



OCTOBER 19, 2025



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount
Arranged by Dan Musselman

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence For Reflection

A: 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.

A: 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.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

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

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

Word Of God Speak

Words and Music by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

1. I'm find-ing my - self at a loss for words, and the fun-
(2. I'm find-ing) my - self in the midst of You, be-yond the

-ny thing is, it's o - kay. The last thing I need is to
mu - sic, be-yond the noise. All that I need is to be

be heard, but to hear what You would say. Word of God, speak.
with You, and in the qui - et hear Your voice.

Would You pour down like rain, wash-ing my eyes to see, Your maj-

- es-ty, to be still and know that You're in this place? Please let me stay

and rest in Your ho - li-ness. Word of God, speak.

2. I'm find-ing

2. D.S. 3.

- li-ness. Word of God, speak. - li-ness. I'm find-ing my -

- self at a loss for words, and the fun -

-ny thing is, it's o - kay.

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

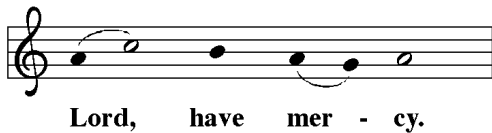
L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

L: 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.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer
here their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.



L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together,

C: 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.

THE WORD

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Verse 1

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Every color, every race,
all are covered by His grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Verse 2

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Stranger, friend, and neighbour too,
He loves them as He loves you.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

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

A READING FROM

PSALM 121

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

L: 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.

L: 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;

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 18:1-8

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, beginning in the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

SONG OF THE DAY

(Sing twice)

Give Us Clean Hands

Words and Music by Charlie Hall

VERSE

♩ = 75 F C F/A B♭

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum-

4 F B♭/C F C F/A B♭

ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

CHORUS

8 F C Dm C

dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

12 B♭ F C Dm C

oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

16 B $\flat$ F C
oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

19 Dm C B $\flat$ F
oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

22 C Dm C B $\flat$ F
that seeks Your face, oh God of Ja - cob._

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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE

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

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

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

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

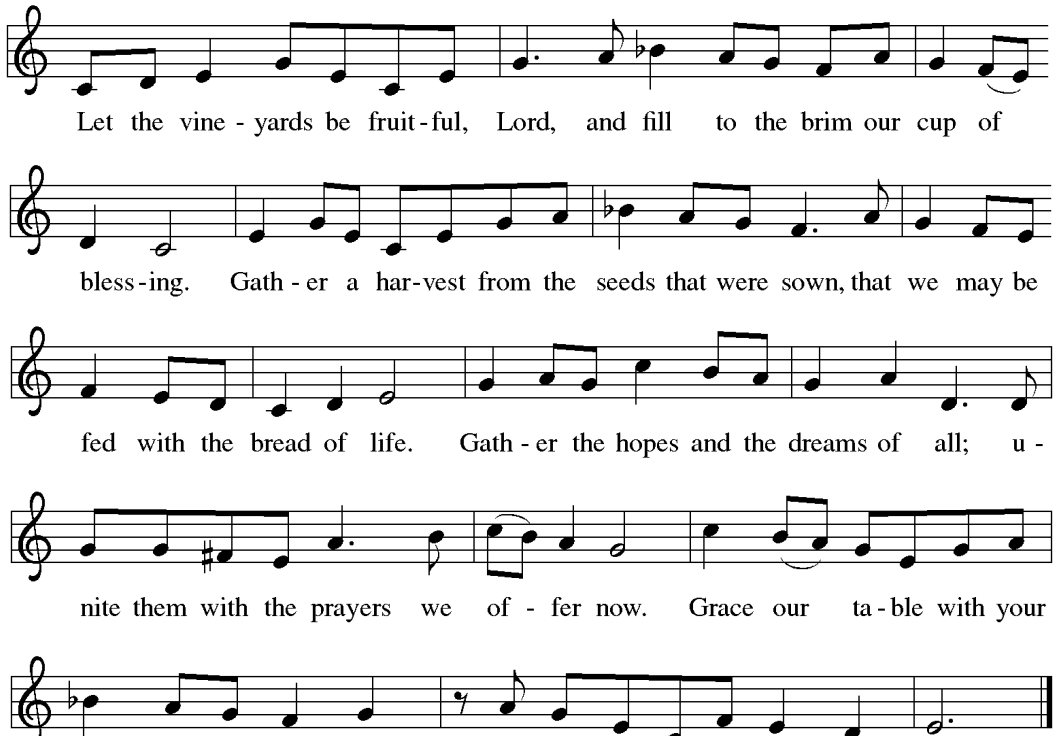
THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

It is Well With My Soul

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)



