

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025 - 9:00 am




Burke Lutheran Church
Reconnect.

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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C **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. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C 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.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

R ²² 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. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ 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." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 121

R ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C ² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

R ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

R ⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

R ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C 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

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

R ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} 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: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For 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, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P ¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus

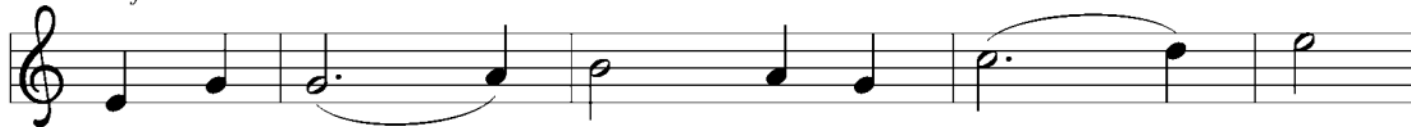


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

THE CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

R 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,

C receive our prayer.

R 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,

C receive our prayer.

R 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,

C receive our prayer.

R We pray for Burke Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, 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,

C receive our prayer.

P 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 especially Lisa, Mark, Marie, Mary, Tim, Bill, Tom F., Lynn, Tom H., Mary, Jan and Galen, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P 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,

C receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

Please rise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

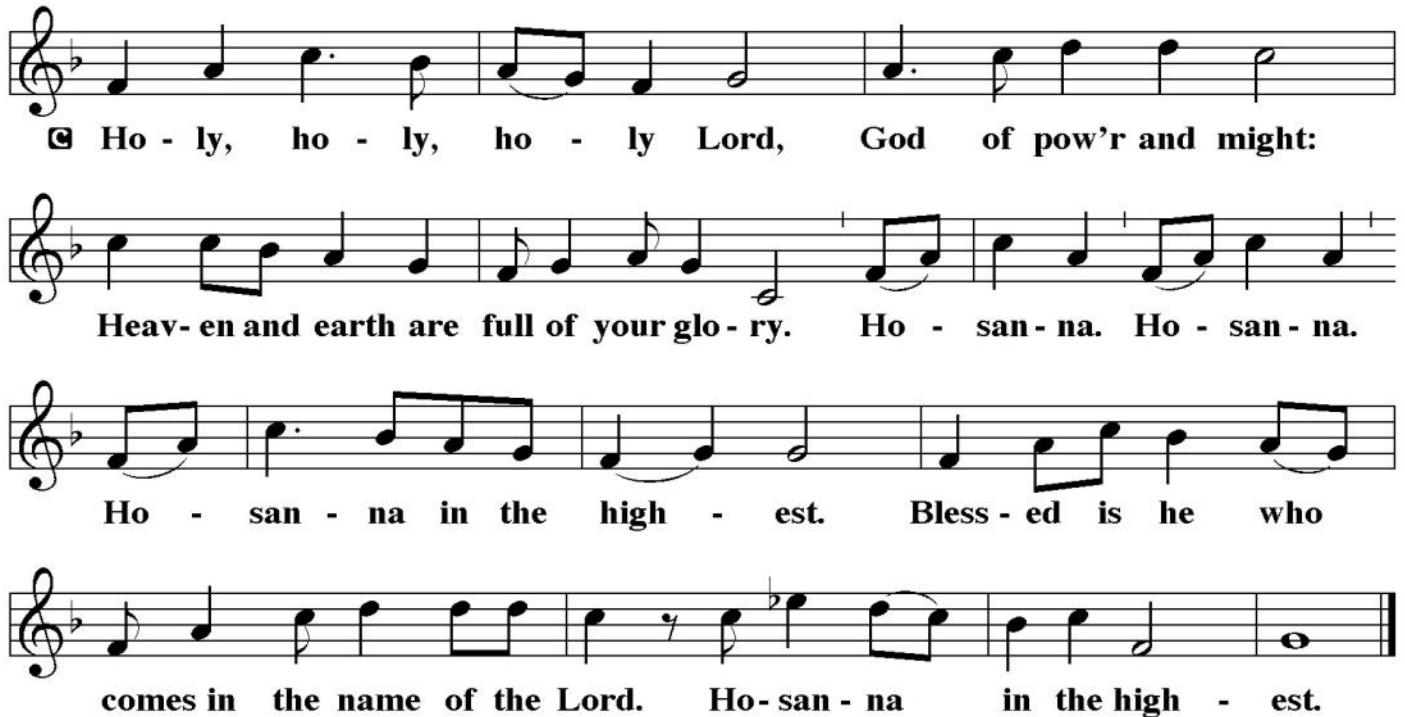
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701



Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve and Donna Frederick will be participating in the Windsor Trunk or Treat event and would like any help you can provide. Please see page 11 of the bulletin for more information.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card
and place it in the offering plate if*

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson

Mark Gehrke

Marie McCoy

Mary Brantmeyer

Tim Lothe

Bill Schmidt

Tom Finhert

Lynn Holtan

Tom Hughes

Mary Schnick

Jan & Galen Peterson

Burke Lutheran Church would like to sponsor the Windsor Trunk or Treat event. Steve and Donna Frederick will offer their vehicle to decorate. Any volunteers able to help decorate or provide decorations along with handing out candy will be greatly appreciated. They are expecting 1000 kids, so we are asking for lots of candy donations. Please place bags of candy in the bin in the narthex by October 26th.

A copy of the flyer and the sign up email are there for anyone interested.

Thank you, Burke Lutheran Church Out Reach Committee.

Congregational Opportunities

QUILTING: Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

Band Practice: Monday before Praise Sunday at 10:00am.

OWLS: Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

JAM at NGMLC: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

CALL TO ACTION

October Food Pantry Focus: October focus is “Toiletries,” such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hairbrushes/combs, toilet paper, baby diapers, feminine products, Depends, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We remember and thank God for all the saints who have entered his eternal kingdom this past year. A candle will be lighted in their memory during our Worship Service on Sunday, November 2. Please contact the church office if you wish to light a candle for any saints from this past year. Families are asked to attend and have someone come forward to light the candle.

VETERAN RECOGNITION SERVICE

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 9:00am

Please join us in a special Veteran’s Day Recognition on Sunday, November 9 as we honor our Veterans. Veteran family members, neighbors and friends are all invited. Coffee Hour will be served in honor of our Vets.

With respect, honor and gratitude—thank you!



THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Monday, October 20	Preach Board, 9:00am	
Tuesday, October 21		Foundation Board, 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 22	Quilting, 9:00am	OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm
Friday, October 24	BLCW Lunch, 12:00pm	
Sunday, October 26	Worship, 9:00am Stewardship Meal, 10:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	October 19 - 9:00am Service	October 26 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leaders	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	Barb Hennings	Jean Schnick
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jean Schnick
Lay Reader	Barb Hennings	Deb Brown
Usher Team	David Hanson Rick Brandon	Steve and Donna Frederick
Coffee Hour	Donuts	Stewardship Meal & Conversation
Counters	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	29
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BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



Jesus' disciple Peter writes, "You are...God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." God has made us God's own people for a purpose, and that purpose is that we may proclaim to the world the story of God's incredible love. We do that in word, and we also do that in deeds of love and mercy.

Through Burke Lutheran Church, you are involved in proclaiming in both word and deed. You proclaim God's love in word as we gather weekly for worship, as we teach the faith to children and youth, and as adults gather to study God's word and support one another in life's journey. You proclaim God's love in our community as we donate to The River Food Pantry. You proclaim God's love across our country and around the world through Lutheran World Relief quilts, school kits and health kits.

Sometimes it is difficult to see all that our congregation is doing. Make no mistake, because of you and many others, Burke Lutheran Church is making a difference as we proclaim God's mighty acts.

We are going to celebrate our year of receiving and giving God's great mercy with a free, catered meal after worship on Sunday, October 26. We will also have the opportunity to plan our responses to God's great mercy for next year by pledging our financial support of Burke Lutheran Church and the work God is doing here with and through us.

It would be a great help to us if you would let us know how many of your family you expect to attend by calling or e-mailing the church office, or by signing up in the narthex. You can also use this as an opportunity to invite family, friends, or neighbors to join you.



Members of Burke Lutheran are invited to participate in the Combined choir that will perform at Spring Prairie on December 13th. Subsequent to this mini concert we will break and then sing Christmas carols with the audience.

It is Spring Prairie's hope that they can arrange a couple of extended rehearsals in October and November in preparation for the December date. Keep an eye out for those dates which they hope to have very soon. There is a good deal of enthusiasm at Spring Prairie, they have 9 people already who are interested although they could certainly use some more male voices.

Pastor Rick is writing a narrative for between the songs, and it would be wonderful to hear voices from each of the churches reading those. There are no solos in the music, and the focus will be primarily on the choir.

If you would like to participate, please see Laura for copies of the music so you can see which songs will be song and to practice.

Please keep an eye out for more information to follow.