The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24C October 19, 2025



St. John's Episcopal Church Crawfordsville, IN



Welcome

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able at the bell.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 668

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed by God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Presider may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! *

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Second Reading

Reader A reading from the second letter to Timothy. 2

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Hymnal 631 *Please stand as you are able.*

Book of books, our people's strength

The Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Fortner

A brief silence may follow.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate

from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Grant that justice, equity, and peace be manifest in all the world, and that all humankind may know their Creator and know they are loved.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, and all priests and deacons that they may follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide all Episcopalians in Indiana that we might discern how best to share God's boundless love in this state.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Inspire all the People of God that they may follow where Christ has led.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Move in the hearts of those serving in all levels of government, of the leaders of the nations, and of all in authority that they may protect and care for all people.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide us to care for the good earth and to advocate for the equitable and wise use of her resources.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to see our siblings in Crawfordsville and Montgomery County who are in need and inspire us to work to secure employment, food, safety, and justice for them.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless those we know and love who need healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially Brittany, Shelbi, Larry, Brittany, Sherry, Jack, Les, Lauren, Frank, Don, Ann, Cynthia, Char, Tim, Cathy, Eve, Jim, Tina, Joe, Linda, Ed, Nora, Frank, Rob, George, Marcie, Amber, Heidi, Kathy, Rhiannon, Duncan, Darin, Samantha, the Roosa family, refugees and immigrants everywhere, and those we name either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let your mercy envelop all the departed that they may have eternal rest and peace, especially those we now name either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Make us mindful of all the saints of God who have gone before us, that we might learn from their examples and join with them in prayer and praising Our Lord.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as they are able. Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Peace Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering

and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Holy Eucharist

Our altar is the Table of our loving God, a table set to nourish all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are a beloved part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake! It is our tradition to gather around the altar to receive. If you wish to receive the Body of Christ in the bread, please place one hand on top of the other, palms up. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take a sip when it is offered. It is asked that communicants not dip the bread in the chalice. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion or would like to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Offertory Anthem Teach Me, O Lord Atwood

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 380 verse 3 Old 100th

Please stand as you are able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please remain standing as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.





Please stand or kneel as you are able and as is your custom.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

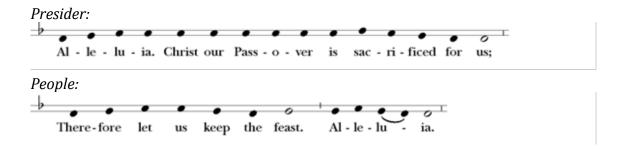
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.



The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People encircle the altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

Communion Hymn Hymnal 337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people with these or similar words.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Recessional Hymn Hymnal 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

The Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People with these or similar words.

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trumpet Rondeau in G Major Lasky

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Jason Fortner

Music: Jerilyn Yerkes

	Oct. 19, 2025		Oct. 26, 2025	
	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Mark Kussmaul	Susan Albrecht	Kitty Haffner	Jeremy Hartnett
LEM	Meribeth Kussmaul	Jessica Roosa & Dan Booher		The Morrisons
Crucifer	Teresa Titus	Steve Charles		John Culley
Greeters	John Binder	Judy Wynne	Kathy Gary	Jim Gary
Childcare	Kari Brock	Katharine Morrison	Kitty Haffner	Kim Green
Altar Guild	Meegan Reidy	Betty Culley	Sheila Evans	Jessica Short
Counters	Cindy Smith	Nancy Bennett	Cindy Smith	Jim Gary
Coffee	Meegan Reidy		Meegan Reidy	
Clean Up	Meegan Reidy		K. Morrison	

The flowers are given today by Meegan and Mike Reidy to the Glory of God and in loving and heart-felt support of the families impacted by the July 4th floods in Texas.



ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Cheers for Omelet Sunday today! Thank you to all who cooked and served and to all who supported the cause! Proceeds will go to ERD to assist folks affected by the terrible flooding in Texas in July.
- The **vestry will meet** at noon today.
- The next installment of **Pub Theology** will take place Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 5:30pm at The Barefoot Burger. Fr. Jason will lead a discussion about the problem of evil and suffering.
- **Bishop Jennifer's pastoral visitation** will happen **next Sunday, Oct. 26.** She will be with us for both services, Formation, and Coffee Hour. Plan to join us for this special day!
- St. John's needs a **Parish Administrator** to work in the office 12 to 16 hours a week. If you know of someone outside the parish who would be interested, please have them email Fr. Jason.
- The **Indy Dio Youth Retreat** will be a Waycross Nov. 21-23! All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome. Register at indydio.org/youth.
- Come join us for Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:00am at St. John's and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Wellbrooke located at 517 Concord Road in Crawfordsville. Contact Dan Booher with questions.

St. John's Vestry

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

Mission: St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our community.

Vision: As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- · We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- · We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- · We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- · We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.



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