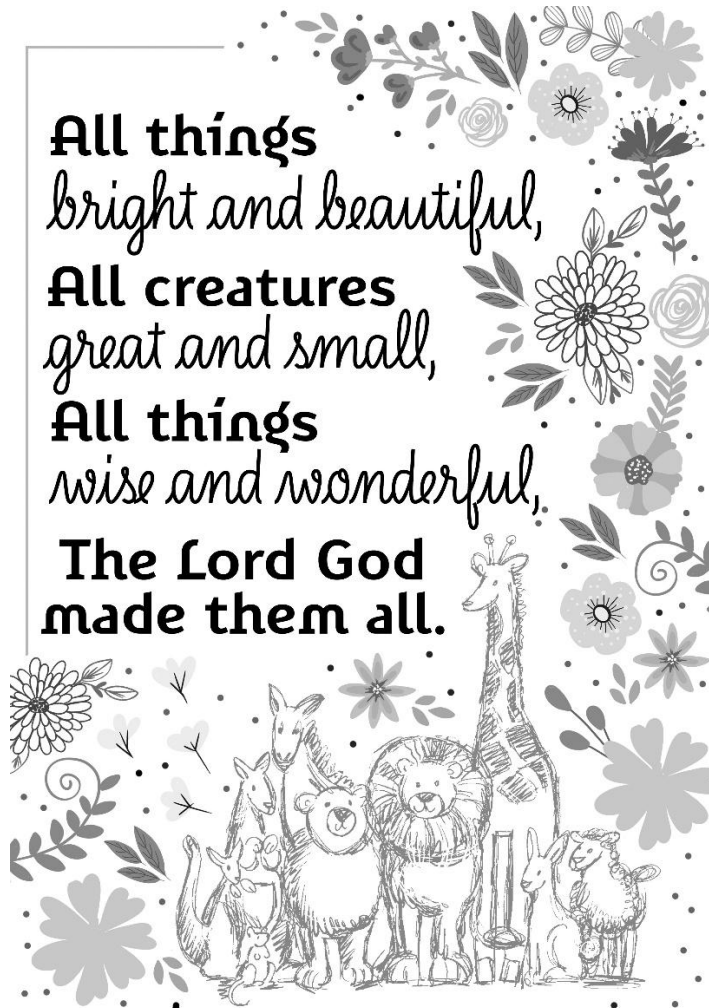


19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026



All things
bright and beautiful,
All creatures
great and small,
All things
wise and wonderful,
The Lord God
made them all.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOGUE

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.

Let us bless the Lord, God, who created heaven and earth.
Praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

Birds of the air, fish of the sea, all creatures and plants.
Praise God all creatures here below.
God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.

(Genesis 1:31)edited

HYMN

***God of the Sparrow* RED ELW #740**
(Vs. 1 (choir), 2 & 3)

- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale**
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm**
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe
How does the creature say Save

- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

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.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, **you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of all you have made. Speak through your church to bless the earth and all people. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.**

(Creation, the Earth, ACS, p. 47)

DIALOGUE

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?

In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

(Job 12:7-10)

HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving RED ELW #689
(Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

- 3 **Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**
- 4 **Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

PRAYER

God, creator of all living things, **you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Provide favorable weather so that all may be fed by earth's bounty. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Creation, the Earth, ACS, p. 47)

DIALOGUE

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

**with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,

and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields be rich for grazing,

and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

(Psalm 65:9-13, ELW)

HYMN

***God, Whose Farm Is All Creation* RED ELW #734
(Vs. 1 – Choir, 2 & 3)**

- 1 God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.**
- 2 Take our plowing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.**
- 3 All our labor, all our watching,
all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.**

PRAYER

**Holy God, we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth. You bless the seen and unseen creatures and living things and they bear witness to your creative power. Bless all who care for injured and abused animals. Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

(Creation, the Earth, ACS, p. 48)

SERMON ON THE STEPS - Blessing of the Animals

SERMON

HYMN

***All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* RED ELW #835
(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)**

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DIALOGUE

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
**bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and
of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.**
On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month,
**and the leaves of the tree
are for the healing of the nations.**

(Revelation 22:1-2)

HYMN

There in God's Garden RED ELW #342
(Vs. 1 – Choir, 4 & 6)

- 1 There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

- 4 See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

PRAYERS

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful RED ELW #184

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.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(Prayer attributed to St. Francis, ELW, p. 87)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

PREFACE

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 your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things:
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out of the womb.

You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing;
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises,
with the heavenly beings and all creation,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RED ELW page 144

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in 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 sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION

(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)

LAMB OF GOD

RED ELW page 146

**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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

SENDING BLESSING

Stir up your power, O God, and save your good creation. Strengthen us to serve and protect the garden of this earth. Restore the choir of your creatures and let us sing for joy. Gather us at your river, under the tree of life. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; in the name of the one who from a wounded tree birthed a new creation, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

(Creation, the Earth, ACS, p. 47)

SENDING DIALOGUE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May we go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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Weekly Announcements

Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers: Dilshad and Sonya Perani, Gary Revier and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Hunger Jar for the month of October is designated to Feed My Starving Children.

Address Update: Gary Revier
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Date	Weekly Operating Offerings	Weekly Operating Goal	Debt Retirement	ELCA Missions	Hunger Jar	Parking Lot	Clattering Coins
9/27/2026	\$2,659.00	\$4,038.31	\$ 650.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 950.00	162.61
Zingo Bingo						\$1,000.00	
Zingo Food	Corrected	to date				\$1,040.00	
Zingo Silent Auction	Corrected	to date				\$2,498.00	
Zingo Donations						\$ 620.00	

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Hours for the week of October 4

Tuesday, October 6 – 11a-2:30p

Thursday, October 8 – 1p-4p

Stacy's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p

Worship Assistants

October 4

Usher: Larry Gieseke, Larry Klunder
Kevin Kamps, Adilyn Kamps

Greeter: Larry Gieseke

Acolyte: Cooper Heeren

Reader: Laurie Stern

Altar Guild: Wayne & Ann Werner

Bread Maker: Larry Schiroo

October 11

Usher: Jon Hazelwood, Elton Hazelwood
Francis Rowe, Jan Wark

Greeter: Matt & Jan Giesen

Acolyte: Murdock Krueger

Reader: Starla Schilling

AV Team: Tim Michaelis & Matt Giesen

Altar Guild: Starla Schilling,
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This Week at Zion:

Sunday, October 4	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion at Four Seasons Park
Tuesday, October 6	10:00a	Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday, October 7	1:30p 4-5:30p 6:30-8p	Wednesday Bible Study 6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday, October 8	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
Saturday, October 10	11:30a	Women of the ELCA Minnesota Valley Conference Gathering @ Trinity/Gaylord
Sunday, October 11	9:00a 10:00a	Worship w/ Holy Communion Sunday School

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p