

Grace Lutheran Church

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*
(*Congregation responses are printed in bold type*)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

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.

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!

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

"How Long, O God"



- 1 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
- 2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
- 3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
- 4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
- 5 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



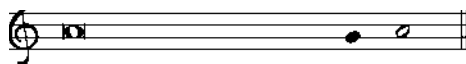
for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us home.

+ GREETING

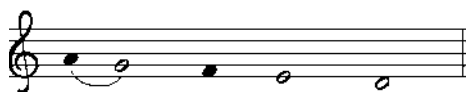
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



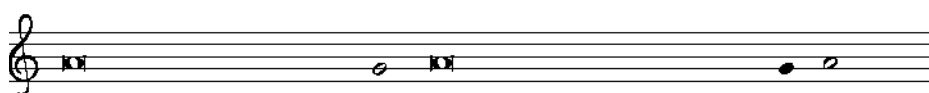
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



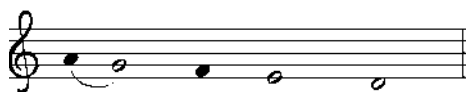
Lord, have mer - cy.



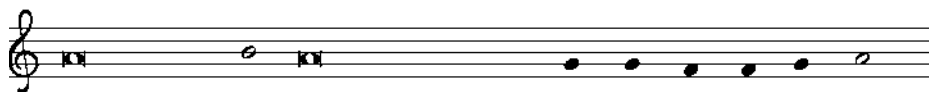
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



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

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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

Refrain



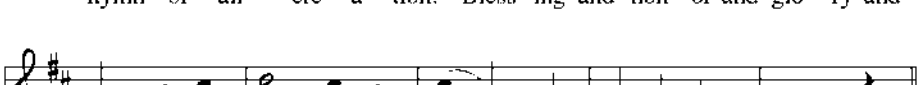
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

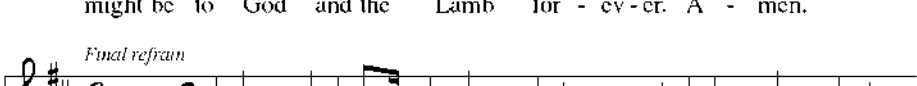


hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

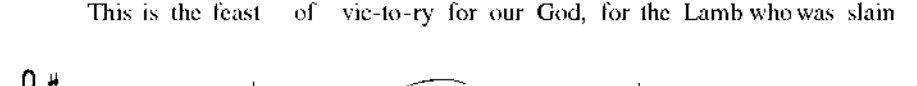


might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **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

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ 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. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL LUKE 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

LBW#453

+ 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.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of Justice, hear us and respond as we lift our prayers to you.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Love who has never turned your back on us, be our loving and gracious God, hear and answer our prayers that we have asked through the merits of our Lord, Christ Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit hold all creation in your hands.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LBW#564

The musical notation is written on three staves in G-clef and G-sharp key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

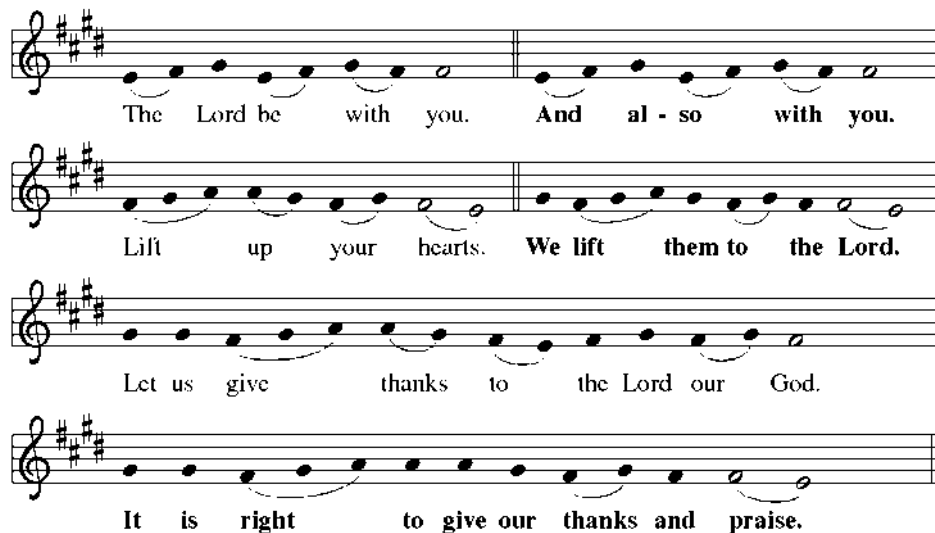
+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

