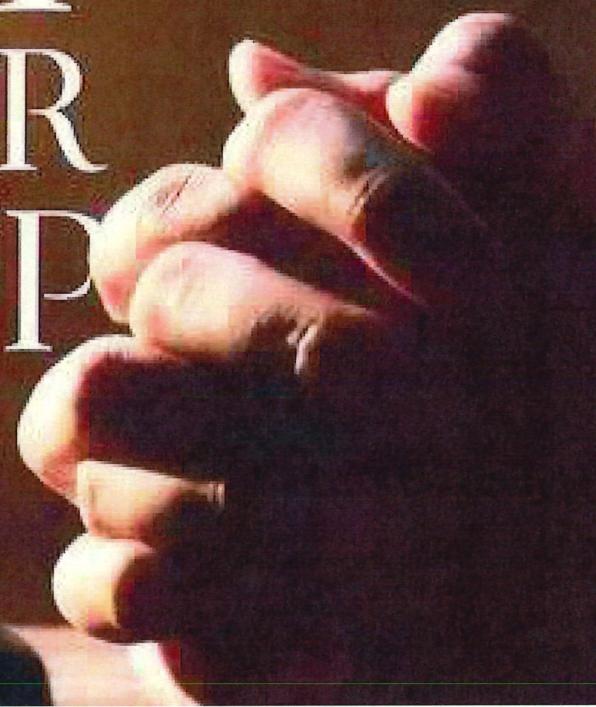


ALWAYS  
PRAY  
& NEVER  
GIVE UP

LUKE 18:1



**First Lutheran Church**

**October 19, 2025**

**The 19th Sunday  
after Pentecost**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart.  
This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today.  
Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again  
and again. Come regularly to Christ's table.  
Persistence in our every encounter  
with the divine will be blessed.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*

