

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “How Good It Is,” arr. Tomlin

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 – “We Are the Body of Christ”

(piano)

**One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise You;
We are the body of Christ.**

**One goal, one vision, to see You exalted;
We are the body of Christ.**

And to this we give our lives to see You glorified.

**One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise You;
We are the body of Christ. Repeat**

And to this we give our lives; to see You glorified.

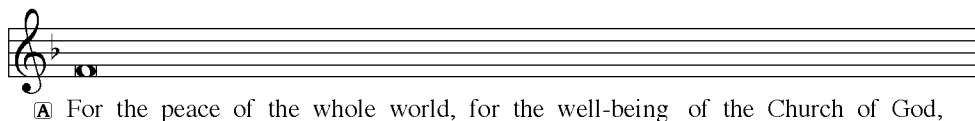
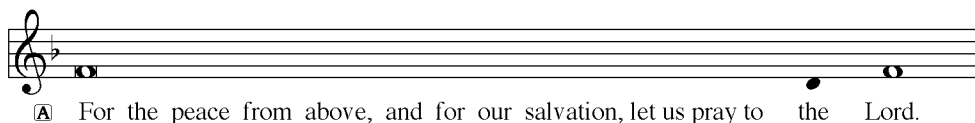
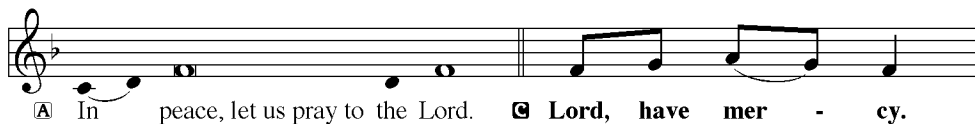
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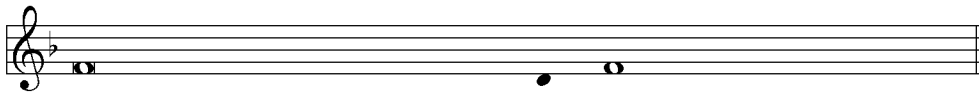
**Greeting*

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.

**Kyrie*

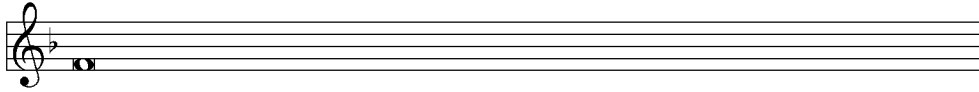




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

Hymn of Praise: "When In Our Music God is Glorified" ELW 851 (piano)

- 1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
- 2 How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
- 3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!
- 4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

**5 Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day*

P: God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Genesis 39:1-23

Reader: Monica Proefrock

¹Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.

²The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has

he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, “Lie with me!” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. ¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, “See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.” ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, “This is the way your servant treated me,” he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph’s care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph’s care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 5:11-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Song – “Blest Are They” ELW 728

(piano)

1. **Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.**

*Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

2. **Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.** *Refrain*

3. **Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.** *Refrain*

4. **Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.** *Refrain*

5. **Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.** *Refrain*

Sermon: "God with Us in the Pit"

Song of the Day – "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW 808 (piano)

- 1 **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**
- 2 **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**
- 3 **As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**
- 4 **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**
- 5 **Together we share and we pray on the journey.
We come to embrace all we know and all that is unknown.
We walk humbly and justly in harmony.
In all that we do may we live for the journey.**

**The 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*

Stewardship Time

"Goodness of God,"

**by Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash, & Ben Fielding
*sung by the Faith Singers***

*—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—*

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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*

**Father let your kingdom come, Father let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.**

**Father let your kingdom come, Father let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us, forgive us
as we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Let your kingdom come. Repeat

**It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours,
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours,
It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours,
Forever and ever, the kingdom is Yours. Repeat**

**Father let your kingdom come, Father let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.**

**Father let your kingdom come. Father let your will be done
on Earth as in Heaven right here in my heart,
on Earth as in Heaven right here in my heart.**

Communion Songs

“Blessed Assurance” ELW 638 *(piano)*

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
Refrain

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King” *(piano)*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fill my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy good-ness prove.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

Refrain:

*Come, thou Fount, come, thou King; Come, thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing, come, thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, thou Fount, come, thou King; Come, thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing, come, thou Fount of our blessing.*

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. *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's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “A Mighty Fortress”*

(piano)

- 1 **A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 **No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

Interlude by the Faith Singers

- 3 **Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
- 4 **God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 4, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: Retirement Reception for Jean Welch
Wednesday, October 7, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
Sunday, October 11, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: “Digging Deeper” in the Justice Room
Wednesday, October 14, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
Thursday, October 15, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting in the Library

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 and Faith's Older Flock

We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children grades 1-6.

Retirement Reception for Jean Welch

Our congregation is giving thanks for the partnership in ministry we have shared with our beloved staff member Jean Welch, Music Director. All are invited to gather in gratitude and celebration as she enters retirement. A reception will be held today in the Great Room after the service to offer heartfelt opportunities to share memories, express appreciation, and bless Jean as she steps into this new chapter.

If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift from the congregation, please indicate "Jean retirement" on your check or envelope so your gift can be directed appropriately. Your generosity will help celebrate her years of faithful service and the many ways she has enriched the life of our Faith family. Thank you, Jean! You have been such a blessing to us, and we give thanks to God for the ministry we have shared together!

Fall Fest Is Almost Here!

The 3rd Annual Fall Fest at Faith Lutheran is happening on **Sunday, October 18**, from 4:00–6:00 PM. Families, friends, and neighbors are encouraged to come enjoy a Trunk or Treat, bounce house, free food, music, games, and more.

Volunteers are needed to help host trunks, support activities, bake cookies, and assist with general event setup and hospitality. Anyone interested in lending a hand is invited to sign up at the Coffee Sales Counter. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate the season and create a fun, welcoming experience for the community.

Read the Bible in a Year

Please join us in reading the New Testament, starting October 1. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays from October 7 through December 31, from 10:00-11:00am in the Library, to discuss the reading for each week. By December 31, we will have read the entire New

Testament. If you would like more information and the reading schedule, please contact Pam Devlin at 217-473-7375 or pdevlin56@gmail.com. God's Blessings to all.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

Join us on **October 11** in the Justice Room for exploring the new sermon series based on the Lectionary.

New Faith Telephone Directory

We will be printing a new Faith Directory soon and would like to update any new information you might have. Please make changes directly onto the copy at the Coffee Sales counter. Thank You!

Doorbell Dinners – October 26-30

Help us deliver meals in the community. 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.