

19th Sunday of Pentecost October 19, 2025

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination

P Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, our sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **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.**

The Peace
able

Please stand as you are

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

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

Please be seated

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. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 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.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 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." 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. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

....*The Word of the Lord*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

¹I 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.**

³The 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;**

⁵the 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.**

⁷The 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

But 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.

....*The Word of the Lord*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
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Please stand as you are

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.
(sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel ***Luke 18:1-8***

Then Jesus told them 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?"

...The Gospel of the Lord

*(sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem ***Each Step of the Way***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *(next page)*

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your
 serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

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The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C 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 to the dead. 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.

Prayers of the Church

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

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, states, 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.

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

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda, Ralph, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

We pray for TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry. O God, who guides these congregations, encourage 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.**

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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 God 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 Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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

P Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said “*Drop your nets and follow me.*”

He said “*Let the little children come.*”

He said “*Stand up from your mat, you are healed.*”

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed.

So friends, you are invited to this table. Each and every one of us – with our doubts, our fears, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions, we are invited to God’s Table.

And here we will be met; here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full of love, overflowing with joy.

So come. Not because you must, but because you can.

Come, you are invited. This Table is for you and you have a special place at this Table.

Communion Song

Please be seated

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Communion: *Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. We believe Christ is present in the Sacrament; come join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.*

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

P 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. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn
able

Please stand as you are

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the altar following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's partner is Earlene Crocker.

Today's Altar Flowers: Are given to the Glory of God from the Rietz family in loving memory of Haidy Rietz.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for October: This month, the focus is on shipping the shoeboxes assembled as Sunday School's Operation Christmas Child project. The cost is \$10 per box. Your donation will help offset that cost. Please use the marked envelopes in the narthex or use tithe.ly for your donation. Thank you!

Adult Education Fall 2025 through Spring 2026: The classes begin at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus this year will be Places and Writings of the Early Followers of Jesus, led by Charlie Schmidtke. The next two classes are as follows.

Monday, Oct. 27

India – Thomas (Acts of Thomas)

Monday, Nov. 10

Armenia-Nathaniel/Bartholemew and Jude/Thaddeus

Sermon Discussion/input: The discussion of the texts for the next month of sermons continues this **Wednesday, October 22** in the Fireside Lounge, at noon for two hours.

Bible Study on the Book of Ruth: A 4 week bible study, led by Pastor Fred, will begin on **Friday, October 24** through Friday, November 14, at Augustana Lutheran Church. Each Friday we will meet from 10 am to 11:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Chicken Chowder Sale: If you'd like to help with preparation this **Fri., October 24**, at 9:30 am, please sign up on the main bulletin board or speak with Matt Grabau. Also, please join us on **Sat., October 25** to help (starting at 8 am) or to purchase chowder, which will be ready for pick-up starting at 12 noon. It's a popular event, and the chowder tends to sell out fast so come early and bring a friend! Thank you!

Reformation Sunday: Augustana Lutheran Church has invited TOL and Good Shepherd to join them next **Sunday, October 26** for a Reformation worship service at 9:30 am. **There will not be a service here at TOL next Sunday.**

Women's Luncheon Group: We will meet again on **Thursday, November 13** at the Fieldstone, 5986 S. Transit Road, Lockport. If you need a ride, please contact Judy Menz at 716-435-6077 or Barb Maugans at 716-692-8116. All are invited!

Augustana Book Club: October's book is The Marble Faun of Grey Gardens by Tony Maietta and Jerry Torre. All are invited on **Thursday, October 30** at 7 pm to discuss!

Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Collection: During November, Good Shepherd will be collecting food for Thanksgiving dinners for the needy. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

Friends of Night People: To help keep their clients warm during the upcoming cold weather, they are asking for donations of blankets, sleeping bags, hoodies, jackets, hats and gloves. Please bring your clean used or new items and at the end of October, we will deliver these items. Thank you.

Help Wanted: The usher/door monitor list for the months of October - December is now posted on the main bulletin board. Please help us out by signing up! Thank you.

Devotionals: If you would like a "Christ in Our Home" devotional for **October through December 2025**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 716-836-4868 to have one mailed to you.

We continue to collect for these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – box in narthex.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – box in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Sandwich Team ministry.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Calendars for 2026 for Veterans Hospital.

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

This week's calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	10/19	9:30 am 9:45 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Sunday School Worship Service at TOL Council Meeting Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	10/20	10 am 5:45 pm 6 pm	OA Meeting Yoga Sandwich Team #6
	Tues	10/21	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	10/22	12 Noon 5:45 pm	Sermon Discussion Yoga
	Thurs	10/23	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	10/24	9:30 am 10 am 11 am	Prep for Chowder Sale Bible Study at Augustana Pr. Sohail's South Asian community
	Sat	10/25	12 noon 4 pm	Chicken Chowder Sale South Asian Worship Service
	Sun	10/26	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Joint Worship Service at Augustana No worship at TOL today Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

Announcements: *If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.*

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TRINITY OLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Back by popular demand!

Chicken Chowder Sale

Next Saturday, October 25

Noon until sold out

- . Sold by the quart. Bring your own container if you'd like, or we can provide one.
- . *Come early - it sells out quickly!*