

St. Paul Lutheran Church
19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 19, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

"Blessed be Your Name"

Praise Band

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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

Screen

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: 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.

P: 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! **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song

"Everlasting God"

Screen (Sing twice)

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever, Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God

You do not faint, You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

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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

Screen

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

L: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

L: For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

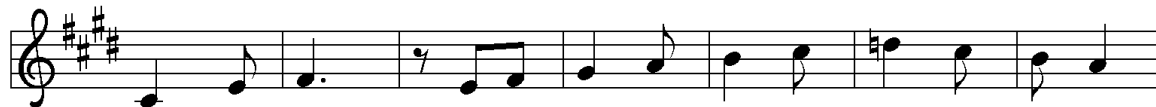
C: Amen.

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Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



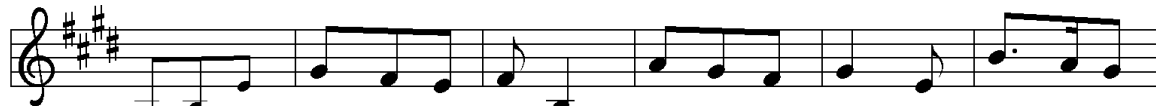
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord God,

C: 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.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Genesis 32:22-31

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Genesis.

A: ²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When 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. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 121

Screen

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

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

**C: My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

A: The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

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

A: the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

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

A: The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**C: 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

Screen

A: A reading from the book of 2 Timothy.

A: ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so 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: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For 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 ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Screen

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Gospel – Luke 18:1-8

Screen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: 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?"

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

"I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry" Screen or ELW #732



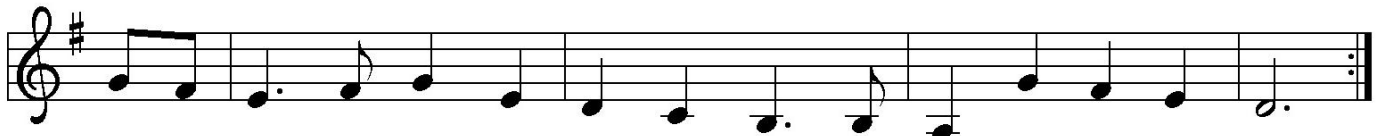
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



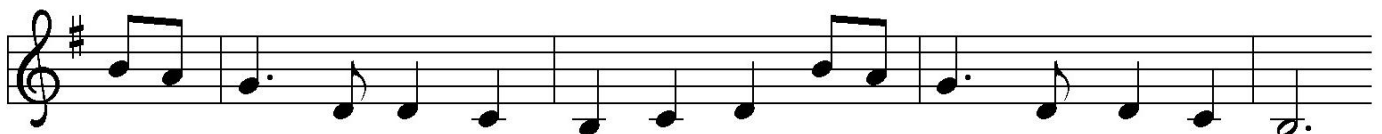
I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



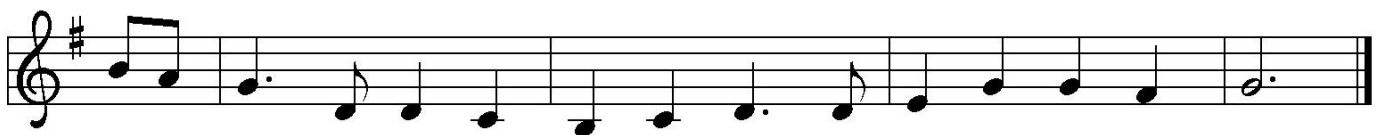
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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**C: 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

Screen

P: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer especially Eva Cowley, Barb Strom, Deb Liebzeit, Chase

Flynn, Connie Clayton, Bonnie Bollman, and those we name aloud or in our hearts... *brief silence....* God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for St. Paul Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And, also with you!

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

MEAL

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering. Their offering this month will support the Goodfellows of Lee County. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Song

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Screen or ELW #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Screen

P: Lord of the harvest,

C: 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.

Holy Communion

Screen

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 God thanks and praise.

P: 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:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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, Jesus 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."

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Each person may respond, "**amen**".

St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion. This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Songs

Lamb of God

Screen



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Screen or ELW #752 ~ REPEATS



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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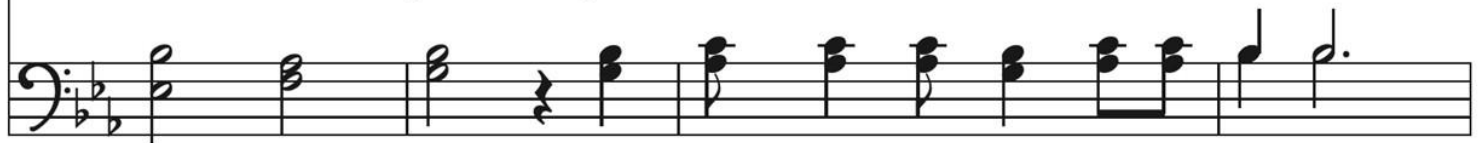
"Christ, Our Peace"

Screen

REPEATS



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di-vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.



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Post Communion Blessing

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

Post Communion Prayer

Screen

A: Let us pray, O God, **C: 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.**

SENDING

Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"What a Friend"

Screen

Verse 1 Everybody has trials and temptations
 Everybody knows heart break isolation
 But we can lay our burdens down
 Lay our burdens down

Chorus What a friend we have in Jesus
 East to west my sins are gone
 I see grace on every horizon
 And forever and ever His heart is my home

Verse 2 Everybody has fears everybody got worries
 Everybody knows sorrow devastation
 But we can lay our burdens down
 Lay our burdens down

Chorus

Bridge (sing twice) No more betrayal for He is faithful
 He fills me up and my cup runneth over
 No more betrayal for He is faithful
 How He has proven it over and over (over and oh)

Chorus (sing twice)
(Forever and ever His heart is my home)

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise Band

Leading Worship

Musicians: Gerad VonHolten & Praise Band **Preacher:** Pastor Anthony Windau

Presider: Pastor Riley Reed-Windau **Worship Assistant:** Linda Patterson

Youth Worship Helpers: Luis, Hannah, & Rafael

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St. Paul Announcements

Church Office contact information ~ email: office@stpauldixon.org phone: 815-288-2757

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10/19:	Youth Committee 9:15 am Sunday School / Youth Group 9:30 am -10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Praise Band Donut Pick Up Joint Confirmation Class 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at St. Paul
Monday, 10/20:	Prayer Team 10:00 am Line Dancing 5:00 pm Joint Book Study at ILC 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/21:	Line Dancing 9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am at Immanuel
Wednesday, 10/22:	Care Ministry 10:00 am Epistle Items to the Church Office
Thursday, 10/23:	Joint Book Study at ILC 11:00 am Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Saturday, 10/25:	Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul (worship assistant: Marian Myers)
Sunday, 10/26:	Faith Lab/Reformation Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am (worship assistant: Joyce Craney) Installation Service 2:00 pm begins at Immanuel continues to St. Paul Reception following

Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube.

If ever you miss a service, you can join us online!



CHILI SUPPER

Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Chili and Soup Supper!

Join us for a night of fellowship, fundraising, and fabulous food! Half the proceeds go to Buddy Bags, a program that helps feed children and youth in our community.

Takeout containers available. Open from 4pm - 7pm.

 Tuesday, 28 October 2025  1013 Franklin Grove Rd. Dixon, IL 61021

Adult Meal Ticket: \$10
Child Meal Ticket: \$5

 Immanuel Lutheran Church
More Info : www.ilcdixon.org

Thank you to all who helped make the Rummage Sale such a success!

Don't forget to pick up your donuts today after Worship. Thank you for supporting the youth!



CELEBRATION

1 Year of Joint-Ministry Celebration and Installation of Pastors Riley and Anthony

Save the date and make plans to attend this important worship service! We will gather Sunday, October 26th at 2 pm at Immanuel.

The service will begin there with the first half of the installation, then we will drive over to St. Paul to continue worship. St. Paul will also host fellowship afterwards.

Please try to attend both parts to emphasize our ministry as "Two Churches, One Mission."

Also, if willing, carpool with friends and fellow congregants. This will cut down on traffic and travel time. All of Dixon is invited! You won't want to miss it.

Check the Facebook event for more details.

