

19th Sunday after Pentecost - Praise
October 4, 2026 - 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanists

Praise Band

ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† indicates stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

† Call to Worship: We Are Called

We are called, we are claimed,
we are loved, by the holy name.

We are healed, we are whole,
the Savior ransomed our souls. We're singing,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

We are here to proclaim,
God is here, calls us each by name.
We are here to give praise,
the Love of God will not change. We're singing,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Creating and renewing God, **You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money**

and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, you are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

† Song of Mercy

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness
that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, oh mercy,
we're calling on you Lord
for us to be restored.
Oh mercy.

† Call to Worship

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

We have gathered together to celebrate and sing.

Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.

Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh.

Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.

Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.

Let everything that breathes praise God!

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Let us worship God!

Refrain

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(See that host all dressed in white,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(See that band all dressed in red,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(Look over yonder, what do I see?)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(If you don't believe I've been redeemed,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

† **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**

Liberating God, You have sent us forth into a world that often seems bent on the destruction of all that is good in your creation. Free us from our fears so that we might proclaim with boldness the truth of your desire for love, justice, and peace. Open a way for us through the voices of anger and hatred that threaten to drown us, that we might pass safely to a better world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Reading: Exodus 14: 5-7, 10-14, 21-29; 15:1-6, 11-13, 20-21

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians

pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

^{15:1}Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:
"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him;
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

¹¹ Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

¹² You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

¹³ In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed;
you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in
her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines
and with dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them:
“Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a
song.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with
praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

† Hymn of the Day: Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

† 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 Intercession

Confident that our Creator God listens and answers prayer, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, when our problems seem permanent, when no solutions appear before us, when we are in deep despair, help us to be still and trust you to fight for us. Make us to be your hands and feet in the world that we might fight for the powerless and the despairing in your name. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

All the lands sing praise to you, O God. We pray for those who tend the lands: environmentalists and ranchers, biologists and civil engineers. We especially pray for farmers and others whose livelihoods are affected by changing weather. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Draw from among us those best suited to lead in trust that with you all things are possible. Make them strong in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, that through their leadership, we might pass through deep waters to praise you on dry land. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Walk with all who journey with physical, mental, or spiritual illness. Remind them that you share their place and feel their pain. Give them peace and strength in the midst of their challenges, (especially...) God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Stand with all who face oppression, injustice, poverty, or war. Stir up compassion in those whose decisions harm the lives of others. Part the sea of our unwillingness to repent, change, and act. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

With Moses and Miriam and all the saints, we praise you, O God, for delivering us time and again from our trials and challenges. May we ever live in the conviction that you are with us. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

God who created all that is, we place all for whom we pray, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts, into your loving arms.
Amen.

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Matt Wilde

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Offering Prayer

Holy God, you deliver us again and again from difficulties, showering us with abundant gifts. We offer now this portion of what you have given us, that it might be used according to your

will for the liberation of the whole of creation. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

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.

† Words of Institution

† Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW 773

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Sending

Announcements

† *Blessing*

Children of God, we've made a joyful noise – but don't let it end here! Go now in peace, to love and serve, to sing and to celebrate, joining in the chorus of creation with generosity and joy. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, **Amen!**

† Sending Song: *Go Now*

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Go now with God, go now with God

Into the world as a servant

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

Waters of mercy have found us
Go now with God, go now with God
Grace on the journey surrounds us
Go now with God, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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