*David M. Cherwien*

*If You but Trust in God to Guide You*

*(Please stand)*

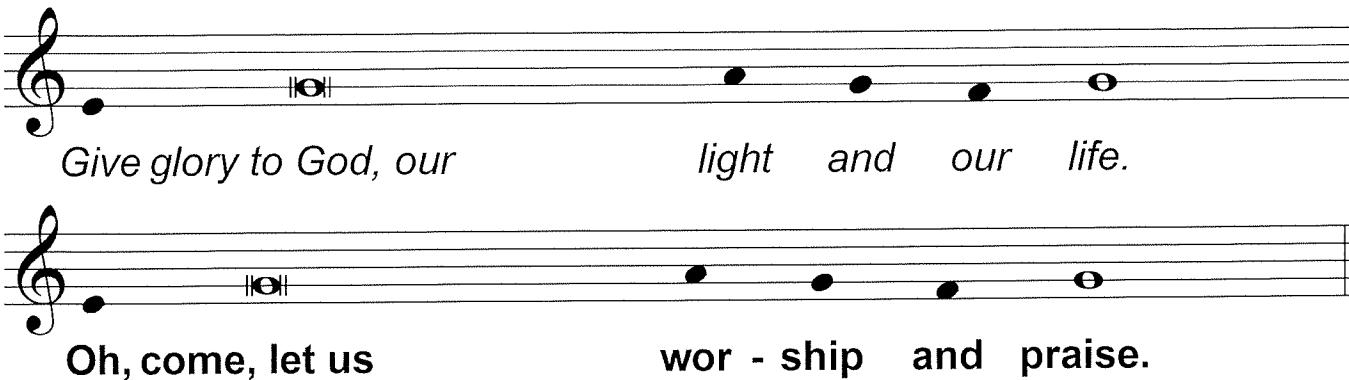
### **MORNING PRAYER**

#### **OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY**

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## PSALMODY

### INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

### MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

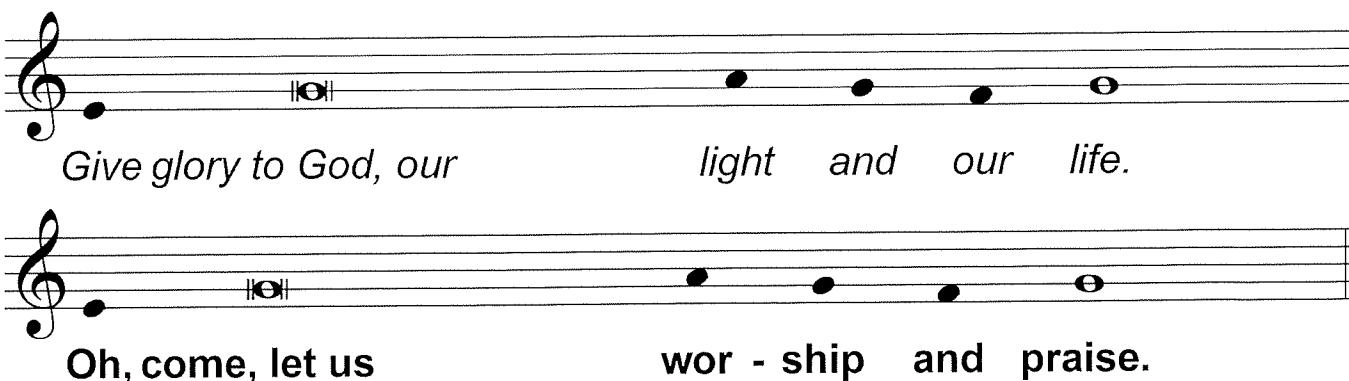
PSALM 95:1-7



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the  
rock of our salvation.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

### FINAL INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

*++ Children may go to Sunday School*

## **FIRST READING**

**GENESIS 32:22-31**

*L: A reading from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.*

<sup>22</sup> 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.

*L: The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**2 TIMOTHY 3:13-4:5**

*L: A reading from Timothy, the third chapter.*

<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

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.

*L: The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Cantor: The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)*

**GOSPEL**

**LUKE 18:1-8**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.*



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> 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?"

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW # 769**

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



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

(Please be seated)

**REFLECTION**

**REVERED MARK SCHURING**

(Please stand)

**CANTICLE**

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our  
God the dawn from on high shall  
break up - on us.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*P:* Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

*C:* 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.

(Please be seated)

**OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*PRECIOUS LORD*

*Wilbur Held*

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

(Please stand)

**OFFERING SONG**

**ELW # 773**

*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 past and 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.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapd. Thomas A. Dorsey

## ***OFFERING PRAYER***

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please kneel)*

## ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***

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

L: We pray for the church universal. O God, turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Each petition concludes:*

P: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

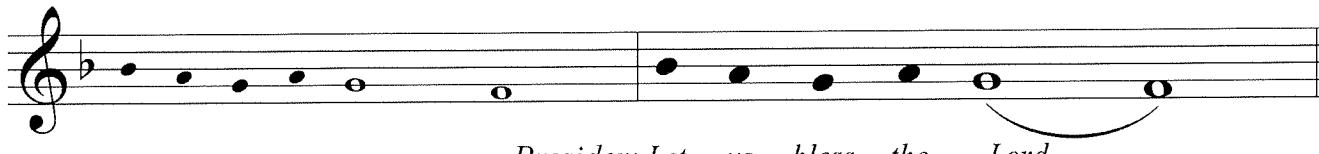
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

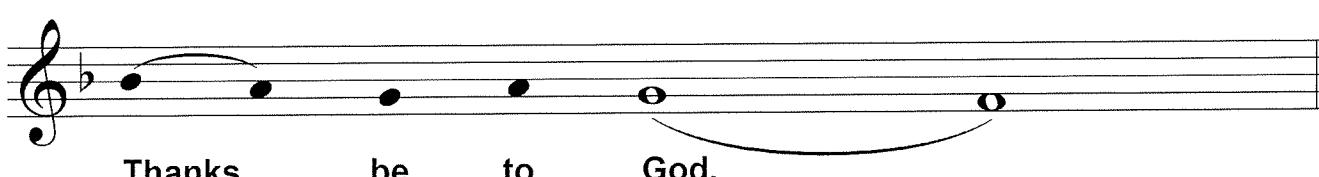
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.  
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,  
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.  
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,  
bless the changes that are before us, bless our pastoral leaders  
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.  
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us  
as we align with your will, and servant or servants  
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.  
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.  
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

