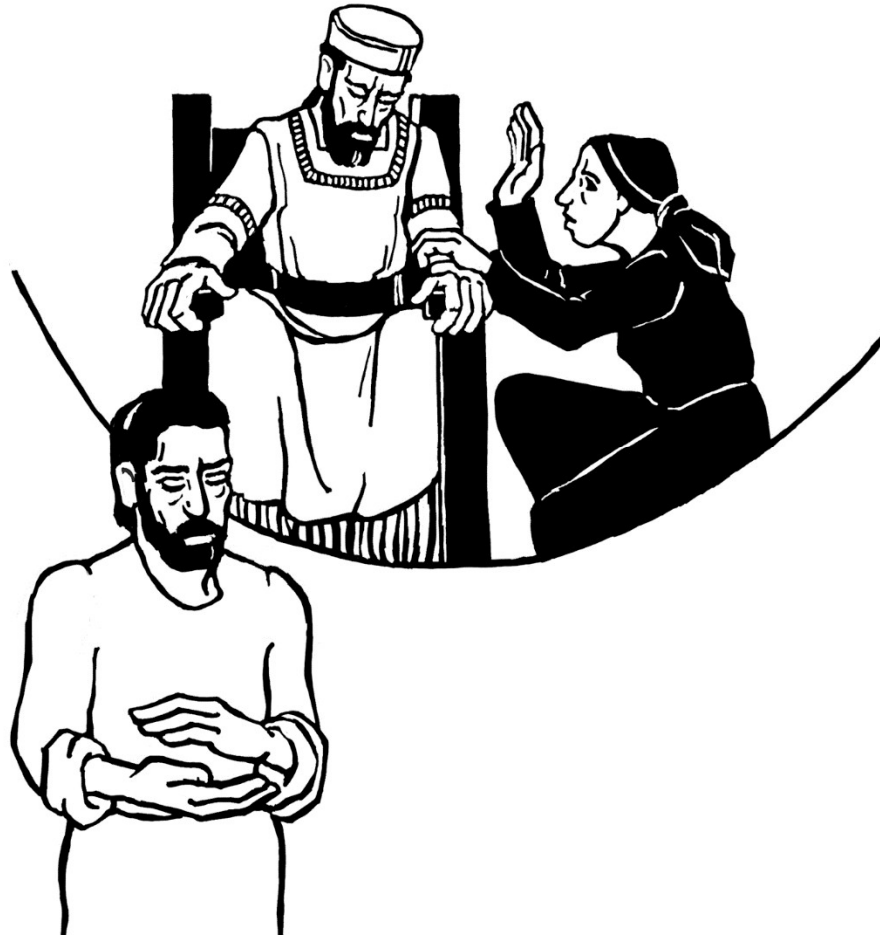


19th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 29C
Service of Holy Communion



Sunday, October 19, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
Phillipsburg, KS

Introduction to the day

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(ELW page 94)*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG – *We Are Called* (ELW #720)

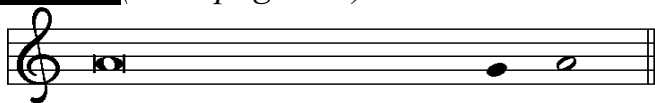
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GREETING *(ELW page 147)*

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.

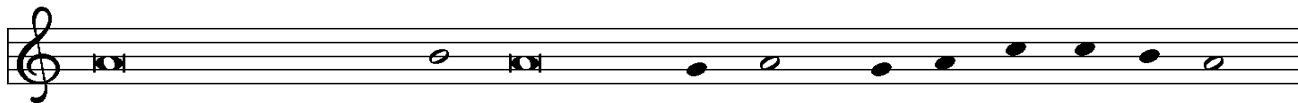
KYRIE (ELW page 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



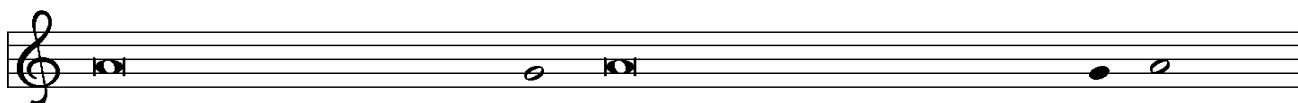
Lord, have mer - cy.



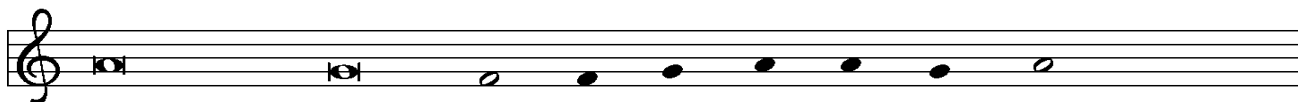
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



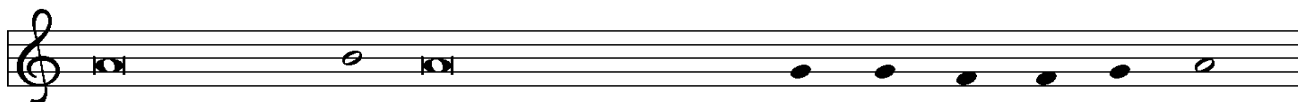
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW page 148)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(ELW page 50)*

