



## October 19, 2025 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### AS WE GATHER

As we read our Gospel reading from Luke 17, it can be tempting to think that the point is that we should give thanks. While that is **a** point of the story, it is not the *main* or even the *only* point. One aspect that we can often overlook is the isolation of the Samaritan, who was in a position of being, largely, unnoticeable. He may have wondered if God would ever notice him – or if God could ever notice him. In this text, Jesus notices the unnoticeable Samaritan. Perhaps there are times when *you* feel unnoticeable, isolated, lonely, or wonder if God will ever notice you. The good news for you and me is that God through Christ Jesus *does* notice **you**! And we can see this in the Lord's Supper, where He comes right to you and me and notices us. Thanks be to God.

### WELCOME

**HYMN**      *LSB 435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**      Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:**      **who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:**      If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People:**      **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**Pastor:**      Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People:**      **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Pastor:**      Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES    *Psalm 139:7-12; Romans 8:38-39*

**Pastor:**      There are so many times in our lives when we feel unnoticed, isolated, alone.

**People:**      **There are times when we wonder if God can or does see us.**

Pastor: And yet, God promises to be with us. We say with the Psalmist:

**People:** **“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?**

Pastor: If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

**People:** **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**

Pastor: If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,’

**People:** **even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.”**

Pastor: Truly, wherever we go, whatever we do, God sees and notices us. And truly, nothing can separate us from our God who sees and notices us:

**People:** **“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God in the Highest (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 204).*

**All:** 1. **To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus’ birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing – our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.**

2. **To You, O sole begotten, the Father’s Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry, where You in pow’r are seated at God’s right hand on high.**

3. **For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High, in God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

#### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ruth 1:1-19a*

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to

return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup> And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup> And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE READING**      *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. <sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **VERSE**

All: **Alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia.**

#### **GOSPEL READING**      *Luke 17:11-19*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the seventeenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the

nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *LSB 752, "Be Still, My Soul"*

**SERMON**      *"Noticed"*

**CREED**      *Nicene Creed*

**People:** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**THE COMMUNION CONFESSION**

**Pastor:** The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**People:** **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.**

*(Augsburg Confession-Article X)*

## **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 208)*

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, ... body and blood.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD** *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 210)*

**All:** 1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 609, "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

LSB 637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

## SONG OF SIMEON *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 211)*

**All:**

1. O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill, the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
2. All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One; for as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**Pastor:** Let us pray. ...

**People:** Amen.

## BLESSING

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

## HYMN *LSB 895, "Now Thank We All Our God"*

## CLOSING

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Taken from Divine Service Setting 4.



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of October 19, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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**Family for the Week:** Ardella Frerichs  
Peace, Shell Knob

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort:**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**

**Bill Parsons - (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing from surgery)**

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### **Complete Prayer List:**

#### **Temporary**

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)

Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)  
 Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)  
 Jason Ernest – (Emily Ernest's father – health and healing from surgery)  
 Bonny Gray – (Sister of Cynthia Swoyer[Wolf]–health and healing)  
 Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)  
 Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)  
 Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
 Joe Pennington – (brother-in-law of Bill Michel – health and healing)  
 Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
 LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)  
 Tim Tucek – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
 Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)  
 Jacquelyn Zimmer – (friend of Edee Chambers – health and healing)

## Long Term

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)  
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
 Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)  
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
 Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
 Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)  
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)  
 Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)  
 Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)  
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-in-law – health & healing)  
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

## THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b><br><b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b><br><b>10:00 am – Service with Communion</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm</b><br><b>Ladies Bible Study at Freistatt - 1:30 pm</b>                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Bible Study - 5:30 pm</b>                                                                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Project Rise Dinner – See Pam</b><br><b>Confirmation Class – 5:30 pm</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b><br><b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b><br><b>10:00 am – Service</b>                |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm</b>                                                                        |

**Birthdays: Jim Gordon-Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversaries: Vaughn & Pam Bowling-Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## October

**19-Cathy Munden & Teri Ediger**

**26-Bill & Joanne Michel**

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**26-David Lampe**



The **LWML Mite Box** is in the Narthex. Donations fund the mission grants that are approved at District and National Conventions.

The **LWML Fall Gathering** will be held on Saturday, November 1, beginning at 9:30 am in the gymnasium at Trinity School in Freistatt. If you would like to attend, please let Edith know by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is on the flyer in the Narthex. If you have any questions, ask Edith.

The ingathering for the **LWML Fall Gathering** is for the benefit of “For The Kids”, an association in Aurora to help foster/adoptive families. They would like to have new socks and underwear for children, any size, and toiletries for children. There is additional information in the Narthex along with a collection basket.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation class began on October 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm. Meetings are at Grace. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Confirmation Volunteers:** Studies show that children are more likely to stay in the faith if they have 5 adults (that are not their parents) who invest in them and their lives. Pastor Heitshusen is seeking to facilitate this sort of intergenerational connection. To do so, he is seeking volunteers to come and sit in on confirmation class. You would not need to come every week; he will put together a schedule to accommodate everyone's schedule. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Heitshusen.

**We are collecting for “Dawggie Bags” food collection.** The collection box is in the Narthex. If you have questions, please ask Pam Bowling.

### **Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education**

Taxpayers to the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MO Scholars, allows the Missouri District to scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state (including Freistaconvert tax dollars into tt!!). Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MO Scholars and get the process started. Questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or [leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org](mailto:leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org). Thank you for your participation in MO Scholars through the Missouri District!

A new year will be coming soon with new 2026 offering envelopes. If anyone would like envelopes for 2026 that doesn't currently have them, please let Linda Myers or Pastor know. Also, anyone that does not want envelopes, please let us know (a regular envelope with you name also works). For anyone that wishes to donate by credit card, information can be found on our web site <https://gracelutheranaurora.com/give.php>.