend), there will not be traditional Sunday School classes. Instead, we will participate in an all-age service project in the Fellowship Hall – preparing hygiene kits for local shelters!

Your family is welcome to join us and/or contribute supplies. Donate by 10/16, and see the "Share the Care" flyer for details on items needed.



Dementia Caring & Coping

You Don't Have to Navigate Dementia Alone

Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 1:00–3:00 PM

Ramsey County Library – Roseville
2180 N. Hamline Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

Representatives from the MAAA Care Ecosystem, the GUIDE Program, and Lyngblomsten Community Services will discuss programs and services that support people living with dementia and their family caregivers. Learn about care navigation, caregiver resources, and community-based programs and supports that are designed to help individuals and families throughout the dementia journey.

Local community organizations will have resources available that highlight dementia services that promote well-being and independence.

Presenters:

- Maren Levad, MAAA Care Ecosystem Manager
- Amy House, C.D.P. LALD, Tembo Health Care Navigator
- Lisa Brown, MSW, LISW, Caregiver Services Program Coordinator with Lyngblomsten Community Services

FREE. No reservation required.



For more information, visit www.cityofroseville.com/dementiainfo or contact the Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team at RosevilleAlzDem@gmail.com.



This project is brought to you by the efforts of Rsvl A/D members, including the Ramsey County Library and Lyngblomsten Community Services.



**Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex
if you have any questions about our facility or upcoming events.**

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