

19th Sunday after Pentecost – ELW 8
October 19, 2025 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

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Liturgist 8:15 - Jen Christy/10:45 - D. Simonson & V. Boelman

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

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Holy God,

You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend.
Amen.

† Gathering Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **ELW 631**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,

till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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.

† Kyrie

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Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

† *Prayer of the Day*

God of heaven and earth, in love and mercy you pour out your blessing upon us, that we might be a blessing to all the earth. Show us the way to you each day so that, following in it, we might reflect your beauty, power, and justice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Special Music: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* **Bell Choir**

Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the

Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalms: 51: 10-14

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.



† **GOSPEL: John 7: 24**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 7th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sandy Barton

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

Hymn of the Day: Change My Heart, O God

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Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;

this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

† 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 God hears and answers our cries, we pray for
the church, the world, and all in need.

O God, you choose the least likely for your special purposes.
Show us how you work in unexpected ways to carry out your will
for the world that you have made. God of promise, **Hear our
prayer.**

As David shepherded his flock, make us to care for the world that you have made with loving attention. Show us how to protect and nurture the natural world, that we might share in the joys it brings for generations to come. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to see clearly the strengths of our potential leaders, that we might choose with wisdom and care those who will direct and inspire our communities toward your vision of justice for all people. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

You have anointed us with your healing balm, and offered us the blessing of your wholeness. We pray that you would hold all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Carin, Kathy and Renae. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Your saints are a continual reminder that the victory does not always go to the strongest, most popular, or most outwardly beautiful. With your servants of every age, we are in good company, and share in your holy fellowship. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

Pledge Card Blessing and Offering

God who provides,

You give us our daily bread.

You provide your name so that we may call on you.

You provide our necessities for life.

You provide us with purpose and vocation.

**You provide us clean hearts, so that we may serve you gladly.
From all that you have given to us, we give back to you.**

**Receive our pledges, and join them together with all our gifts, so
that all we have and all we are may be used in service of your
kingdom.**

*Please place your completed pledge card into the offering plate
as it is passed among the congregation.*

***Offering:** RLC Ministry relies on your generosity. You can make a
gift in support of our ministry by placing it in the offering plates
as they are passed, or by scanning the QR to give securely
online. Thanks!*



Offering Prayer

O God who lavishes all good things on us, we offer
now these gifts of our skills, our time, our money,
and our very presence with joy and gratitude. Accept
them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered more than we
ever could. **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 God thanks and praise.

† Thanksgiving at the Table

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending
hymn:

† Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

† Eucharistic Prayer

† 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.

Padrenuestro

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

*If you are communing at home, receive the bread with the words
“The Body of Christ given for you,” and the cup with “The blood
of Christ shed for you.”*

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

***Communion Hymn: Just As I Am, without One Plea* ELW 592**

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

***† Sending Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ELW 800**

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

† Dismissal

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

Postlude

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God Provides...

Clean Hearts