19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude Here I Am, Lord Daniel L. Schutte/arr. Jack Schrader

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Doxology - all to sing

No. 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,

People: so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

Leader: I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

People: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

Leader: We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*Call to Confession

Leader: The Word of God, Jesus Christ leads the way to salvation through faith. In turning to the Lord with humility, and trusting in his love, we confess our sin and the sins of the world.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.

A Time of Silent Prayer

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God. Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Response of Praise-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

*We Share God's Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music What a Friend We Have in Jesus Charles C. Converse

arr. Jack Schrader

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

<u>Jeremiah 31:27-34</u> (NRSV)

No. 304

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 (NRSV)

Sermon "Known the Sacred"

shall all know The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Let All Things Now Living arr. Lloyd Larson

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for October 26, 2025

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14