



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

*You Are My All in All*

Praise Team

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.

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.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

## *Cry of My Heart*

by Terry Butler

It is the cry of my heart to follow You, it is the cry of my heart to be close to You,  
It is the cry of my heart to follow, all of the days of my life.  
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord, so I can walk in Your truth,  
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You, it is the cry of my heart to be close to You,  
It is the cry of my heart to follow, all of the days of my life.  
Open my eyes so I can see, the wonderful things that You do,  
Open my heart up more and more and make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You, it is the cry of my heart to be close to You,  
It is the cry of my heart to follow,  
All of the days of my life.

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## **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**

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 Lesson**

Genesis 32: 22-31

### **A reading from Genesis:**

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

## Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 5

### A reading from 2 Timothy:

<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 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

*Sanctuary*

by John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.

## **Gospel**

Luke 18: 1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **Glory 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?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Priscilla**

**Hymn of the Day**      *A Shield About Me*      by Donn Thomas & Charles Williams

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me, You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me, You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me, You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me, You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

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## **\*Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Bless the work of this harvest season and all who labor so others might eat. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world.

God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer.

God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for Grace Lutheran. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

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

### **\*Peace**

Jesus said to his disciples, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."*

The peace of the Lord be with you, always. **And also with you.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offering 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.**

## **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Sung**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

### **Hymn during Communion**

*Lead Me Lord*

**Praise Team**

### **Blessing after Communion**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace, from now unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

**Praise Team**

### **Sending Hymn** *Mighty is Our God* by Eugene Greco, Gerrit Gustafson, & Doe Moen

Mighty is our God, Mighty is our King, Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God, Glory to our King, Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name,  
His pow'r is greater, for He has created everything.

Mighty is our God, Mighty is our King, Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God, Glory to our King, Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.

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Glory to our God, Glory to our King, Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything,  
Ruler of everything, ruler of everything.

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### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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