

**Sunday Worship Service – October 19, 2025**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
***With One Voice – Holy Communion – Bread of Life, Setting 5* (p.28-41)**

**Words of Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Statement**

**Introduction to the Theme of the Bible Readings**

Today's Bible readings call us to persistence in seeking God's guidance, wisdom, and presence in our lives. God is listening and God is near. As we celebrate a baptism today, may the baptism remind us of God's promises to all of us that we acknowledge and celebrate through baptism: that God loves us, forgives us, and is always with us.

**WOV #746 Gathering Hymn "*Day by Day*"**

1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
 bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
 Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
 draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
 Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
 brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
 Savior lead me to the home I treasure,  
 where at last I'll find eternal rest.
2. Day by day, I know you will provide me  
 strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
 I will seek your living will to guide me  
 o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
 I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
 I will trust in your enduring grace.  
 Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
 till in glory I behold your face.
3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
 when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
 oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
 Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
 you will hold me ever in your hand.  
 Savior, with your presence here to guide me,

**I will reach at last the promised land.**

p.28 **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.**

p.28 **Kyrie**

*Kyrie eleison:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Christe eleison:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Kyrie eleison:* **Lord, have mercy.**

p.29 **Hymn of Praise “Glory to God”**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth,  
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

## Holy Baptism

### Prayer of the Day<sup>1</sup>

God of discernment and truth, **be with us in our time of worship. Open our minds to receive your wisdom. Open our hearts to accept your love. Open our spirits to embrace your ways. Be present with us as we seek your guidance, that we may follow in your wisdom and truth. Amen.**

### First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

*In this reading from Genesis, Jacob returns to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing. Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

A reading from Genesis, the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter:

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Psalm 121

I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

**No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests!**

The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade right beside you.

**The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night.**

The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.

**The Lord will protect you on your journeys—**

**whether going or coming— from now until forever from now.**

## p.31 Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

*In the gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

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

## Sermon

**WOV #777 Hymn of the Day “In the Morning When I Rise” (v.1,3,5)**

1. In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

*Refrain:*

**Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.**

**You may have all the rest, Give me Jesus.**

3. Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day,  
Just about the break of day, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*

5. And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,  
And when I want to sing, Give me Jesus. *Refrain*

**Prayers of Intercession<sup>2</sup>**

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. Prayer petitions will end with “God of grace” and the congregation is invited to respond by saying: **“receive our prayer.”**  
*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, provinces, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation and Eastside United Church. O God, who guides our congregations, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus

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<sup>2</sup> <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources#texts>

Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

### p.35 **Offertory**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### p.35 **Offering Prayer**

*Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### p.36 **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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Christ our Lord;  
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

p.36 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

p.37 Holy, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out  
to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
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, Jesus took the cup,  
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this holy communion  
we may know the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

p.39 **The 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.

**Communion** (*for online worshippers*)

### **Communion Distribution**

p.39 ***Lamb of God***

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.

### **WOV #708 Communion Hymn “Grains of Wheat”**

1. Grains of wheat richly gilded by the sun,  
 purple clusters, collected from the vine:  
 These are altered, becoming loves own bread and sweet wine,  
 now for us Jesus’ body and his blood.
2. We enjoy true communion in this meal,  
 many grains God has planted and made thrive;  
 like the grain we are ground beneath life’s sorrowful wheel,  
 in the bread, like the grain, we come alive.
3. As the grains join to form one loaf of bread,  
 as the notes come together in one song,  
 as the raindrops unite into the single vast sea,  
 so in Jesus’ one body we belong.
4. We shall all sit together at the feast  
 sharing bread as God’s children, joined in one:  
 in this hope we rejoice as we go forward in peace,  
 loving sisters and brothers of the Son.

### **Communion Blessing**



p.40 **Post Communion Cantic**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry one what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

**Prayer after communion<sup>3</sup>**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Blessing<sup>4</sup>**

Go and build houses of love. Go and plant gardens of kindness.  
Go and create lives of goodness. Go and proclaim the promise of justice.  
Go with the blessings of God. Amen.

**WOV #723 Sending Hymn “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*”**

1. **The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**
2. **We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**
3. **We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**
4. **Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

**Sending**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sources:**

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