

Worship Leader Guide for Sunday, September 29, 2024

Lectionary 26

Proper 21

19th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION †

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Responsively

Based on Numbers 11

Upon this gathering of your people in this holy place, **pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

Be near to us and speak to us. **Together we come to worship. We Gather to proclaim your glory and worship together in word and Sacrament. Lift us up, Lord. Lift us up! Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

(ELW 532)

Verses 1,2,&4



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song,
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

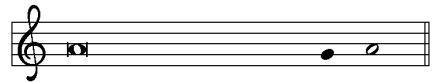
In the grace of our God lies the power to forgive our sins. We live in the assurance that our sins are forgiven as we forgive others. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbors.

~Moments of silence for reflection and personal confession~

Redeeming God, you are our strength and our Savior. You know our transgressions, our hidden faults, and our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble in evil ways; with our eyes we look out for ourselves more than others. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace. In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

God's mighty hands are always stretched out to welcome us back as we wander from truth and righteousness. By the work of Christ on the cross, our souls are saved from sin and death. Hear the Good News of Christ. Your sins are forgiven—in the name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Arise and feel the power of the Holy Spirit in every part of your life. Amen.

We are strengthened by the Spirit of God as we go back into the world—FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREE. Thanks be to God! Amen.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



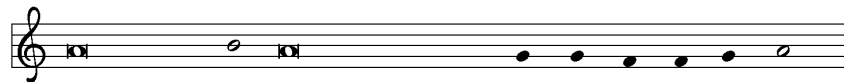
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's pray our Prayer of the Day together.

Let's pray our Prayer of the Day together. God of unquenchable fire and overflowing grace, **cast out the demons that oppress us. Take away the things that make us stumble. Lead us in your kingdom, and season us with your peace and wholeness. We pray these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—one God now and forever. Amen.**

TEACH US, O LORD, THROUGH YOUR HOLY WORD**FIRST READING****Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’

¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

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

PSALM

Sung Responsively

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom ¹to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light ¹to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous ¹altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than ¹much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey ¹in the comb. R**

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is ¹great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's ¹own offenses? Cleanse me from my ¹secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion ¹over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a ¹great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable ¹in your sight, O LORD, my strength and ¹my redeemer. R**

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 151)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.


⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another. “The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

SERMON

PASTOR TIM O'SHIELDS




1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our




us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us




guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain


Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

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APOSTLES' CREED

(ELW p. 189)

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 THE PEOPLE

Scripture promises us that God hears our prayers and responds according to God's will. In this hope and promise, we come now to pray for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

~A brief silence~

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness as your church—to the good news of Jesus Christ. Guide us to joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of the earth. Give us hearts of respect and awe for your beautiful creation. Renew lakes and rivers, forests and fields. Bless our local ranchers and farmers as they gather the harvest and prepare for winter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace among people in our community and State, and in our country, and across the world. Heal the deepening divisions that continue to unfold. Mold leaders to be grounded in truth and righteousness for the sake of the world. We lift up our first responders—law enforcement, paramedics, and the fire department. Protect them from danger and harm. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are in need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing in mind, body, or spirit. We lift all on our prayer list this morning, **Heather, Kate, Jeanie, Darlene, Tim, Robin, Gwen, Robert, Lorie, Dawson, Sheila, Jerry, Audrey, Joyce, and Suzie**. We also pause to lift up any others that we name in our hearts or aloud. *Brief Pause*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God. We pray for your will to be done—in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW 186)

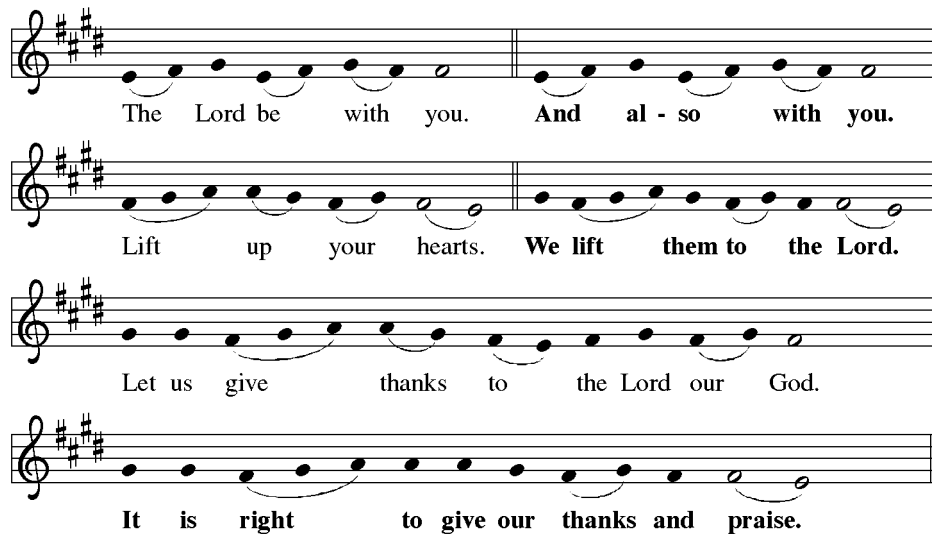
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, **your gift of life is more precious than gold. Bless the gifts we offer today, and the gift of our lives. Refine and purify these gifts and us. Let these gifts and our living faith be a sign of your goodness and grace for the world. In the name of our Redeemer, we pray. Amen**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

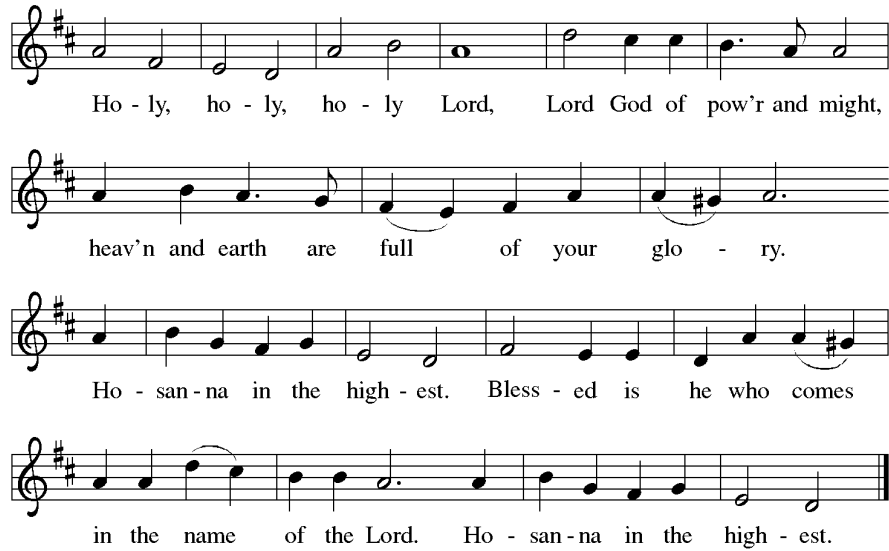
PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

(ELW p. 154)

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

(ELW 614)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,

2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,

3 Don't ev-er be dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

(ELW 471)

1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;

2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;

3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;

let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
let us praise God to-gether on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

COMMUNION HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

(ELW 465)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Go, Make Disciples

(ELW 540)

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff concludes with a double bar line.

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SENDING

Alleluia! Go in peace and power to serve the risen Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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