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The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 AM October 4, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOVE AND ZEAL, A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."~Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 825 – Rise, Shine, You People

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.*

Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Anthem (10:30): In Christ There is No East or West . . . A. L. Page

Epistle: Philippians 3: 4b-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 544 – O Love, How Deep (vs. 1-2, 5-7)

Children's Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like . . . Simon (Peter)

Sermon Text: Matthew 16: 13-20

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: *for his steadfast love endures forever!*

P: The stone that the builders rejected

C: *has become the cornerstone.*

P: This is the LORD's doing;

C: *it is marvelous in our eyes.*

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: *let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: *for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Supper (8:00 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: LSB 637 – Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (LSB 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;

For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 912 – Christ is Our Cornerstone

Benediction

Postlude:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God this weekend by Linda Kolz.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans this weekend (October 3 & 4) in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please.

DONATIONS NEEDED: God’s Work Today is taking a small team to Africa in October, and we need donations of coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, face paint, and teddy bears for the trip. Please leave items by the bulletin board or in the church office by October 18th.

LIFE CHAIN: Anyone wishing to participate in the “Life Chain” (holding pro-life signs for 1 ½ hours), meet at church this afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

FALL WORKDAY: Please sign up if you can help with various cleaning and outdoor projects on Saturday, October 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, October 17 we are asking for 8 volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

FLANNELS AND FIREPITS: Join us on Saturday, October 17th after church. We will enjoy fellowship, songs around the fire, s’mores and apple cider! Bring a friend! Please sign up so we can plan for supplies.

BLANKET-MAKING: Sign up if you can help with our annual blanket making project on Sunday, November 8th after the late service until 3:00, and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on both days. Come when you can and stay as long as you would like!

COLLECTION OF WINTER ITEMS: If you knit or crochet, there is yarn available in the room off the nursery. Please take what you would like to create hats, mittens, and scarves to be donated to those in need. Completed items can be left in the church office.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for a 2-part series, **Surviving the Holidays**. The meetings are Thursday, November 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on “find a group” and you will see Our Shepherd’s listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend. On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today

TWT Sinhala (Sri Lanka)

- I am a farmer. I am Buddhist, but I listen to your program. After listening to your program I could realize how Christianity is far beyond Buddhism.
- I am a Buddhist. I am married and have a child. My husband is an army soldier. I heard your program accidentally but from that day onward I listen to your program seriously. We can learn many things about God. It is very simple to understand too.
- I am a Christian. I regularly listen to your program. It is so exciting to hear such a program though the government radio service. It is very simple to understand.

TWT Marwari (India)

- I was the first to receive Christ in my village. For the past two years, I have been listening to this program. This program helped me to grow in the faith. I conduct listener meetings in the village. There has recently been one more person who came to Christ, please pray that more will come to the Lord!

TWT Javenese (Indonesia)

- I feel so blessed for knowing that Jesus is the Word of God that has become flesh, and whoever has faith in Him is given the power and become His children. I have faith in Jesus as God and my Savior in my life personally. He is powerful and sovereign in my life.

TWT Khmer (Cambodia)

- I am not a Christian, but I heard a lot about TWR Cambodia radio from the TWR team who were working in my commune. Now I have started to listen to their programs like: Women of Hope, Happy Children's Garden and especially The Word Today. I like TWT the most because this program helps me to know who Jesus is; it really is different from what I had learned when I was young. Back then I thought that Christianity was only one of many religions in the world. But TWT showed me that the Christian God is the creator and the Savior God for all humanity.

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