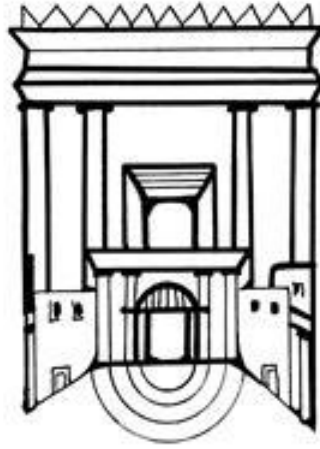


Welcome to Worship for Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, September 27, 2026

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. James Hilden-Minton, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music



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---GATHERING---

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

PRELUDE

John Womack

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

The congregation stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, 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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Mary Kay Kates

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 25:1-9

John Womack



Psalm 25:6

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- ¹To I you, O LORD,
I lift I up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be I put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph I over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be I put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame I who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your I ways, O LORD,
and teach I me your paths. R**
- ⁵Lead me in your I truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all I the day
long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- I sion and love,
for they are from I everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and I my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- I ness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and up- I right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners I in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the low- I ly in justice
and teach the low- I ly your way. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

Mary Kay Kates

- ¹If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any
partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ²make my joy
complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord
and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in
humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not
to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be
in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
- ⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
- And being found in appearance as a human,
- ⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

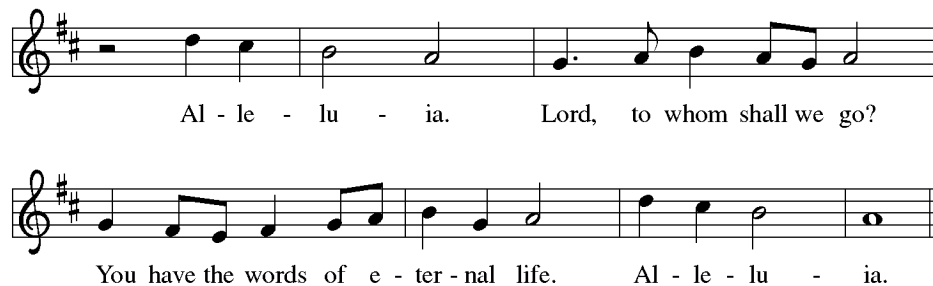
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in
my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own
salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."

And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

The congregation stands.

Rev. James Hilden-Minton



O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

**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.

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us
listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and
dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better
world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear
us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their
call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the
gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled
hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need. Grant us your salvation.

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

A brief silence

- We pray for Hannah; Lorraine and Bob; Sharon; Michael; Gary.
- We pray for Kellen; Willie; Jerry and Jackie; Roger; Jim.
- We pray for Mark; Phillip; Kathryn; Robin and Cathy.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

- We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Gaza, Israel, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar.
- We pray for all affected by storms and natural disasters.
- We pray for safe and positive environments for students, teachers, and all school personnel.
- 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.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PEACE

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

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.

---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Mary Kay Kates

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. If you're joining us online, a link is available in the comments. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

ELW 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Kay Kates

Let us pray.

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always..

Amen.

DIALOGUE

Rev. James Hilden-Minton



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.



On the night He was be-trayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:



"Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Take and eat. This is my body,



gi-ven for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."



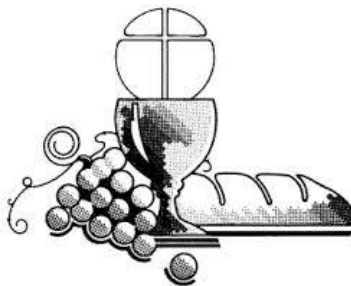
On the night He was be-trayed He took the cup gave thanks, and raised it up:



"Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Take and drink. This is my blood,



poured out for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."



LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin
of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Tune: John Tirro

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

The congregation is seated.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

The congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

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.

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray

Amen.

---SENDING---

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

BLESSING

Rev. James Hilden-Minton

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Blessed

SENDING SONG

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;

of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

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Thanks be to God.

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