

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF
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OCTOBER 19, 2025



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Prelude

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

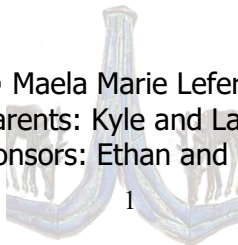
Invocation

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

Holy Baptism (11:00am)

✠ Maela Marie Lefere ✠
Parents: Kyle and Lacey
Sponsors: Ethan and Mary



Opening Verses

Psalm 121

- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
C **From where does my help come?**
P My help comes from the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

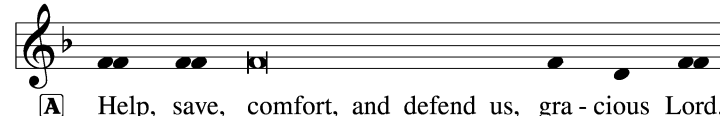
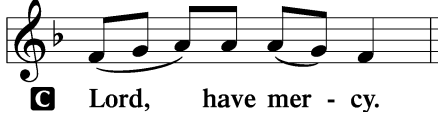
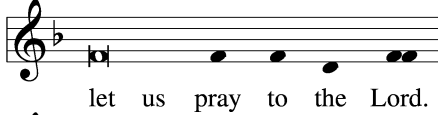
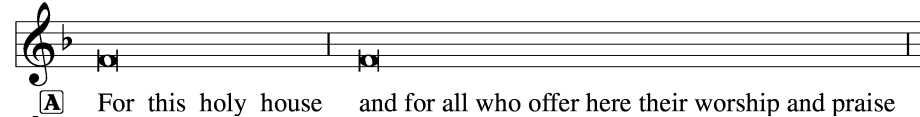
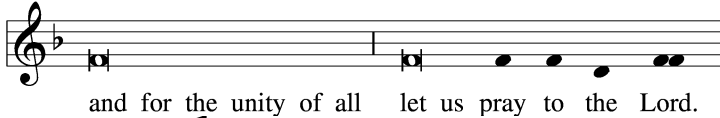
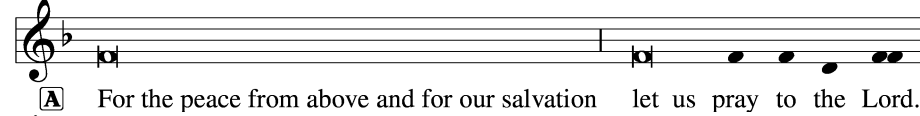
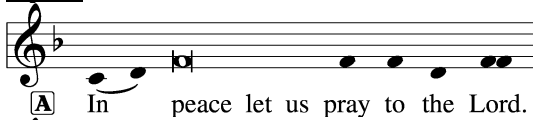
-Please Kneel/Sit for a Time of Private Confession-

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in Christ, we gather before God to confess our sins, for as the Scriptures say and our Confession agrees: "All men are born in sin, that is, without fear of God, without trust in God, and with concupiscence" (*Augsburg Confession II*). Therefore, we are commanded to confess our sinfulness before God and one another. But what does it mean to confess?
- C** **"To confess means not only to acknowledge sin, but also to receive the absolution and believe that by it sins are forgiven."** (*Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII.39*)
- P** Do not come before God with excuses, but sincerely with contrite hearts. For a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. (*Psalm 51:17*)
- C** **We are called to "To fear, love, and trust in God above all things,"** (*Small Catechism, Commandment I*). **Yet we have placed more fear in how the world will react to our faith than in how the Lord responds to our faith.**
- P** We have sought security in the things that fade away in time,
- C** **rather than in the word of God which stands forever.** (*Isaiah 40:8*). **We acknowledge our sin before You, O Lord. We grieve that our hearts are inclined to evil. We cannot by our own reason or strength come to You or believe in You. Have mercy upon us, O God. Forgive, renew, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P** Our God does not leave repentant hearts in their guilt. He does not measure your worth by your failures, but by the righteousness of Christ that covers you completely. Believe the Gospel. Receive the mercy. Rejoice in freedom. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast (8:15am)

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Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." 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. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Chancel Choir *(8:15am)*

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

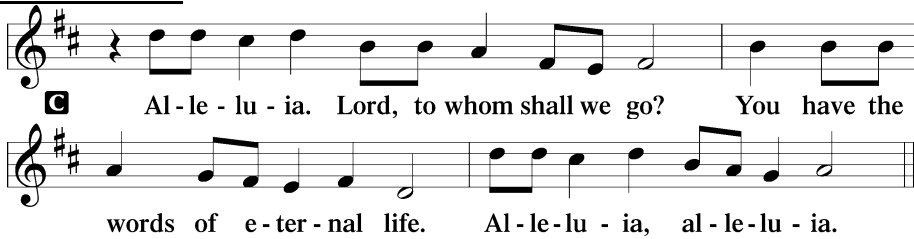
I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed (8:15am)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and

was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come.

Amen.