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

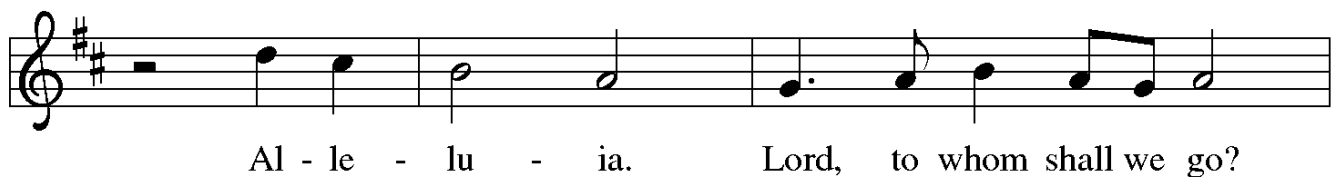
¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(ELW page 151)*



GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (ELW #722)



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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APOSTLES' CREED (LBW page 65)

Let us stand and confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

O God, we pray for the church universal that is united throughout the world by your gift of grace and faith. Bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray for our newly installed presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Rev. Yehiel Curry, and our newly installed synodical bishop of the Central States Synod, Rev. Donna Simon. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God, we pray for creation you made in the heavens and on earth. Draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with everyone and everything that you have made. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God, we pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns throughout the earth. We pray for the safety and health of our elected officials. Grant them wisdom, humility, and compassion as they discern paths towards peace and justice for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God, we pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Heal and strengthen us during our times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer, especially (*...read prayer list...*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God, we pray for this congregation and our ministry partners in Disciples of the Plains Lutheran Ministry. Guide this congregation and parish, encouraging us to share the good news of Jesus 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.

You are invited to express the prayers in your hearts, either silently or spoken aloud now with your voices.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God, we offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed, especially Linda and Ivan. We thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of God' peace with one another.

OFFERTORY *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW #185)

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. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW page 107)

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*) (*ELW page 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(ELW page 108)*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(ELW page 154)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

After all have communed, the Presiding Minister may continue with this or similar words:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei) (ELW page 154)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING *(ELW page 114)*

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine!* (ELW #774)



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL (ELW page 115)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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COMBINED ZION & EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Sick, injured, or grieving: Connie Winter, Jessica Gooder, Eldon Preuss, Carolyn Verhage, Shannon Jarvis, Brandi Jerby, Les Swartz, Coy Leggett, Family of Linda Heersink, Family of Ivan Wagner, Gary Stephen

Military - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, Col. Mark Mullinax, Tiler Peveani.

Homebound or in care facilities: Don Merklein, Ehrhart Merklein, Dorothy & Wayne Hanke, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, Troy Blubaugh, Ron Sidman, Jean Daniels, Norma Preuss, Sharon Krafft

Special Prayers: Lucas Maddy (Attending School in Malaysia), Bishop Donna Simon

TO ADD PRAYERS: If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please email or call Janice Giedd at jgiedd@ruraltel.net or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Lee at pastorleebennight@gmail.com or (785) 302-1923.

Lawn Donations: Robinson Lawn Care will be spraying again this year. Anyone's help is appreciated. The estimated cost for the year is \$600. - \$600 received to date.

Giving:

September - \$3,886.00

YTD - \$52,098.38

Approved Budget Needed Each Month: \$5,907.99

YTD Budget Shortfall – (\$1073.53)

New Administrative Volunteer(s) Needed: Asking for Volunteer(s) to handle some administrative duties. Examples: Adding Information and formatting Bulletins to be printed, scheduling YouTube streams, updating Facebook, and taking care of the worship volunteer schedule. These duties could be split up between volunteers.

If anyone is willing, there will be training. There is a signup sheet, or contact Dennis Keese

NINETEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ON OCTOBER 19, 2025

<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19 at 9:00 am</i>	<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 26 at 9:00 am</i>
Presiding Minister	Pastor Lee Bennight	Pastor Lee Bennight
Musician	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
Lector	Christina Dettmer	Katie Grote
Acolyte		
Greeters	Brad & Shellie Lare	Doug & Leanna Driggs
Usher	Janet McCall	Dennis Keese
Altar Guild	Shellie & Brad Lare	Shellie & Brad Lare
Media	Shellie Lare	Benny Bennight

COMBINED EMMANUEL & ZION CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 3C)

- 9:00 am – Zion Sunday Communion
- 10:00 am – Emmanuel Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Emmanuel Sunday Communion

Monday, October 20

- 7:00 pm – Zion Worship Committee

Tuesday, October 21

- 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 22

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 26 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 3C)

- 9:00 am – Zion Sunday Communion
- 10:00 am – Emmanuel Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Emmanuel Sunday Communion

DISCIPLES OF THE PLAINS WEBSITE AND INFORMATION:

(<https://www.disciplesoftheplains.com>) The website for Disciples of the Plains Lutheran Ministry contains links to the individual websites of the congregations who have web sites, links to congregational Facebook and other social media pages, links to Synod and ELCA pages, and links to sign-up or to change your settings for Textcaster. Textcaster is our service to get information out quickly via texts. You can customize what notifications you want.

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