

The Beginning of the End >



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Speak Truth to Power

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

October 4, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

Approaching the end can make people braver, willing to speak what they once withheld. The message of repentance and forgiveness through Christ’s cross faces many enemies — false teachers, rebellious hearts, and those who glory in worldly desires. Yet no enemy is too strong for God. He continues to proclaim his truth and turn our eyes to his Son, who strengthens us to persevere and speak boldly.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki

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687 If Then You Have Been Raised with Christ

CW 687

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

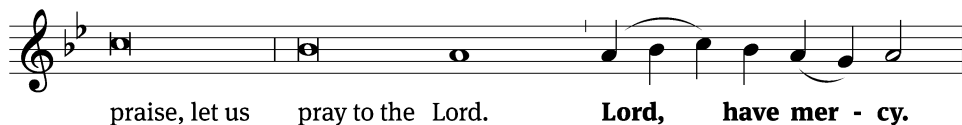
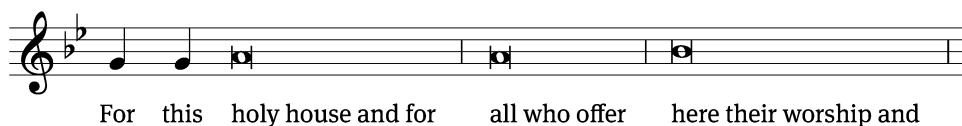
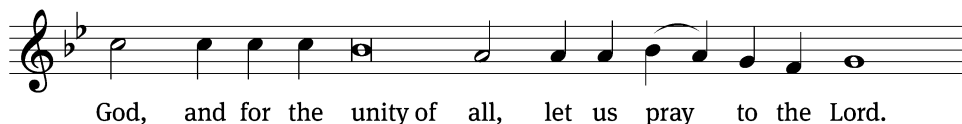
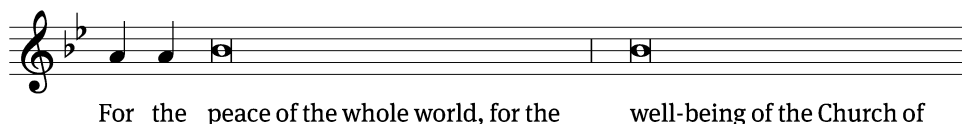
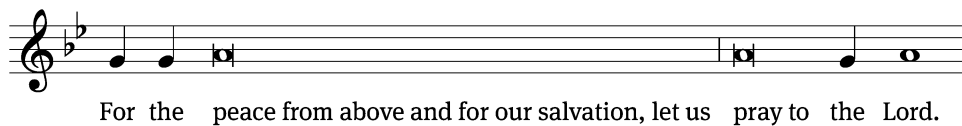
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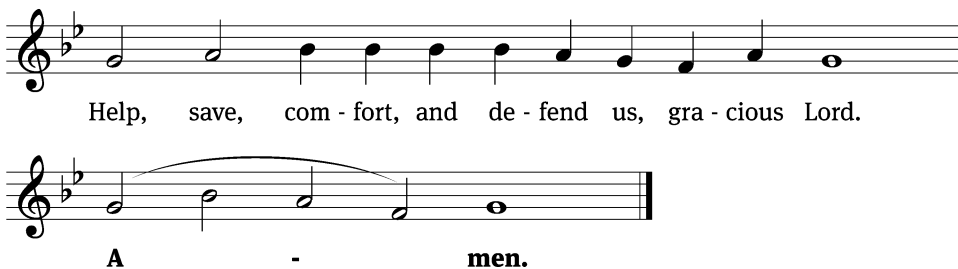
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Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174





Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Lord pictures his patient love in a story about the owner of a vineyard.

Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard. My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge. He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it. He planted it with the best vines. He built a tower in the middle of it. He also cut a winepress into it. He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes, but it produced only sour grapes. "So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard that I have not already done for it? When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes, why did it produce sour grapes? Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture. I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland. It will not be pruned or hoed. So briars and thorns will shoot up. I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it." Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him. He expected justice, but instead there was oppression. He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

The Word of the Lord.