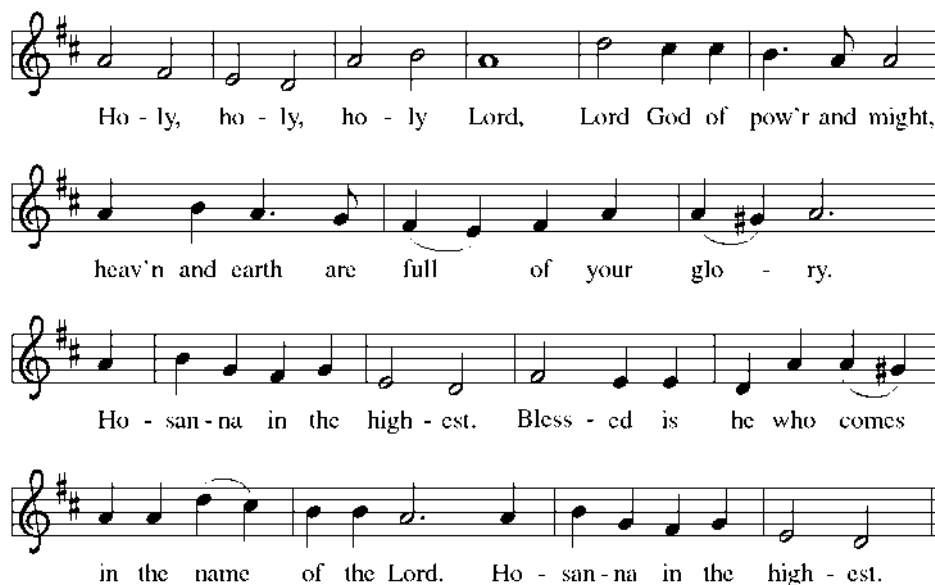
Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

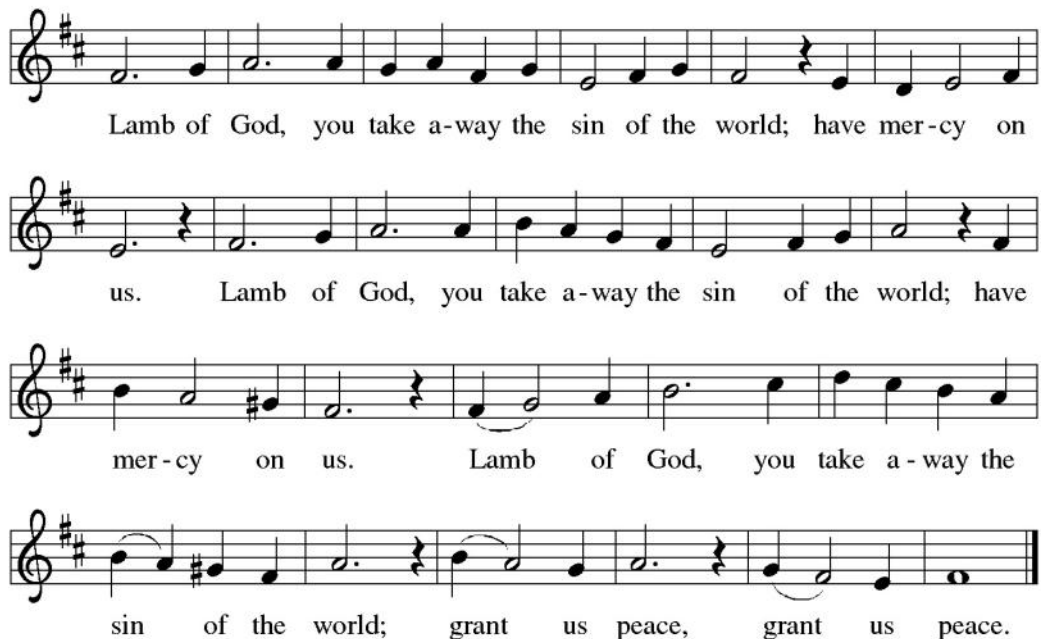
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