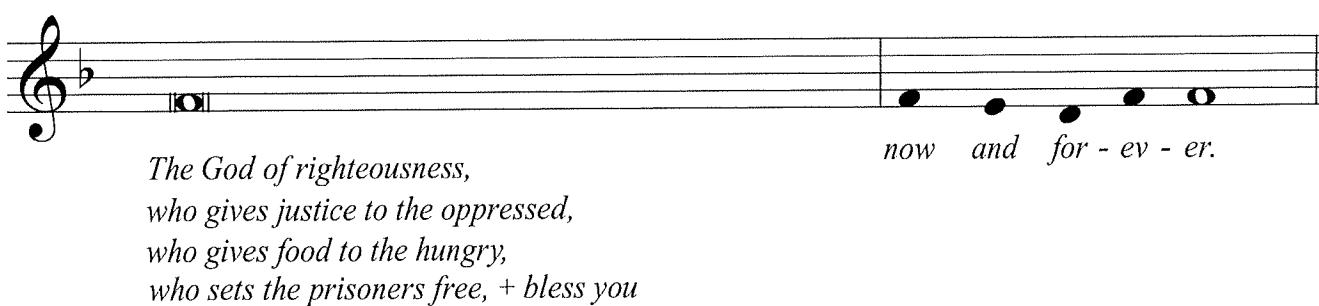
BLESSING



Presider: Let us bless the Lord.



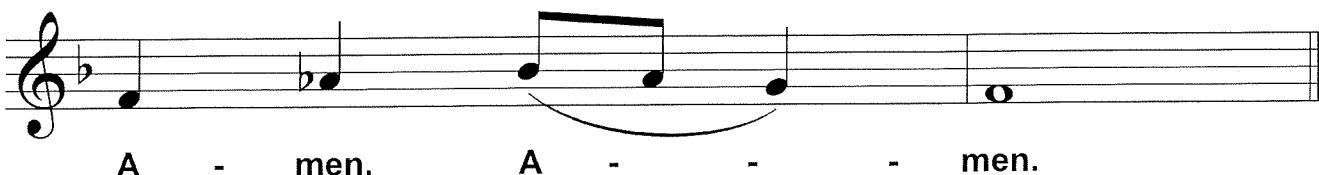
Thanks be to God.



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.



A - men. A - men.



A - men. A - - men.

## SENDING SONG

## Day by Day

ELW # 790



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav-ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 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.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Trumpet Tune in Eb

## Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	Oct 19
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	Oct 20
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30PM	Bookworms
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Oct 21
<u>Wednesday</u>	Oct 22
<u>Thursday</u>	Oct 23
1:00 PM	WOFD
7:00 PM	St. Francis Community Prayer
<u>Friday</u>	Oct 24
<u>Saturday</u>	Oct 25

### Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Oct 26
10:00AM	Church Service
	Reformation Sunday
6-8PM	Halloween Hospitality
<u>Monday</u>	Oct 27
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
12-5PM	Blood Mobile
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Oct 28
<u>Wednesday</u>	Oct 29
<u>Thursday</u>	Oct 30
<u>Friday</u>	Oct 31
<u>Saturday</u>	Nov 1



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

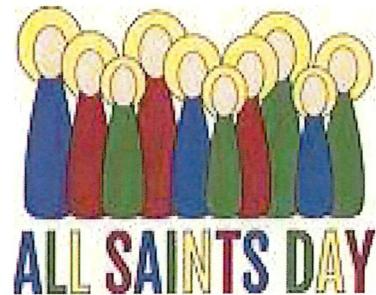
### Halloween Hospitality

Sunday, October 26th 6pm to 8pm

If you would like to contribute.

A pumpkin bowl is on the table in the lounge for candy donations.

If you would like to participate a sign up sheet is located on the new Information Board



### November 2, 2025

A list of our transitioned members from last year is on the Information Board.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the table in the lounge. The time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



### Lawn Mower for the Week



**Pete Meyers**

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## *Our Mission Statement*

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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