

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Yes, Lord, Yes,” by Lynn Keesecker

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Here I Am to Worship”

(piano)

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.**

*Refrain: Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You’re my God.*

You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love’s sake became poor. *Refrain***

**And I’ll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.
And I’ll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross. *Refrain***

**Greeting*

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.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Beckoning God, in the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come, follow, serve, and speak when we are called.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ’s Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children’s Sermon

WORD

Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 4:18-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Scripture Song – “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” ELW 817 (*organ*)

- 1 **You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain

*Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.*

- 2 **You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain***
- 3 **You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***
- 4 **You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

Sermon: “Listen”

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**
3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**

**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 to the dead. 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*

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts, organ

*–We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing,
share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances–*

**Offertory*

“Doxology” ELW 884

(organ)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

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.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**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.

Communion Songs

“Take My Life, that I May Be” ELW 685 (*organ*)

1. **Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
2. **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**
3. **Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**
4. **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.**
5. **Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**
6. **Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

“You Are Mine” (*piano*)

1. **I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.**

2. **I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me. I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

3. **I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, The lame will all run free, And all will know my name.**

(Refrain)

4. **I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, Embracing all your pain, Stand up, now walk, and live!**

(Refrain)

**Post-Communion Blessing*

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

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “I Love to Be in Your Presence”*

(piano)

**I love to be in your presence with your people singing praises;
I love to stand and rejoice, lift my hands and raise my voice. *(repeat)***

**You set my feet to dancing, you fill my heart with song,
You give me reason to rejoice, rejoice.**

**I love to be in your presence with your people singing praises;
I love to stand and rejoice, lift my hands and raise my voice.
Lift my hands, lift my hands, lift my hands and raise my voice.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Liddy Stark

Greeter: Kay Woodworth

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

Usher: Barb Davenport

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Bass Guiarist: Rigby Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Kay Schnitker



Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe

Coffee Host: Barb Davenport

Singers:

Maddy Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker
			Kelly Street

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 19, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**
10:45am: Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 20, 6:00pm: Worship Core Team Meeting

Thursday, October 23, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 3:30pm: Oktoberfest Service & Indoor Meal
4:30pm: Oktoberfest Outdoor Meal & Trunk-or-Treat
6:30pm: Youth Event – carving Jack-O-Lanterns

Sunday, October 26, 9:30am: Reformation Worship **Friends from Faith**

Saturday, November 1, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

The altar plants are donated today by the Roth family in celebration of
Elliot's (October 18) & Lily's (October 25) birthdays
and

by Lynette Hamilton in celebration of
Brenda & Kip Stevenson's wedding anniversary on October 29

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News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith's Little Flock -- (Ages 2–7)

gathers during worship right after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

In October, Faith's Little Flock is excited to welcome three new volunteers to the teaching rotation! Together, we will explore stories about Moses and the Burning Bush, Manna and Quail, and learn about Samuel and David. Through engaging activities, the children will experience the stories by learning, living, and singing them. We will also provide materials for parents to continue these lessons at home.

Faith's Little Flock warmly welcomes—and deeply appreciates—our adult and older youth volunteers. If you're interested in spending time with the children during part of the Sunday worship service or joining the teacher rotation for Faith's Little Flock, please reach out to Melissa Street or Pam Devlin. Blessings, *Melissa*

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will sing “Your Grace Still Amazes Me” for Reformation Sunday, October 26. **A rehearsal will be held after church today.** The YouTube link to the song is: <https://youtu.be/8nt6r2-5TZQ?si=U61Wm6hlRlCvDdWI>

Let Jean know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Fall Fest Trunk-or-Treat, Meal, and Polka Service... A Barrel of Fun!

Roll out the barrel as we join for some fun, food, and worship on **Saturday, October 25**. It will be a day of worship, fellowship, and outreach for our Faith Family and the entire community. We start at **3:30pm** with some toe-tapping worship with a liturgy set to favorite polka tunes in the sanctuary. Then, bring on the food! Bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, all washed down with mugs of root beer, then with some German chocolate cupcakes to top it off. The fun continues outside for our second annual Trunk-or-Treat with decorated trunks and activities. These events are for the entire community, and there are many ways to participate.

See the **Sign-Up sheet** on the counter by the coffee sales: to prepare potato salad (German or regular, recipes provided) and cupcakes, to help set up, serve, and clean up.

A **Sign-Up** is also available for hosting a trunk, booth, or game for the **Trunk-or-Treat**. Questions? Talk to Monica Proefrock.

This takes the place of our Soup, Salad, and Dessert event this year, so let's come together, invite our neighbors, and have a barrel of fun!

Reformation Sunday October 26

Let's roll out the red carpet (or paraments) as we celebrate Reformation Sunday! It will be a special morning with an opportunity (or two) to belt out "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and a musical offering from our Chancel Choir. Wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit, as we trust that God's reforming work and refining fire continue to be at work in us and throughout Christ's church.

All Saints Sunday November 2

On November 2, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, an opportunity to remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year. If you would like the name of your loved one shared, please submit it to the church office **by Friday, October 31**.

Bible Boot Camp

We had a great outing to the Martin's home to learn about God's creation IN God's creation. Families sang songs about hippopotamuses, survived an epic nature hike with our own naturalist Paul Scheerer, and enjoyed a delicious cookout with homemade ice cream. Thank you to Galen and Marty for this wonderful day! Bible Boot Camp will not meet during October, but do join us at our Fall Fest on October 25 for food and fun, including a bounce house, games, and trunk-or-treat. **Bible Boot Camp will resume on November 2, 16, and 30, 4:30-6:00pm, with a Christmas party on December 14.**

Upcoming Youth Events

Our Youth are invited to join us on October 25 as we carve jack-o-lanterns and learn about letting our light shine. We will meet at 6:30pm after the trunk-or-treat. Then, on All Saints Sunday, November 2, we will have a special "Soup with the Saints" meal at 6:00pm. Youth will be inviting "saints" who have been role models of faith to join in conversations about faith and following God.

Doorbell Dinners October 27-31

Help us deliver meals in the community through our community-wide Doorbell Dinners ministry. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time

commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales. Questions? Talk to Sharon Zuiderveld.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

There is always a need for food donations at the Food Center. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet).

New Directions Meal Train

The New Directions homeless shelter is looking for volunteers to provide meals for their residents. There are typically 5-12 residents each night, but they ask that you call ahead to confirm the headcount for the day. Meals can be dropped off between 5:30-6:00pm, and you are welcome to stay and eat. For more information, visit “New Directions Jacksonville, IL” on Facebook.