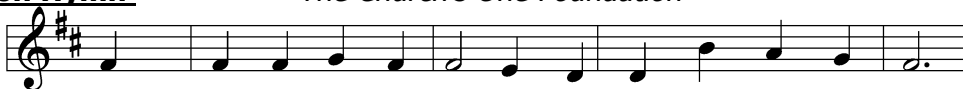
Children's Message

~Children of all ages are welcome to the altar at this time~

Sermon Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Sermon

"Dead Man Walking"

2 Timothy 4:1

Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

Offertory

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A series of seven lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each line is accompanied by lyrics. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, half notes) and rests, with a double bar line at the end of the seventh line.

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at
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Prayer of the Church

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

~The 11:00am service continues with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction~

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who showed Himself alive to the disciples and sent them with peace and forgiveness as witnesses of the resurrection. Bless us now in the public confession of our faith and remember us, Lord, in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

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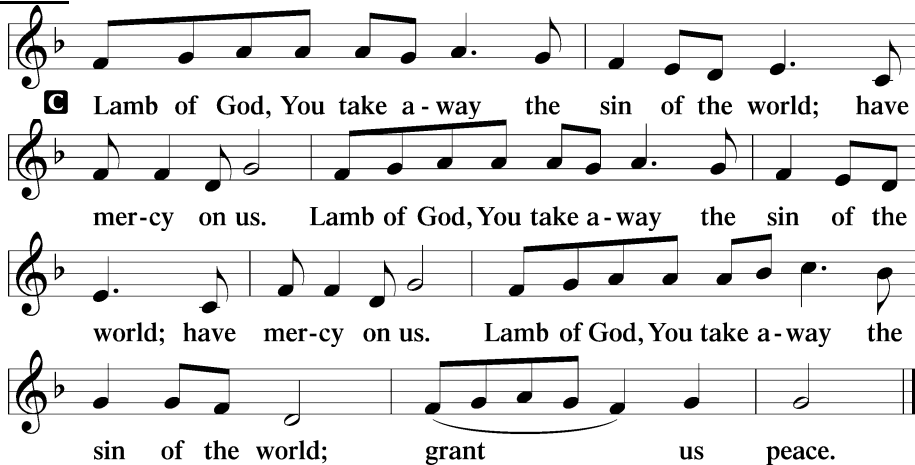
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

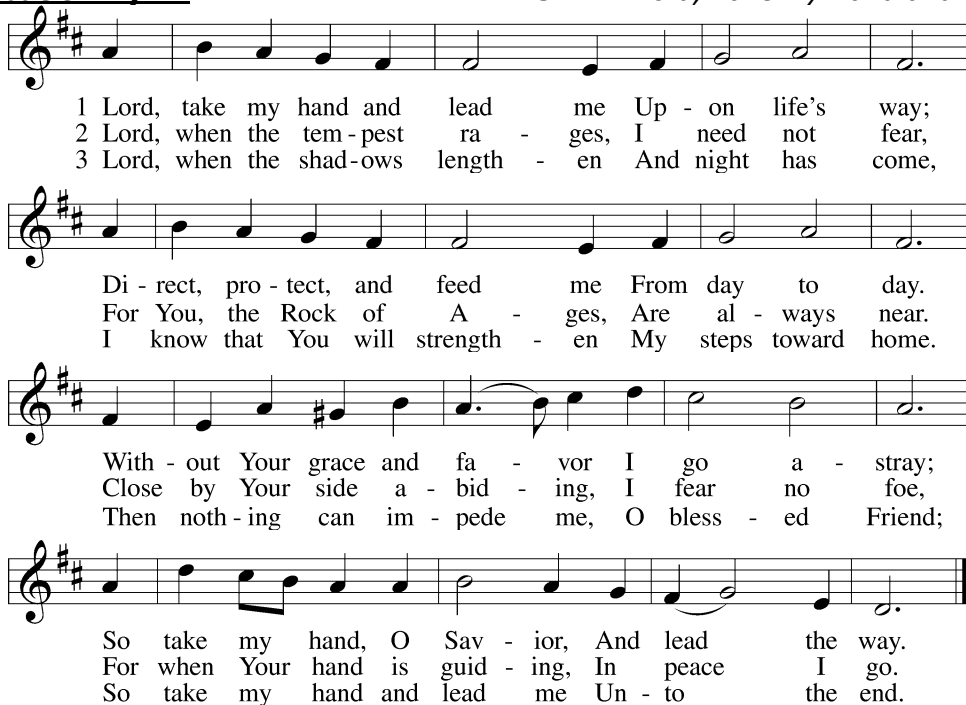
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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 722 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem-pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad-ows length - en And night has come,
Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.
With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;
So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Post-Communion Collect

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.

Closing Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LSB 793

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Serving us in Worship this week:

Preacher	Pastor Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul
Altar Guild	Kathleen Prunkner/Betsy Newton
Readers	8:15 David Newton 11 Rita McClatchey
Elders	8:15 Brian Hermann/Jim Schultz 11 Mike Babycz
Counters	8:15 Ben Schultz/Randy Walker/Carol Zimmie 11 Meredith Sanislo/Amie Szerdi
Ushers	8:15 Roger Pierce/David Owens/Chay Smith/Tony Valdes 11 Jeff Gowman/Brian Charlton/Dave Hemming/Erik Olsen

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