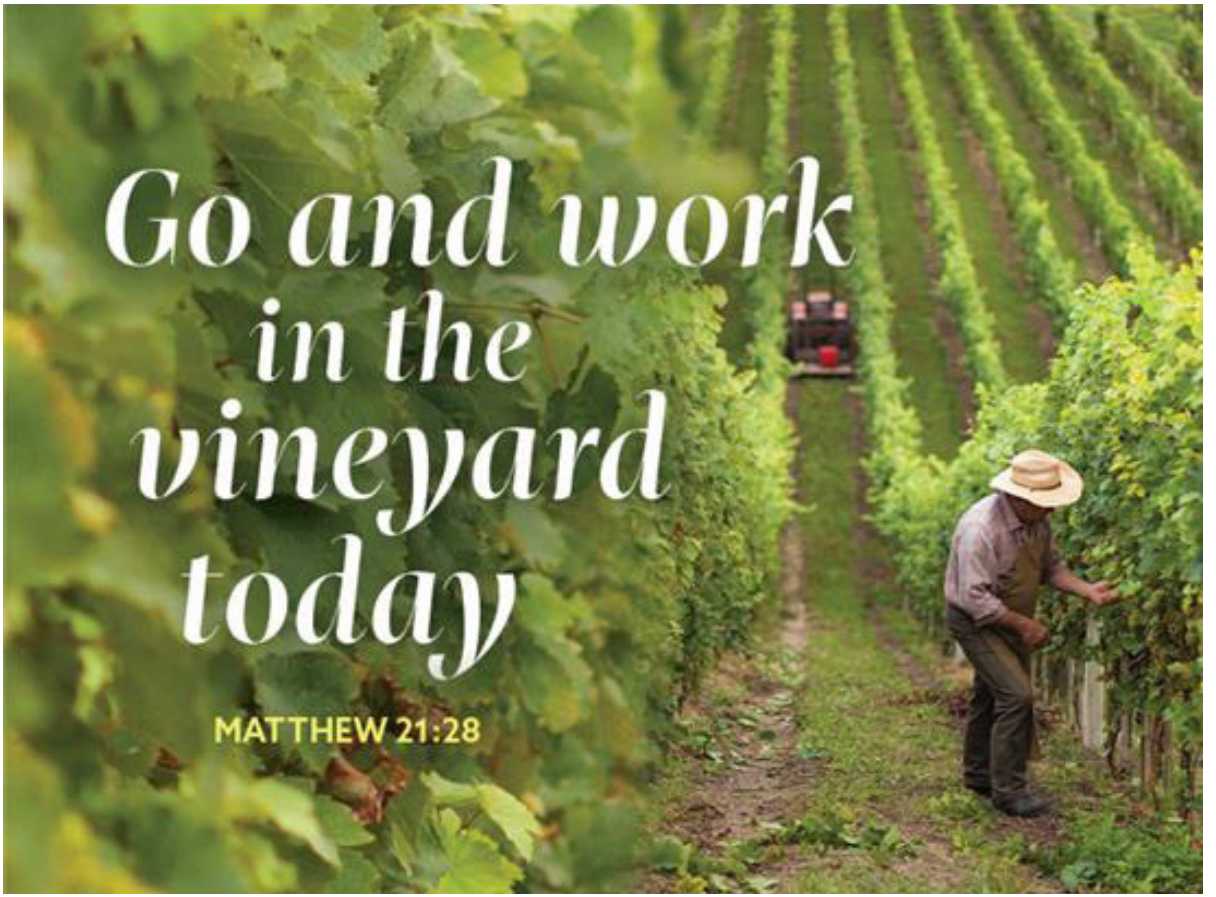
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026
9:00 AM



Resurrection Church at Saddle Brooke

Please silence your electronic devices during service.