DISTRIBUTION – All baptized children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together ...

O God, 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.

+ BLESSING

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.

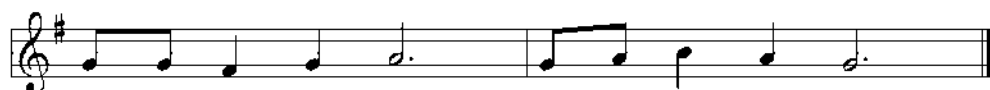
Amen.



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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Setting 4 ELW

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Useful Information

<u>Serving 10/19/2025</u>		<u>Serving 10/26/2025</u>	
Organist	Becky Lippard	Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Pastor Josh	Children's Sermon	Pastor Josh
Lector	Susan Moffatt	Lector	Shelly Hunter
Communion Assistant	Mike Stout & Marcus Reynolds	Communion Assistant	Monica Basinger & Marcus Reynolds
Acolyte	Jojo Crossen	Acolyte	Jake Basinger
Security Team	Chris Kluttz & Chris Sloop	Crucifer	Brody Linker
Sound System	Luke Bame	Torchbearers	Audrey Bame & Jemma Nolan
Teller Team	Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell & Dan Roseman	Security Team	Tony Sechler & Lynn Aldridge
Ushers	Duane & Laurie Nolan Christopher Nolan & Sarah Nolan	Sound System	Chad Rivers
		Teller Team	Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell & Dan Roseman
		Ushers	Duane & Laurie Nolan Christopher Nolan & Sarah Nolan

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hoyte and Kathleen Moose by Susan Moffatt and Kari Coffman.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS will be held next Sunday. Quilts will be available for purchase for a \$100 donation to the "Quilters" Size is approximately 60 x 80 inches. Quilts make great gifts. Quilts will be boxed and ready for shipment to LWR on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS will be with us on October 26th! Come and hear their story and see their beautiful olivewood crafts which will be available for purchase.

TRUNK OR TREAT will be next Sunday at 5:00pm.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	
	Finance committee	6:30pm
Tues	Quilting	10:00am
Wed	Children's Choir PK-1st	6:00pm
	Children's Choir 2nd- 5th	6:30pm
	Chancel choir	7:00pm

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Shirley Stiller, Derek Yost, Jerry Heilig

Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Abigail Kamugisha (*Anna Kamugisha*)

Comfort:

Family and friends of Joe Leazer

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Danny Benfield, Jesse Martin

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families

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This Week's Giving 10/12/2025		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 137			
Current	\$ 3,452.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 57)	\$ 76.00		
Property Fund	\$ 50.00		
Benevolence	\$ 35.00		
World Hunger	\$ 50.00		
Total Current	\$ 3,663.00	\$ 7,815.00	\$ (4,152.00)
Ray Peeler Memorial	\$ 75.00		
Lewis Moose Endowment Fund	\$ 10,000.00		
Lutheridge/Kids to Camp	\$ 500.00		
Clean Water 5K	\$ 270.00		
Fish Fry	\$ 100.00		
Building Fund	\$ 50.00		
Cemetery	\$ 50.00		
Youth of Grace	\$ 520.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 500.00		
Total Offering	\$ 15,728.00		