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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026



100th Anniversary Minute

Save the Date: Sunday October 18th
8:30am - Coffee and More
10:00am - Celebration Service and Program
11:30am - Century Celebration Potluck

Prelude
Welcome
Song of the Decade

Faith of Our Fathers
By Frederick Faber & Henri Hemy

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon fire, and sword,
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

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.

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.

Kyrie: "Lord, Have Mercy" **p. 147**

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast" **p. 149**

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Choir - 'We Know that Nothing Separates Us'

Isaiah 5:1-7 **Reader: Mary Bug Smith**

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look | down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right | hand has planted

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **p. 151**

Matthew 21:33-46 **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"Lord, Christ, When First You Came to Earth"** **#727**

Apostles Creed **p. 105**

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition the congregation responds with "Your mercy is great."

Peace

Since we are satisfied by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer:

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.**

There is a box at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church — PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

The Great Thanksgiving **p.152**

'Holy, Holy, Holy' **p.153**

Words of Institution

Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

Lord's Prayer

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. 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!

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

"Lamb of God" **p.154**
Communion Hymns: 462, 543, 733, 770

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn **"Thine the Amen"** **#826**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	Noon	Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)
	Noon	Al-anon (upstairs)
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Saturday	1pm	WWW Women's Fellowship
	4:30pm	Recovery and Support Group (note time change)
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Ken Akre, Trish Akre, Scone Bender, Spencer and Bonnie Berg, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown's mother, Barbara Campbell, Colleen (at the request of Dawn Morey), Geneva Fowler (at the request of Clara Wilner), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Pastor Matt and the Goodrich family, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Annika Hughes, Gail Johnson, Imo Jones, Jaimie Jimenez, Ms. Koch, Steve Konkright, Bob and Pat Kowal, Hideo & Judy Lambley, Neal Leen (Theresa Watts's brother-in-law), family of Gae and Jeremy Lewis, Maria Manzano and family, Don and Glenda Pellow, Sark Ratliff, Carol Rock, Odessa Rodkey, Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Lynna Scheller, Ken Schimmels and family, Judy Schoesler, Serina (Alicia's sister), Everly Stone-Fedor, Paul and Colleen Zakar, Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

Announcements:

100th Anniversary: Potluck Help Needed

We are planning a Celebration Potluck on the 18th with up to 150 people expected. Please bring your favorite church potluck dish. We also need help on the 17th at 10am to do the basic furniture setup. On the day of the event, we will need help relocating chairs and tables between the service and the potluck. On both days, we will be setting up serving items, decorating, etc. And of course, returning things to normal after we are done eating. If you are able to help, please use the signup sheet on the table by the stairs. Thanks so much!

Lauretta out of the office: Lauretta will be out of the office Oct 5th through the 13th. She will be back in the office Wednesday Oct. 14th. She will be checking the email and can be reached by text in an emergency.

Quilts: The quilts are up for a blessing and for sale. We are asking for a $200 donation for each quilt. All donations raised are split equally among the Newport, Cusick and Priest River food banks. Please make all checks payable to Lutheran Church Women. Cash is also accepted. They are only for sale October 4th through 13th. The remaining quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your support of this project. Please give all payments to Liessa Thorson, Mary Upshaw or Hedy Mitchell; **The Happy Quilters**

All Saints Day "Holy Baptism" and "Affirmation of Baptism": All Saints Day is a day set aside by the Christian church to celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. The Lutheran church considers ANY day appropriate for Baptism and reaffirming our faith, but All Saints Day feels especially appropriate. The Lutheran services for Holy Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism are found on pages 227 and 234, respectively. On Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day, American Lutheran Church will celebrate with a corporate affirmation but we are also encouraging anyone who would like to be baptized or individually affirmed in their baptism to let Pastor Brendan know. We will look forward to celebrating and rejoicing together on November 1st!

Stewardship Committee Update: Dear members in Christ, as we enter our 100th year we are in a year of transition as we have been going through the pastor selection process, while at the same time trying to stay within the budget established in 2026. As of August 31, our operating budget is at a net loss of $26,170. This is due to a number of factors, the largest by far, being "under" on the weekly offerings by $19,184. We also have had additional expenses of $6,985 due to transition costs regarding the new pastor, new bookkeeper and staff costs from extra tasks assigned. We have four months to catch up on weekly offerings before the end of this year. We offer this information as an effort to be financially "transparent" as to where we are to date. As we move forward through the remainder of this year, we ask for blessings for the entire church, and we continue to appreciate your support for our joint ministry of the church.

Online Directory: We are moving to a secure online directory: instantchurchdirectory.com . An email has been sent out. You must have an email to access the directory. If you do not have an email listed in the current directory, please email the office: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com . If you have any questions or concerns please see Lauretta.

Sunday school: Lauretta has volunteered to lead Sunday school at 10am, during worship. Please encourage all kids and grandkids (and any other youth they can wrangle) to join us on Sunday mornings!

Birthdays: We have moved to a birthday prayer on the first Sunday of the month for everyone with a birthday that month (instead of singing happy birthday).

Scam: If you receive anything claiming to be from the Pastor asking for money/gift cards or a copy of the directory, it is a scam.

Pastor Brendan Wiechert can be reached at alc.pastors@gmail.com or 509-863-5100

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.