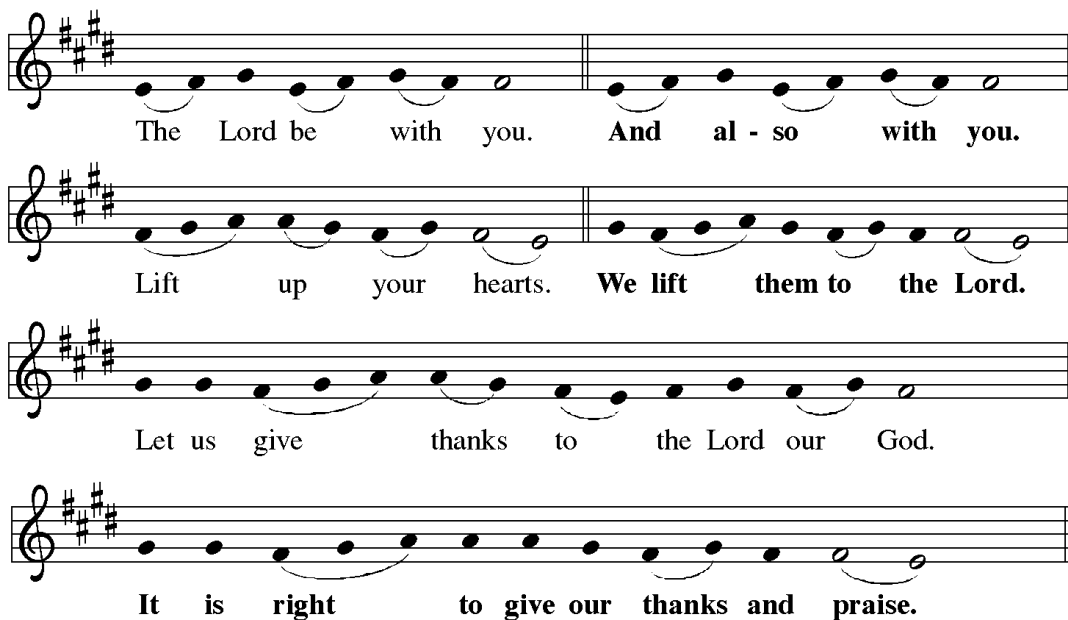
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

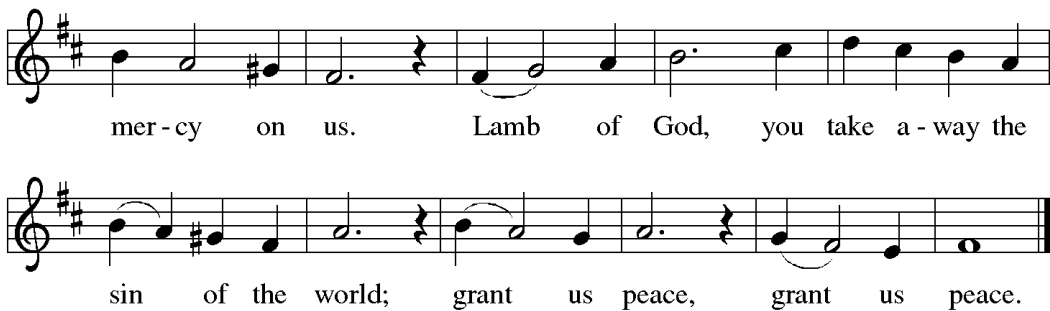
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

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



HOLY COMMUNION

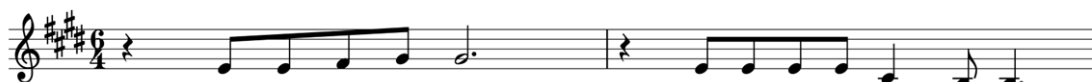
We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. *All* means *ALL*. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles.

Communion is by intinction. We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.





For ev - erv - one born. a place at the ta - ble,
For gen - ders di - verse, a place at the ta - ble,
 For iust and un - iust. a place ar the ta - ble.
Ex - pres - sions of love, **di - verse as the rain - bow,**
 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 a cov - en - ant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and co - lor,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - erv - one born. a star o - ver - head.
for gen - ders di - verse, a sys - tem that's fair. Refrain
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.
 for gay and for straight, the cha - lice of grace. Refrain
 for ev - erv - one born, the right to be free. Refrain

Refrain



God wil de - light when we are cre - a - tors of just - ice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of just - ice,



just - ice and joy.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝ , and of the Holy Spirit.

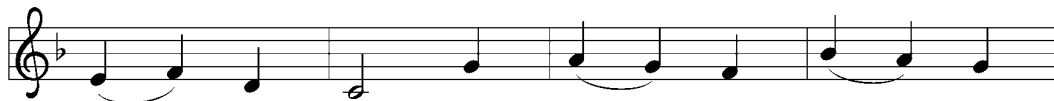
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

C: I'm gonna let it shine!

A: We pray always because our faith calls us to strive for justice. May we live in the tension between God's justice and the world's justice. (They are different.) May we strive to live out God's justice even when it clashes with our's. May we see the world through God's eyes, especially those areas that are more difficult, challenging and require personal sacrifice. This is holy work. We do this work until...

C: Everyone knows that God loves them!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

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9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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Director of Worship and Music:

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