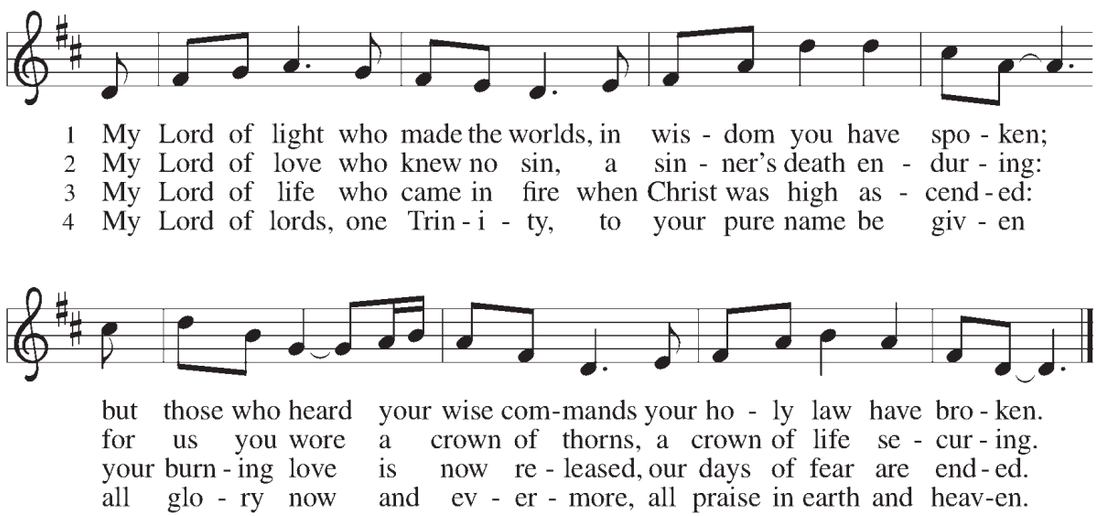
GATHERING MUSIC

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *(a time for quiet reflection to center ourselves for worship)*

*OPENING HYMN

My Lord of Light



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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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*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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our refuge and guide,

you call us to turn toward you and walk in your ways. Give us humble hearts that listen for your voice, courage to acknowledge when we have gone astray, and faith to follow where you lead. Teach us to let our actions speak the faith we profess, and renew us each day by your grace, that our lives may bear witness to your love and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME HOME

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 25:1-9 NRSVue

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right

and teaches the humble his way.

The Word of the Lord.

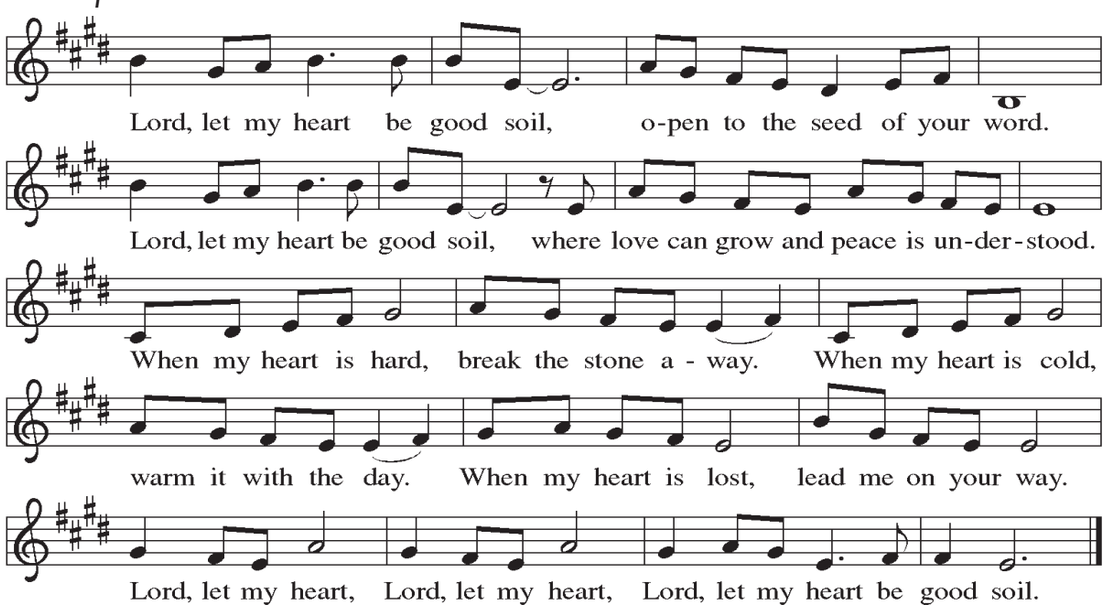
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Ezekiel 18:25-32 NRSV

25 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is
unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my
way unfair? Is it not your ways that are
unfair? 26 When the righteous turn away
from their righteousness and commit
iniquity, they shall die for it; for the
iniquity that they have committed, they
shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked turn
away from the wickedness they have
committed and do what is lawful and
right, they shall save their life. 28 Because
they considered and turned away from all
the transgressions that they had
committed, they shall surely live; they
shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel
says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O
house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it
not your ways that are unfair?
30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of
Israel, all of you according to your ways,
says the Lord God. Repent and turn
from all your transgressions; otherwise
iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away
from you all the transgressions that you
have committed against me, and get
yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!
Why will you die, O house of Israel?
32 For I have no pleasure in the death of
anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then,
and live.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation*