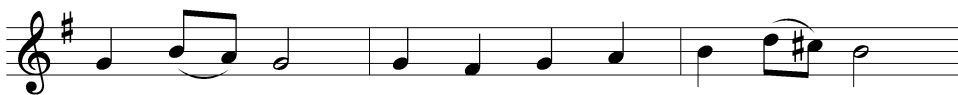
Thanks be to God.

80A Show Your Face

* 3 LORD, you cleared a plot of land, plant - ing there a
* 4 Rec - og - nize our deep dis - tress: LORD, your vine is

ten - der vine; there it spread its leaf - y boughs,
now laid waste; see the saints whom once you chose

there its fruit was lush and fine. Now that fruit, a -
now, at your re - buke, dis - graced. Let your call a -



ban - doned, falls; bro - ken are the vine - yard walls.
gain be known, claim your ser - vants as your own.



Show your face in mer - cy, LORD— may your peo - ple be re - stored.
Show your face in mer - cy, LORD— may your peo - ple be re - stored.

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Second Reading

Philippians 3:12–21

God prompts us to respond to his grace by living differently from the enemies of the cross of Christ.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained. Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:10



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Refrain

For we are God's hand - i - work, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

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Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable of the tenants to call leaders to repentance.

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?’ They told him, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.’” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ ‘That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

862 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

CW 862

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

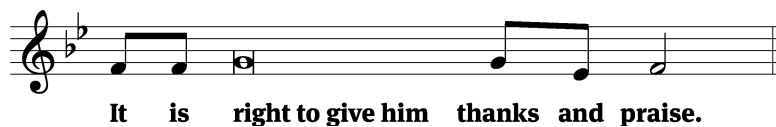
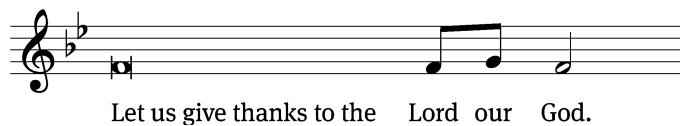
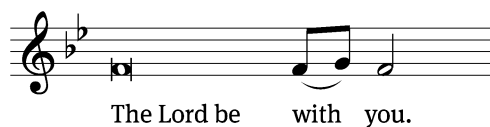
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The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

889 Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Marion Bohnsack in memory of Leon Bohnsack. Thank you!

Fall Fishing Event

Join us at the Mill Pond today at 11:30 am for a Fall Fishing Event. There will be prizes and a hot dog lunch. All ages are invited. Bring a fishing rod or use one of the spares. Bait is provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Reflections Bible Study

There will be no Reflections Bible study in October. Reflections will resume November 10th at 6:30 pm. We will be studying “Time – It is a Gift!”

Monday Schedule

There is no Monday worship on October 12th or 19th. Check the online calendar for updates.

Thank-You

Thank you to our Meals on Wheels drivers for September. Your service to our community is greatly appreciated.

Area Reformation Service

Celebrate our Lutheran heritage as we gather around the gospel at the Area Reformation Service. The service is on October 25 at 3 pm at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Luther once wrote, “The sure mark by which the Christian congregation can be recognized is that the pure gospel is preached there...the gospel is the sure sign by which one knows where Christ and his army are encamped.” Let’s celebrate our gospel heritage together!

Congregational Survey

This is the last week to complete the survey. If you haven’t had the opportunity to fill out our survey yet, please use the QR code to do so. There are printed copies available if you can’t use the code.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Senior Fellowship 10 AM	2	3
4 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study 10:15 am	5 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	6	7 Foundations 6 pm Woven 6 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	12 Choir 7:45 pm	13 6:30 Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	19 7:45 Choir	20 9:45 am Oak Terrace	21 Foundation 6 pm	22 6:30 pm Theology on Tap	23	24
25 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	26 7 pm Worship 7:45 Choir	27	28 Foundations 6 pm	29	30	31

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
10/4	9 am	Leah Bertrang	4	Ryan Bertrang	-
10/11	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
10/18	9 am	Leah Bertrang	2	Ryan Bertrang	Lois Zander

October Altar Guild	October Cleaners
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	Rebekah Jensvold
October Counters	Service Group 3 Leader
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	Dianne Jabs
November Altar Guild	
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	

Attendance	
Sunday	77
Monday	9
Total	86

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1786	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1339	
Total	\$3125	\$3834



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