

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 29, 2024—10am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

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

**Prelude**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. Marianne Kim*

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

ACS #1003 "For Such a Time as This"

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

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**+ Greeting**

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

**Psalm 124**

ELW #124

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

ELW #172

**+ Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:38-50

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“Perhaps You Have Been Chosen”

"Perhaps you have been chosen for such a time as this!"  
So Mordecai told Esther to serve as she'd been blessed.  
Their people were in danger and needed someone brave —  
A queen who knew her calling to risk and act and save.

She stood up for her people and dared approach the king  
Although he might have killed her for doing such a thing.  
Inviting him to dinner — a feast to satisfy —  
She asked of him a favor: "Don't let my people die!"

The king gave what she wanted and let her people live,  
And all because Queen Esther used what she had to give.  
She faced her fear with courage, she changed the things she could,  
She chose to make a difference — to use her life for good.

O God, we look around us and see a world in need.  
There's violence and injustice, there's prejudice and greed.  
Remind us of our calling to bravely use our gifts.  
Perhaps we have been chosen for such a time as this.

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**+ Welcoming A New Member to the Congregation**  
**Apostles' Creed**

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People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in her life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome this sibling in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**+ Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!*

*Electronic donations can be made at*

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table (VI)**

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**+ Lord's Prayer (sins)**

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

## Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.  
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

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### **Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Distribution Song

"There Is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain:** Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my redeemer, Name above all names.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.

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## + Table Blessing

## + Prayer after Communion

**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**+ Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

Hymn Lotto

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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