***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 21:23-32 NRSVue

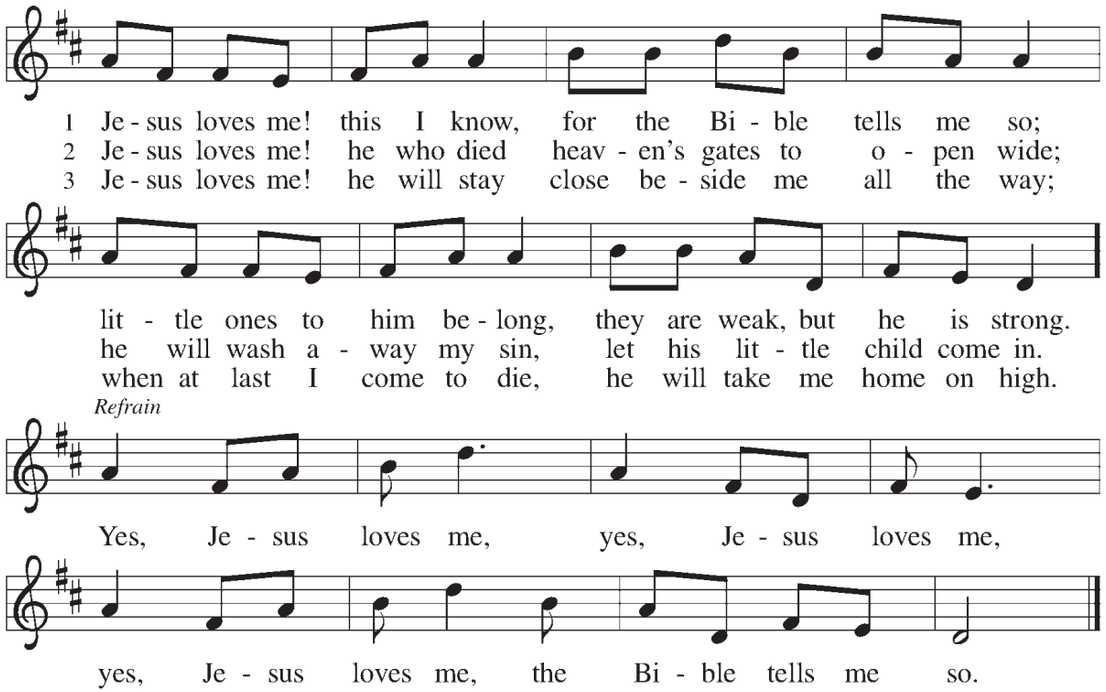
23 When Jesus entered the temple,
the chief priests and the elders of the
people came to him as he was
teaching and said, "By what
authority are you doing these things,
and who gave you this authority?"
24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask
you one question; if you tell me the
answer, then I will also tell you by
what authority I do these things.
25 Did the baptism of John come
from heaven, or was it of human
origin?" And they argued with one
another, "If we say, 'From heaven,'
he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you
not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of
human origin,' we are afraid of the
crowd, for all regard John as a
prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus,
"We do not know." And he said to
them, "Neither will I tell you by what
authority I am doing these things.
28 "What do you think? A man had
two sons; he went to the first and
said, 'Son, go and work in the
vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I
will not,' but later he changed his
mind and went. 30 The father went to
the second and said the same, and
he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did
not go. 31 Which of the two did the
will of his father?" They said, "The
first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell
you, the tax collectors and the
prostitutes are going into the
kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For
John came to you in the way of
righteousness, and you did not
believe him, but the tax collectors
and the prostitutes believed him,
and even after you saw it you did not
change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise be to Christ!

SERMON: *"What If We're Wrong?"* Pastor Erin Morris

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Loves Me!



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Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*APOSTLES' CREED

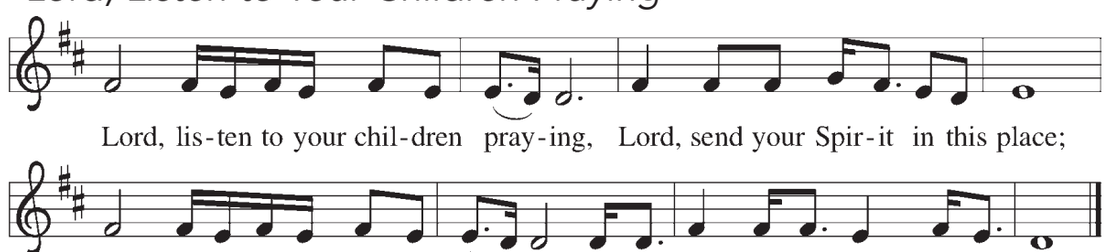
People of God, what is it we confess to be true?

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.

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*



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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Concluding each portion of the prayers the leader says: "Loving Lord..." and the ***congregation responds: "hear our prayers."***

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited
by your generous offerings.
• ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
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• Feed My Starving Children Thank you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Doesn't Ask For A Mountain by James Southbridge

Resurrection Singers

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose love endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that our words and our actions do not always agree. We say yes to your call, yet sometimes turn away. We know the ways of love, yet fail to live them. We resist change, cling to what is familiar, and choose our own ways instead of yours. Forgive us, renew us, and turn our hearts toward you. Give us courage to follow where you lead and grace to begin again. Amen.

