# Welcome to Worship for Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, October 19, 2025

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road • Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor John Womack, Director of Music



Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

#### ---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**PRELUDE** John Womack

During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.

WELCOME **Rev. Ashton Roberts** 

**GATHERING SONG ELW 790** 



help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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The assembly kneels or is seated.

In the name of the Sovereign, and of the + Savior, and of the Spirit.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

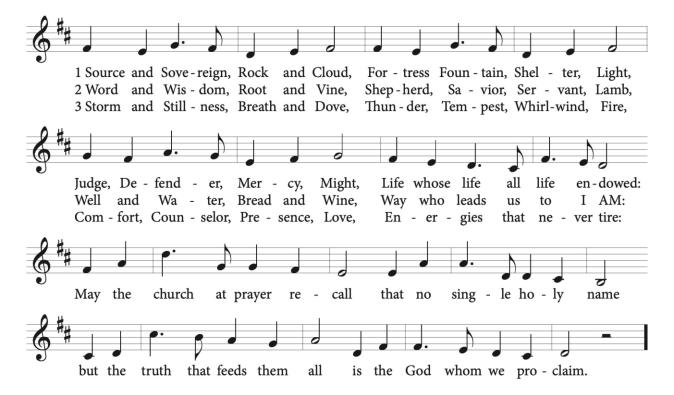
GREETING Rev. Ashton Roberts

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE Rev. John Tirro

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

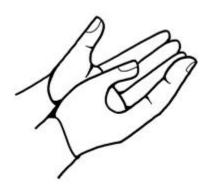
**Rev. Ashton Roberts** 

Let us pray.

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 congregation is seated.



#### ---WORD---

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

**Mary Kay Kates** 

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. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

**Mary Kay Kates** 

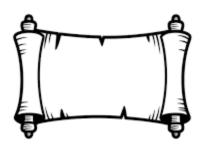
<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> 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: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For 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 <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands.* 



Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain

# Listen, God Is Calling Neno lake Mungu



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#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON Rev. Ashton Roberts

*The congregation stands.* 

#### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 769

#### If You But Trust in God to Guide You



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APOSTLES' CREED Rev. Ashton Roberts

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

**Mary Kay Kates** 

The congregation sits or kneels.

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

#### A brief silence.

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,

#### receive our prayer.

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,

#### receive our prayer.

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, receive our prayer.

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.

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

#### Additional Intercessions

**Rev. Ashton Roberts** 

#### A brief silence

- We pray for the family and friends of Allison Pults on her passing.
- We pray for Ray; Charlie; Jennifer.
- We pray for Mark; Jack; Alex.
- We pray for Roy Craig; Joe; John.

#### God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

- We pray for all people of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and violence, especially those caught between Ukraine and Russia; between Israel and Hamas; in South Sudan; Myanmar; and Ethiopia.
- We pray for swift and accessible aid to those suffering starvation in Gaza, and for those who work to provide aid and relief.
- We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.
- We pray for all affected by the government shutdown, both federal workers and those who rely on federal offices and systems.
- We give thanks for the birth of Diego, son of Melissa and grandson of Raquel. May he feel your love and grace surrounding him each day of his life.
- We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.

God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

We pray for All Saints 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,

#### receive our prayer.

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,

#### receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

#### **PEACE (ELW p. 152)**

**Rev. Ashton Roberts** 

The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### And also with you.

If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.

#### **OFFERING**

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.



#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Repeat twice.

## Spirit, Open My Heart



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Mary Kay Kates** 

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev. Ashton Roberts** 

## The Lord Be With You



Text: The Book of Common Prayer

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# On the Night He Was Betrayed



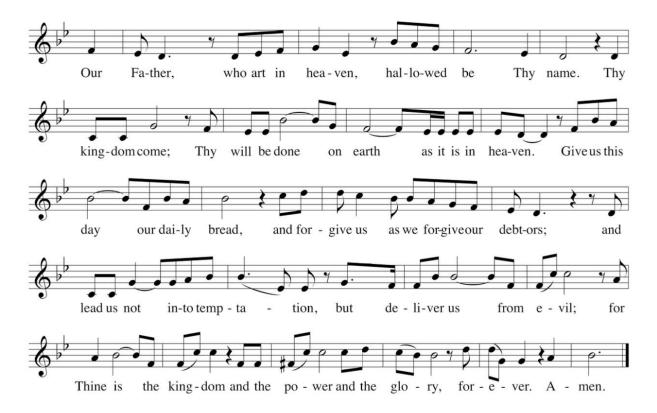
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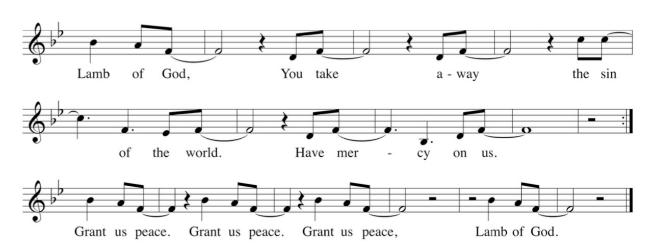


# The Lord's Prayer



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# Lamb of God



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#### MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*The congregation stands.* 

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Rev. Ashton Roberts** 

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Mary Kay Kates** 

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### ---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING Rev. Ashton Roberts

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

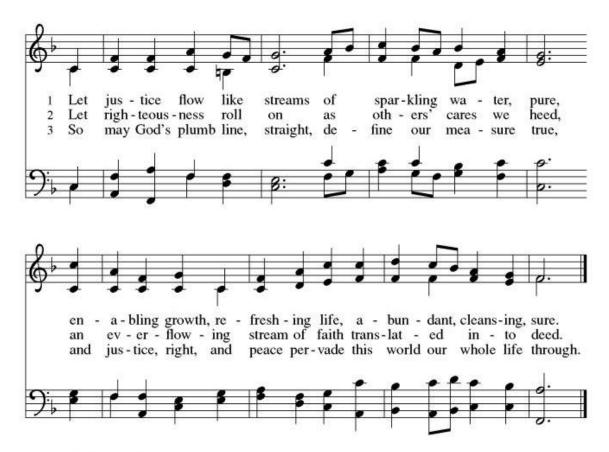
The Lord look upon you with favor and ₱ give you peace.

Amen.



SENDING SONG ELW 717

### Let Justice Flow like Streams



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#### The congregation is seated.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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