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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prayer Before Worship: God of surprising revelations, we thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Give us ears to hear your will for us, hearts that are open to your word, and eyes to see your presence in the world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Opening Hymn:

“Oh, Sing to the Lord”

**ELW #822
v. 1, 3, 5**

**1. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**3. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

*** Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

Merciful and loving God, **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.**

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! **Amen.**

***Greeting**

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**

Almighty and most merciful God, **your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Read Responsively

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

**⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

**⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

**⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Lord, Be Glorified”

**ELW #744
v. 1 & 3**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our church, Lord, be glorified today.**

***Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon:

Christine Howlett

Sermon:

PMA Maureen Roller

(Silence for reflection and meditation)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW #840

**1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

***Profession of Faith: The 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 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 the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

God of grace...**receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

.... in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering:

“Quiet Faith”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

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.**

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

ELW Page 220

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

The 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.**

✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

***Benediction**

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. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"**

ELW #543

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

***Dismissal**

Go now in peace and love. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Diane Chapman** (cancer treatment - Deb Brown’s cousin), **Clay** (health issues - Laurie Ruzicka’s nephew), **Catherine Rahrs** (major medical issues - Val Rahrs’ mother), **Carter & Family** (relatives of Janine Hergenreder), **Marcy Miller** (ongoing health issues), **Joni** (cancer - friend of Laurie Ruzicka), **Lynne** (illness from cancer treatment - friend of Laurie Ruzicka), **Spencer** (health issues - brother of Susan Martin), **Mike Winchell** -(recovery), **James Carter** (cancer - relative of Jim & Andi Dorn), **Luciano Angel** (healing and recovery), **Jim Miller** (heart issues – spouse of Sheila Miller) **Dick Heidingsfelder** (healing and recovery), **Phil** (cancer – Pastor Kathy’s cousin) **Greg Sell** (surgery recovery) **Larry** (brother-in-law of Marlene Downer), **Dale Chasek** (heart tests), **Jessie, husband, and family** (family members of Janine Hergenreder), **Julie Walton** (cancer treatment – Andrea Miller’s mother) **Samantha Madden** (health issues)

Prayers for comfort and peace: for the family and friends of **Dianne Jensen** (Val Rahr’s Grandmother), for the family and friends of **David Pickett** (Virginia Pickett’s son)



Madison Payne, 10/12; Kevin Miller, 10/13

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

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FOOD PANTRY: Canned Veggies

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located in the hallway by the garden doors.

Thank you for your generosity.



CLCW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: JAM, EPIC & OWLS Programs

JAM Program is for **K thru 6th graders and meets** Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 7 p.m. The Fellowship Hall; includes dinner and **fun, faith-filled activities**. EPIC Program is for 7th - 12th graders, usually meets once a month, and includes a fun activity, devotions, and meal. Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS), meets the first Wednesday each month, at 12:00 noon in Calvary's fellowship hall – freewill donations. A meal, special speaker or activity, and devotion are shared.

Tuesday Bible Study

We continue to have Bible Study on the book of Psalms on Tuesday evenings, our next meeting is **October 14th** from **6:30-8pm**. We'll gather each week to explore God's Word, grow in our faith, and share in meaningful fellowship.



REMINDER: Scholarship Applications for second semester 2025-2026 are due in the church office November 1, 2025.



Confirmation Classes

Classes convene each Wednesday evening from **6 - 7 p.m.** our next class is **October 15th**. Parents are asked to be involved in the confirmation program. Dinner will be provided at 5:30. For any questions or concerns, please see PMA Bill Huelle in Pastor Kathy's absence.



JAM will be Wednesday, October 15th!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (taco bar/cuties/cupcakes) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Christine at the church.



Grab & Go Lunch Menu for Oct. 23rd

Sloppy Joe
Baby carrots
Chips
Halloween cookie
Bottled water

****Tags for items with returns dates are available on the bulletin board set up outside the church office.**





Volunteers with Laundry Love will once again be serving the community on **Oct. 18th, 12-2 p.m.**, at the Dineen Laundromat. We can't do this great ministry without your help. Questions? Reach out to Maunette Loeks.



WORSHIP LEADERS

PMA Maureen Roller

This Sunday – October 12

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTE: Mattea Weitzel

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler, Alisha Weitzel

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

Next Sunday – October 19

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Gretchen Foster

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTE: Jack Judy

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks

AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 12

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, October 13

5:30 p.m. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

1 p.m. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Wednesday, October 15

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir

Saturday, October 18

9 a.m. - Trustees

12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Laundry Love

5:30 p.m. - Worship

Sunday, October 19

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 a.m. – Youth & Parent Planning Meeting for Pittsburgh 2026 Trip

OCTOBER 12, 2025
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



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Jesus shows a foreigner mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| Sunday | Luke 17:11-19 | One leper gives thanks to God |
| Monday | 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c | Elisha heals Naaman |
| Tuesday | 2 Timothy 2:8-15 | A soldier of Christ Jesus |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 30:12-17 | Restoration promised to Israel |
| Thursday | 2 Timothy 1:13-18 | Encouragement to be faithful |
| Friday | Leviticus 19:33-34 | Love the alien as yourself |
| Saturday | Psalms 111 | Praise God for wonderful works |
| Sunday | Luke 18:1-8 | Parable of the persistent widow |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Was none of them [the ten lepers] found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Luke 17:18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, your compassion reaches out to those in need; give us thankful hearts for reaching out to us through Jesus Christ, the great healer of our lives. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we are thankful for this gift of food we receive today and for all that you do to care for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God show you kindness and mercy.



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OCTOBER 12, 2025
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Have You Thanked the Lord?



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WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Have you ever been left out of a group? Explain.
- Where have you witnessed God's love shown to a stranger?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 17:11-19.

The Bible, especially the Old Testament, tells of an intimate connection between foreigners and God's people who had been slaves in Egypt and poorly treated. It is easy to have negative thoughts about people we do not know personally and sometimes tempting to go on the attack against them. This is especially true of people we may call strangers or foreigners. Jesus confronts our negative bias about others when he lifts up the Samaritan as a "foreigner"

(Luke 17:18), someone God protects yet others often attack. For Jesus' own people, lepers were unapproachable, and Samaritans were belittled, yet Jesus approaches lepers and praises a Samaritan. For those moments when we, ourselves, may feel unapproachable or belittled, this is good news. For the unapproachable and belittled around us, Jesus' message is a calling to have a thankful heart filled with mercy.

Discuss: How does Jesus' mercy for foreigners encourage you to reflect on the needs of foreigners in your community?

Pray: **Loving God, you know our temptation to criticize people; help us to see others with your mercy that we may have thankful hearts through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support an organization that helps refugees?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 111 gives praise for God's wonderful deeds. God is holy and awesome (v. 9). Take a walk around your neighborhood and note the things you see that you consider to be awesome. For example, trees, buildings, the sky, and clouds. Then sit down in your home and write a list of what you saw. Take time to say a prayer of praise to God using words from Psalm 111 to be thankful for "this wonderful deeds" (v. 4), "the power of his works" (v. 6), and "the work of his hands" (v. 7).



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