

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of the Paralytic
October 4, 2026



*Surely the LORD is in this place!
This is none other than the house of God,
And this is the gate of heaven.*

Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Lord is our salvation and He delivers us from our troubles (*Introit*). But our instinct is to take our Lord's salvation for granted, not to treasure His help, and to live however pleases us. This is the old way we are to put away (*Epistle*). Our instinct is also to make light of Our Lord's forgiveness and to look instead for spectacular healings and miracles and instead give us His grace so that we might cheerfully live as pleases Him (*Collect*).

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. You are welcome to join us in the social hall downstairs after the service for coffee and treats. We hope you will visit us again!

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

The preached Gospel and the Sacrament of the Altar contain one and the same gift – forgiveness of sins. No one can give this gift except the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. It is He who speaks the forgiving Word of His Gospel to us, and it is He who gives us forgiveness with His true body and blood. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune, we ask that guests who desire to commune speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

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The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

“This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† **Processional Hymn** 610 *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

† **Confession and Absolution** *p. 184–85* **LEFT-HAND COLUMN**
Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

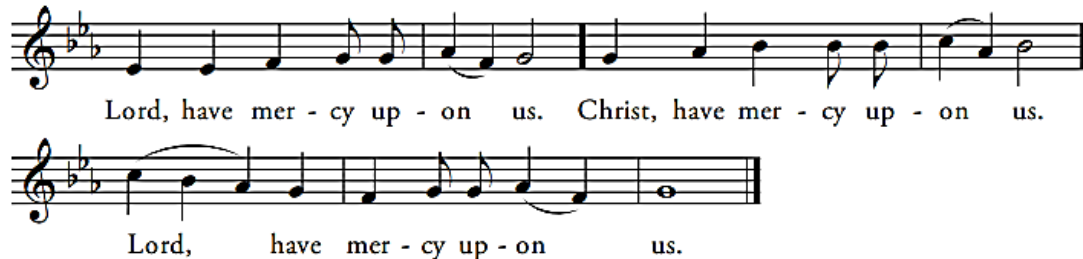
Psalm 119; antiphon: Psalm 119



SAY to my soul, “I am your sal- | vation, *
the righteous cry, and the LORD | hears them.
Yea, the Lord saves him out of all his | troubles, *
this God is our God forever and | ever.
Hear my teaching, O my | people; *
incline your ears unto the words | of my mouth.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Say to my soul, “I am your sal- | vation, *
the righteous cry, and the LORD | hears them.

Yea, the Lord saves him out of all his | troubles, *
 this God is our God forever and | ever.

† Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† The Gloria in Excelsis



☐ Glo-ry be to God on high: ☐ And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glo-ri-fy Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - might-y. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten

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

that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on_ us.

Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that



sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

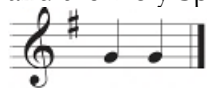
† Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A-men.

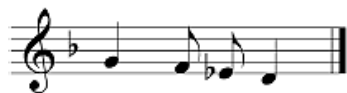
Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10–17

In those days Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and

in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 141



LORD, I call upon You; hasten | unto me, *
 and consider my voice when I cry | unto You.
Let my prayer be set forth in Your sight as | incense, *
 and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening | sacrifice.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22–28

Brethren, put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

† Alleluia Verse

Psalm 98

The congregation sings the threefold "Alleluia" before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



SING unto the LORD a | new song, *
for He has done | marv'ulous things.

† Holy Gospel

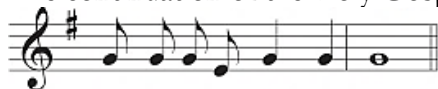
St. Matthew 9:1-8

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

✠ *At that time Jesus* got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

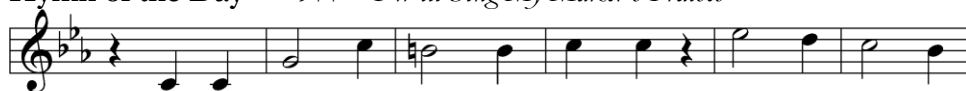


Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

† Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of hymnal

Hymn of the Day 977 *I Will Sing My Maker's Praises*



1 I will sing my Mak - er's prais - es And in Him most
 2 He so cared for and es - teemed me That the Son He
 3 All that for my soul is need - ful He with lov - ing
 4 As a fa - ther, ev - er yearn - ing, Long - ing to be
 5 Since there's nei - ther change nor cold - ness In God's love that



joy - ful be, For in all things I see trac - es
 loved so well He has giv - en to re - deem me
 care pro - vides, Nor of that is He un - heed - ful
 rec - on - ciled, Seeks the prod - i - gal's re - turn - ing,
 on me smiled, I now lift my hands in bold - ness,