Hear the good news: God does not turn away from those who turn toward God. In ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are freed from what has held you back and renewed by God's grace to walk in newness of life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that we receive. This gift of grace is given freely by Christ for all. We welcome people of all ages to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

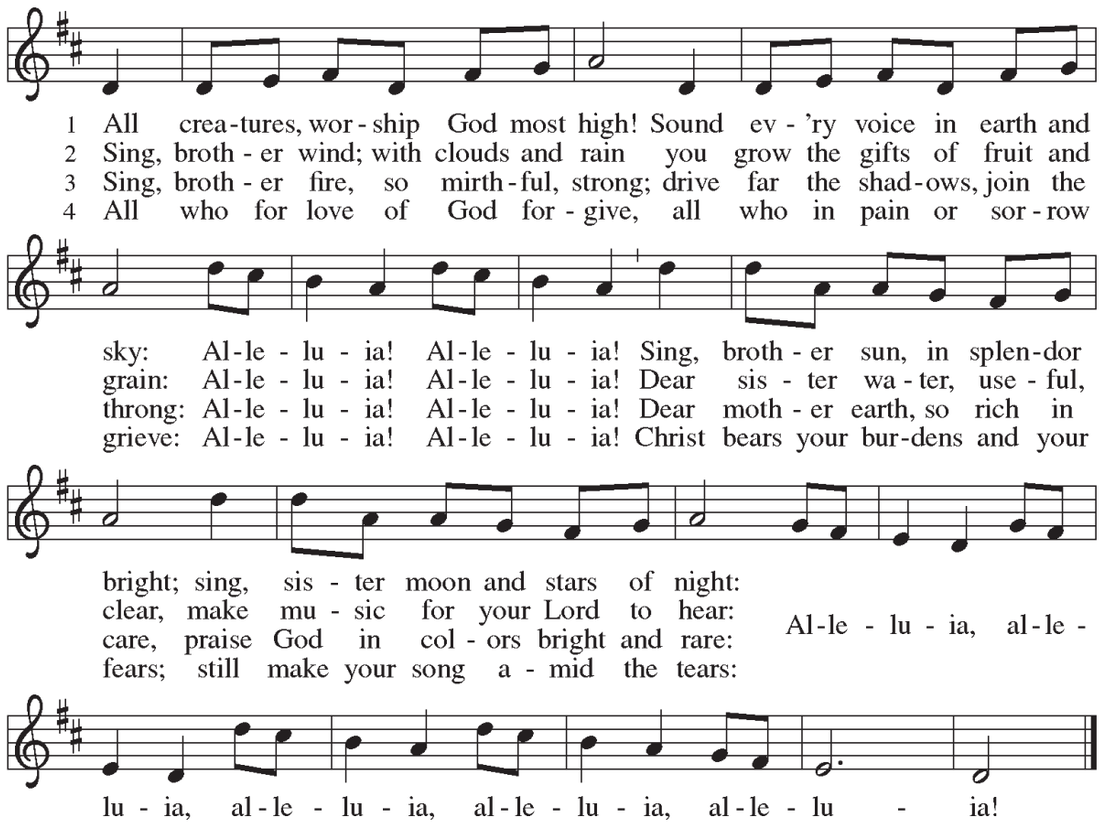
MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

May the God who calls you, the Christ who walks with you, and the Holy Spirit who guides you ✠ bless you and keep you, now and always.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

All Creatures Worship God Most High!

*SENT FORTH

Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

Go in peace. Let your words and actions proclaim your faith.

Thanks be to God.

*SENDING MUSIC

Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October. Thank you.

Attendance for last week:
Oro Valley: 410
SaddleBrooke: 72
Online: 411

God's grace and your faithful financial partnership have enabled us to continue the mission to which God has called us!

Please use these QR Codes to easily access our website, one church and giving page.

Resurrection Website Homepage

One Church

Stewardship and Giving

ASSISTANTS

Clergy:
Pastor Carol George
Pastor Erin Morris
Deacon Emma Janzen
Worship Accompanist/ Choir Director:
Peter Yanez
Audio/Visual:
Denis Greenland
Council Representative:
Mimi Heywood
Ushers:
Clayton Thomas, Alan Stemme, Gary Zellinger, Doug Miller
Greeters:
Sharon and Terry Marchion
Bible Reader: David Bull
Prayer Leader: Linda Ansay
Communion Servers:
Sam and Laurie Page
Altar Care & Communion:
Hazel Roper

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR RESURRECTION AT SADDLEBROOKE

Sunday, October 11	Deacon Emma Janzen
Sunday, October 18	Pastor Erin Morris
Sunday, October 25	Pastor Carol George

For any pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Carol George (520) 575-9901, or cgeorge@orovalley.org

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