

Welcome
to
Hope Episcopal Church

We welcome you to this celebration of God's Good News!
Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith,
you are welcome here!

May God's blessing and peace be with you.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Bishop of Missouri*
The Very Rev. Jared Moore, *Priest-in-Charge*
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*
Chris Sturgeon, *Contemporary Music Director*
Debbie Boles, *Parish Administrator*



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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Participants for October 19, 2025

The Rev. Erin Pickersgill, *Preacher*
The Very Rev. Jared Moore, *Celebrant*
Carie Kennedy, *Eucharistic Minister*
Ceana Sturgeon, *Lector*
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*
Bethany Barr, Heidi Hoffman Brown, Bobby Donnelly,
Jennifer Holtmann, Lauren Johns, Meredith Kessler, Drake Nagle,
Joanne Owen, Vicki Thompson, John Waller, Kaye Weerts, *Musicians*
Carol Link, *Usher*
Kathy Joslin, Carol Link, Carie Kennedy,
Mary Miller, Kaye Weerts, Wendy Wirkus, *Altar Guild*
Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, Chris Sturgeon, Bob Stirling, *Videography*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! Hymn 533

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness van-ish-ed a - way,

5 here in thisplace the newlight is shin-ing, brought here to you in the light of this day.____

11 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;

15 gath-er us in all peo-ples to-geth-er, livesthat are ho - ly and heartsthat are true.

Celebrant: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 119:97-104

Reader: Let us read Psalm 119 responsively by half verse.

Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! *

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; *

therefore I hate every lying way.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

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: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymn 632

THE GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Erin Pickersgill

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

People: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader: Beloved siblings, the Psalmist says that God inhabits the praises of God's people. Let us collect those moments and experiences of our lives right now that we are most grateful for and offer them to God. What are those things that we are grateful for?

Leader: We also come together with hearts burdened with the weight of suffering and unfulfilled hopes. Let us offer aloud the concerns of our homes, our community, and the wider world, including those who are sick, in need, or in want. What are those things that we need prayer for?

Leader: Lord, we gather in this special place to renew our commitment to your dream of a world reconciled to you in love. Remind us that we are loved and that we have been united to you through Jesus Christ. Help us to bring this message to our neighbors.

People: **We turn our hearts to you.**

Leader: Lord, you told your disciples to, "let the children come to me." Deepen the call on this parish to welcome families and create a loving home and for all kids, youth, and young adults. With St. Luke's Preschool, Sunday School, and youth group, please bless our efforts to fulfill your call.

People: **Make us a home for all, Lord.**

Leader: We specifically pray today for the deeply troubled places of this world; Ukraine, Palestine, Sudan, Israel, and even our own country, the United States. We pray for peace, but not peace as the world gives, but the abiding and eternal peace that comes from the Spirit of God. As we co-labor with you in the work of making things right, help us resist the desire to hate our enemies. Give us grace to follow Jesus' teaching of loving those we've named as enemies.

People: **And help us pray for those who offend us.**

Leader: For the leaders of our nation and communities; particularly the president, Donald, and the governor, Mike, give them courage to serve the interests of those who cannot advocate for themselves and lift up those whose cries for mercy are drowned out by noise of politics.

People: **Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: At last, we pray for the ministry entrusted to us, the laity, that we would be empowered as in the day of Pentecost to be bold witnesses of Jesus Christ; we pray for our priest, Jared, that he would be strengthened and renewed; and for our bishop, Deon, that he would shepherd us with joy and wisdom. We also pray for our Companion Community, St. Marks, Portland and their priest, Jessica.

People **Bless them and enrich them in every way, Jesus.**

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: St. Paul says each of you should give as you have made your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves **a cheerful giver.**

Please be seated.

Offertory Music

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **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.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the
4 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
8 Je - sus, Bread of Life; you take a - way the
11 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
15 Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the
18 sin of the world: grant us your Peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God!

A consecrated gluten-free wafer may be requested from the Presider.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymn

In the cross of Christ I glory

Hymn 441

If a Eucharistic visitor is to be sent, the following prayer is said. If no Eucharistic visitor is sent, the service continues with the Post-Communion Prayer.

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymn 535

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant will offer words of dismissal.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude