

Morning Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 19, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! (Psalm 65:1-4).

Adoration

Opening Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus! (TH535)

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.*

*Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.*

Invocation

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Confession

Call to Confession

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate (Luke 15:20-24).

Corporate Confession of Sin

O merciful Father, who in compassion for your sinful children sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world: grant us grace to feel and to lament our share in the evil which made it needful for him to suffer and die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper repentance and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance

Assurance of Pardon

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Cor. 1:4-5, 7-9).

Thanksgiving

Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavn'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Petition and Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others

Instruction

Hymn of Preparation

I Asked the Lord

*I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and ev'ry grace,
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.*

*'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He, I trust, has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.*

*I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request
And, by His love's constraining pow'r, subdue my sins and give me rest.*

*Instead of this, He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry pow'rs of hell assault my soul in ev'ry part.*

*Yea, more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe,
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings and laid me low.*

*"Lord, why is this," I trembling cried; "wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."*

*"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou may'st seek thy all in Me,
that thou may'st seek thy all in Me"*

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New Testament Reading

Romans 3:15-20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 59:1-8

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Isaiah 59

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Behold the Lamb

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

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Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is good and right to do so.

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

Prayer for Christians: Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn

Doxology Creed

*I will hope in the Father, filled with bountiful love
forming heaven and nature, feeding life from above.
Who can fathom his greatness and his thundering might?
Yet I'm safe in his arms now, for I am his delight.*

*What a wonder that Jesus, came to heal and to save,
bearing sin and its suffering to the sting of the grave.*

*Then he rose up in vict'ry, he arose to the sky.
Now he reigns till he comes again, where the joy never dies.*

*Chorus 1: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above all you heav'nly hosts.*

*What a gift of the Spirit, sent to help and assure,
praying for me with groanings, how I need every word.
Giving life to a stone heart, giving life to the church.
Now the pow'r of redemption breathing heaven on earth.*

*Chorus 2: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above all you heav'nly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Bridge: I believe, believe, O triune God of love.
I believe, believe, you are merciful and just.
I believe, your redemption, I believe that death will die,
and I will see resurrection unto everlasting life.
You are the alpha, the omega, beginning and the end.
With all creation we're yearning, Oh Yahweh come again.
Yours is the kingdom and the wisdom, and the power evermore.
Yours is the beauty and the glory, we will endlessly adore.*

You are holy, holy, holy, holy. You are holy, holy, holy, holy. Chorus 2

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Benediction