

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**September 27, 2026**

First Sunday with Pastor Donald Rosenberry III

PRELUDE

Dave Roos

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God
 who pours love into our hearts
 and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
 let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
 in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.****Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.****Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
 to others.****Turn our hearts back to you.****Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.****Renew us to live as your holy people,****following the way of Jesus Christ.****Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
 in whom there is no condemnation,
 but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
 Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #532 "Gather Us In" - vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.

- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

- 4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our

**Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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 INTERCESSION *(the congregation offers names and candles are lit)*

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Responses: Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #692 "We Are an Offering" **(sing 2x)**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
 we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
 Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
 Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
 we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
 we are an offering, we are an offering. **(repeat)**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. Amen.

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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW # 537 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

1 On our way rejoicing
 gladly let us go.
 Christ our Lord has conquered;
 vanquished is the foe.
 Christ without, our safety;
 Christ within, our joy;
 who, if we be faithful,
 can our hope destroy?

**Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
 hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

2 Unto God the Father
 joyful songs we sing;
 unto God the Savior
 thankful hearts we bring;
 unto God the Spirit
 bow we and adore,
 on our way rejoicing
 now and evermore. **To Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**