

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



October 4, 2026

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Partita on "All Creatures Worship God Most High"
Entrada, Chorale, Duo, Reflection

Charles Callahan

Welcome

Opening Hymn All Creatures Worship God Most High! (verses 1 – 4)

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Apostolic 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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Proverbs, Chapter 8.

- ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth —
- ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
- ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Built on a Rock

Jay Althouse

The Second Reading is from 2nd Corinthians, Chapter 5.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Holy Gospel for today is from Luke, Chapter 10.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

²¹At that very hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will., ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

²³Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

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

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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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 the Church

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

...Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

MEAL

Offering Reflection

Charles Callahan

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

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 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

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

W&P 95

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Michael Burkhardt

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Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Ryan Rogers

Substitute Choir Director: Wilma Hovland

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (4th)

Stewardship Sunday
Pope Gregory XIII unveils the
Gregorian Calendar – 1582
 Coffee Hour – 9:30am
 Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Scouts – 6pm

TUESDAY

Grace Pacers – 9:30am
 Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 9am
 Text Study – 12noon
 AA meeting – 7pm
 Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Ecumenical Council of
Chalcedon begins – 451
 ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm
 Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (11th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
 Worship – 10am
 Synod Talk – 11am

Other groups using the building this week: Grace Lutheran Foundation, Brighter than Sunshine, Grace Rising Wellness, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association



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Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 10 AM on Monday, October 12, 2026, in the Lounge at Grace. It is a morning filled with fun, fellowship, food and our Bible Study. We invite all women to join. No prep is needed, as we read, study and discuss together this month's bible study from the Gather magazine.

Synod Ministries Talk

Next Sunday, October 11 immediately after the service Linda Hedding from our Synod Council will present a talk to us about the important work of Synodical Ministries around our region. These things happen with the support of our congregation as we share your good stewardship with the larger church. Linda will also listen to anything you feel the synod offices should know from those living out faithfulness in our own congregation.

Romans Text Study

Pastor Phil is presenting an 8 week study on Romans. This 8 week study begins Wednesday September 23rd. Wednesday October 14th there will NOT be a study. The study will be in the chapel, from 5:45 to 6:45. Study materials will be provided. There will be a soup dinner after. Each week's study will be repeated on Zoom on the corresponding Wednesday at 7:00. Please let the church office know if you will be participating. A "head count" is needed for materials.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week were given by Stewardship Ministries. Thank you.

Unique Boutique

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2026
8:30AM - 2:00PM

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LUTHERAN CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 1:00 P.M.
LUTHERAN CEMETERY ON OMAHA ST.
(MEET BY THE MAINTENANCE SHED; FOLLOW THE SIGNS)

BRING ALONG GLOVES AND A RAKE—WE'LL PROVIDE THE BAGS

IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO CARE FOR OUR GROUNDS TOGETHER!

QUESTIONS? CALL BONNIE AT 715-829-2291

THANK YOU FOR LENDING A HAND!

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

**ART EXHIBIT 12-4PM
CONCERT 2-3PM**

Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
BAPTISM
OF

Hanna Pérez Tecpile

OCTOBER 4, 2026

6:00 PM

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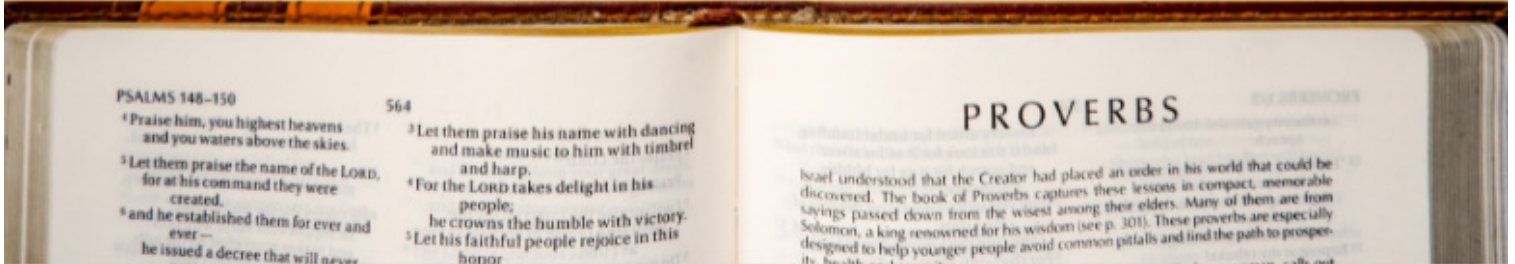
Share your voice

and serve our community by volunteering as a reader during worship!

Reading scripture during our services is a wonderful, low-pressure way to actively participate in worship.

Call or email the office to be added to the list of readers.

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Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> Bulletins may also be found on the same page.

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713