



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**October 19, 2025**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

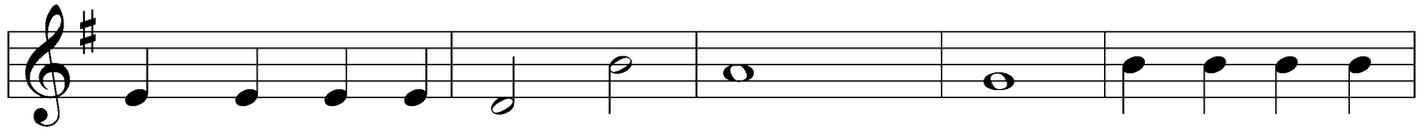
# Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### God Himself is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**Amen.**

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage 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**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Songs of Praise

### I Will Change Your Name

I will change your name  
You shall no longer be called  
Wounded outcast lonely or afraid

I will change your name  
Your new name shall be  
Confidence joyfulness overcoming one  
Faithfulness friend of God  
One who seeks My face  
(Repeat)



## Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Martyr's blood stains each page  
They have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years  
Heed these words and hold them dear

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
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## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

# First Reading

## Genesis 32

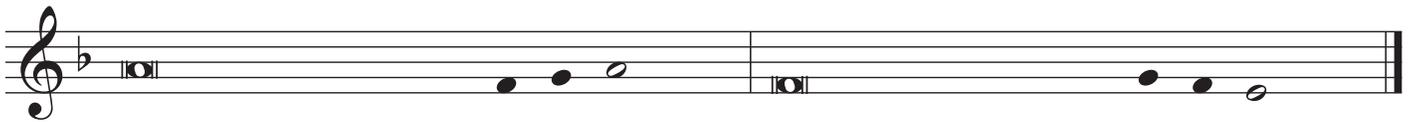
22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 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. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

### Psalm 121

#### Tone



#### Refrain



My help comes on - ly from the Lord, the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

**Refrain: My help comes only from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.**

1 I lift up my eyes • to the hills;  
from where is my • help to come?

**2 My help comes • from the Lord,  
the maker of heav- • en and earth.**

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

**4 Behold, the keep- • er of Israel  
will neither slum- • ber nor sleep;**

**Refrain: My help comes only from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.**

5 the Lord watches • over you;  
the Lord is your shade at • your right hand;

**6 the sun will not strike • you by day,  
nor the • moon by night.**

7 The Lord will preserve you • from all evil  
and will • keep your life.

**8 The Lord will watch over your going out and your • coming in,  
from this time forth for- • evermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son  
and to the Holy • Spirit;  
as it was in the be - • ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

**Refrain: My help comes only from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.**

## Second Reading

### 2 Timothy 2

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**4** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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## Children's Message

**Gemma Rodriguez**

## Gospel Acclamation

**My help comes only from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eighteenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

18 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected

man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' " 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Rev. Lew Upchurch**

## Confession of Faith

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, +  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## Offering

# The Sacrament of the Altar

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### 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.**

### O Lamb of God...

## Ways to Commune

**Intinction** – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

**Sealed Cups** – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together).

**Prayer** – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest.

## Communion Song

### I Lift My Eyes Up

I lift my eyes up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from  
My help comes from You, maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth  
(Repeat)

Oh how I need You Lord  
You are my only hope  
You're my only prayer  
So I will wait for You  
To come and rescue me  
Come and give me life

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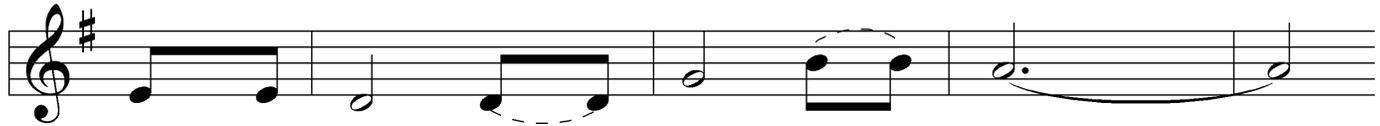
# Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
When my life is al - most gone,  
And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
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## Announcements

## **More Love, More Power**

More love more power  
More of You in my life  
More love more power  
More of You in my life

And I will worship You  
With all of my heart  
And I will worship You  
With all of my mind  
And I will worship You  
With all of my strength  
For You are my Lord

More love more power  
More of You in my life  
More love more power  
More of You in my life

And I will seek Your face  
With all of my heart  
And I will seek Your face  
With all of my mind  
And I will seek Your face  
With all of my strength  
For You are my Lord

More love more power  
More of You in my life

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used  
Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

# Sermon Notes

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# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

# Upcoming Events



**Learn more about all upcoming events at [pilgrimsm.org/calendar](https://pilgrimsm.org/calendar)**

## Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

## Serve at Pilgrim



Interested in serving at Pilgrim? Scan the QR code or go to <https://pilgrims.org/serve-at-divine-service/> to complete an information form. We will contact you when trainings are scheduled for various service opportunities.

## Bible App



Scan this QR code to download a Bible app and access scripture, devotionals, and more right from your phone!

## Happening this Week

### **Sunday, October 19**

Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Divine Service, 10:00 am

### **Monday, October 20**

Council Prayers, 9:00 am  
*Online*  
*Contact Barbara P. to join.*

### **Tuesday, October 21**

### **Wednesday, October 22**

### **Thursday, October 23**

### **Friday, October 24**

### **Saturday, October 25**



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**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ  
through Word and Sacraments.**

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