Of His ten - der love for me. Noth - ing
 From the quench - less flames of hell. O my
 Which my bod - y needs be - sides. When my
 Lov - ing still the way - ward child, So my
 Com - ing to You as Your child. Grant me



else than love could move Him With such deep and
 Lord, the Spring of bless - ing, Could some - how my
 strength can - not a - vail me, When my pow'rs can
 man - y sins and er - rors Find a ten - der,
 grace, O God, I pray You, That I may with



ten - der care Ev - er - more to raise and bear
 fi - nite mind Of Your love the lim - it find
 do no more, Then will God His strength out - pour;
 par - d'ning God, Chas - t'ning frail - ty with His rod,
 all my might, All my life - time, day and night,



All who try to love and serve Him. All things else have
Though my ef - forts were un - ceas - ing? All things else have
In my need He will not fail me. All things else have
Not in ven - geance with His ter - rors. All things else have
Love and trust You and o - bey You And, when this brief



but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
life is o'er, Praise and love You ev - er - more.

Sermon

Offering/Organ Voluntary

Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.

You may use the QR code to support the ministry of this congregation.



† Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spi - rit with -



in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy



Ho - ly Spi - rit from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal -



va - tion, and up - hold me _____ with Thy free Spir - it.

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

† Preface and Sanctus

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly, — Lord God of



Sab - a-oth; heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is — He that com - eth in the



name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

† The Lord's Prayer

† The Words of Christ's Testament

† Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.



Distribution Hymns

708 (*stanza 1 sung by choir*)

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

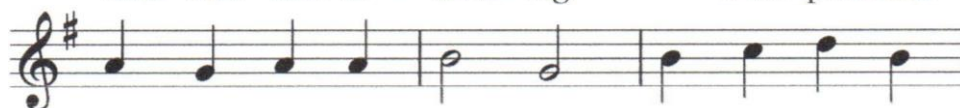
How Holy Is This Dwelling Place



1. How ho - ly is this dwell - ing place Where,
 2. How ho - ly is this Bread of Life, Im -
 3. How ho - ly is this drink di - vine My



filled with ad - o - ra - tion, I see the
 part - ing grace and bless - ing A - way, all
 trou - bled soul at - tend - ing With praise and



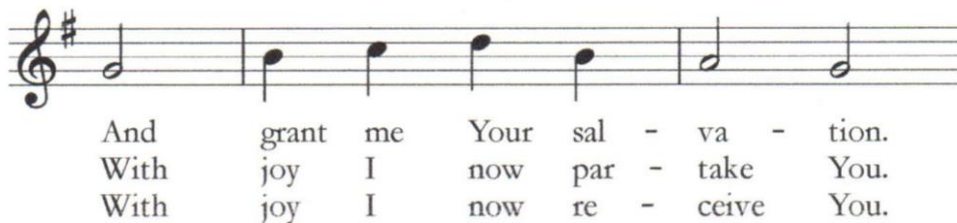
gate of heav - en's grace Stand wide with in - vi -
 an - guish, need, and strife, My heart no more op -
 thank this heart of mine Is filled with joy un -



ta - tion! O Ta - ble of the Lord most
 press - ing O Bread, my hun - gry soul now
 end - ing! O drink of life, O Ho - ly



dear, O Gate of Life, now draw me near
 feed! O Man - na, gift of God in - deed,
 Blood, Which once flowed free - ly for my good,



4. Salvation won, Christ bids me take
 And makes of me His dwelling.
 Bound up with Him as I partake
 Brings joy beyond all telling.
 How can my heart such joy contain
 Since I in Jesus will remain
 And He in me forever!

5. O that my heart were sacred ground,
 A hallowed territory,
 That favor might with me be found
 By Christ the Lord of glory!
 Oh, that my heart would be the place
 Where Christ forever by His grace
 Would make His habitation!

6. Come, Jesus Christ, my soul restore;
 All love of sin expelling.
 That I may be forevermore
 Your won most holy dwelling.
 O fill my heart abundantly;
 Lord, shine upon me constantly
 With Your most holy image.

7. Now You have giv'n Yourself to me
 Through gifts of heav'n refreshing;
 My life in You let steadfast be,
 A witness to Your blessing.
 Keep me, O Savior, for all time
 From now until that day sublime
 United with Your body.

Text by Valentin Ernst Löschner (1673 – 1749)

Trans. Rachel Mumme

609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*
 614 *"As Surely As I Live," God Said*
 797 *Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him*

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

† Nunc Dimittis



| Lord, now | lettest Thou Thy servant depart / in peace,
 ac- / ording- to Thy Word;
 | for mine | eyes have seen Thy / salvation:
 which Thou hast prepared before the face / of all- people,
 | a- | light to lighten / the Gentiles,
 and the glory of Thy / people- Israel.
 | Glory | be to the Father and to / the Son
 and to the / Holy- Spirit;
 | as it | was in the / beginning,
 is now, and will be for- / ever-. Amen.

† The Post-Communion Collect

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:



And His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

Let us pray. . . . one God, now and forever.



A-men.

† Conclusion

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God. _____

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

† Hymn

685 (*stanza 2 sung by choir*)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Organ Postlude

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!” (Psalm 84:4)

TODAY'S NOTICES

Book Group will discuss chapters 6 & 7 (pages 87–119) of *The Saving Truth: Doctrine for Laypeople* on Wednesday.

The Board of Trustees has 10 metal school desks and 50 metal folding chairs available free for the taking. Please contact Garry Gernandt (garryg@cox.net) or Renee McArthur (rlmcarthur@cox.net) if you are interested.

The next Believe, Teach, and Confess (BTC) session will be Saturday, October 24, from 9:00–11:30 am with the theme, *Render Unto Caesar: The Christian in Society*. Children ages 3 and up will learn of the events of the Reformation by participating in an interactive Reformation Walk. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board.

All confirmed young adults (single or married) are invited to a time of prayer, instruction, fellowship, and a meal at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Louisville, NE on Sunday, October 11, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There is a nominal cost. For more information and to register, see the flyer and registration forms on the narthex bulletin board. Registration is required for all attendees.

Zion Lutheran Church invites all women to a **Women's Retreat, "Rest for Your Soul", on Saturday, September 26**, from 8:30–12:00 pm. The cost is \$5. Pick up a flyer on the narthex table for more information and for registration instructions.

Prayer Requests: *Work with churches in:* Brazil, the Czech Republic and China; *Persecuted Christians in:* Pakist; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Norma Kelly, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jill Raak, Amanda Warner, Lydia Blank; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Nancy Goesch, Jeremy Long, Jim Bygrave, Tim Lonergan, Brock Boss, Shirley Gibbs, Jolene Whirrett, Mirk Volejnik, Lanette Insinger, Dacia Reinke

This Week's Calendar

Today (10/4) THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Board of Elders meeting after church

Centennial Committee meeting after church

Children's choir after church

Wednesday (10/7)

Matins 10:00 am

Vespers 6:30 pm

Book Group 7:00 pm

Thursday (10/8)

Adult Choir 6:30 pm

Next Sunday (10/11)

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Board of Christian Education meeting after church

Children's choir after church

Youth Catechesis 4:00 pm



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Service Schedule: The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins and Vespers are prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Receiving Communion: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service.

Christian Education is taught each Sunday morning at 8:45. **Adults** meet in the church basement; **Sunday School** for ages 3-12 meets in the Admin/Education building classrooms.

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation. **Pastoral Consultation** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

SERVING TODAY

Organist – Annika Buckley

Altar Care – Buffy Brodner & Nora Ogden

Counters – Carlene Lange, Carrie Rhine, Erika Riva

Ushers – Rich Marunda, Scott Andersh, Mark Meyer, Matt Meyer

Elder – Josh Bohnert

Trustee – Dave Emken