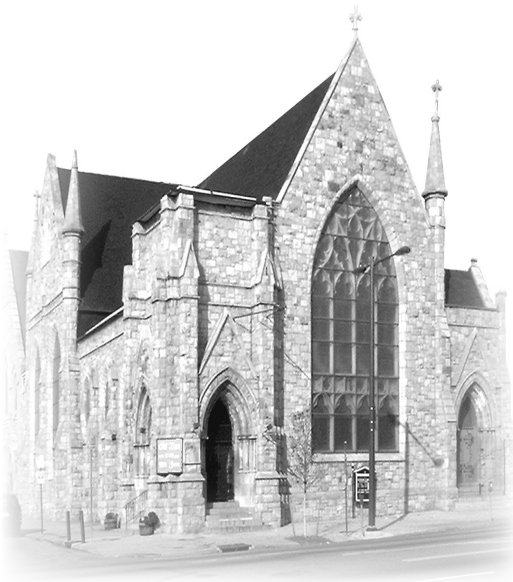


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The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 4th, 2026



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English Worship at 10 AM

German Worship at 11:15 AM (3rd Sunday)

Combined Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month

For special holiday services please check web site

Order of Worship at 10 AM
Prelude

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord”

#408 v.1-4

Congregation shall stand on the last verse of the hymn

Minister (M): In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Response (R): Amen.**

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

M: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

R: And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

M: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: O most merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on his Name, he giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. **℞: Amen.**

Introit (*sung by the Soloist - found on p 102*)

Gloria Patri (*sung by all, p 17*): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie (*p 18*)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

℞: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

℞: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

℞: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

℞: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

℞: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (pp 20-21)

M: Glory be to God on high!

℞: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou, only art holy: thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

℞: And with thy spirit.

M: Let us pray.

Collect (found on pg 102 - ending with “world without end.”)

℞: Amen.

The Congregation shall be seated

1st Lesson 2 Chronicles 1: 7-12

Solo “O Loving Father” (by T. Del Riego) Jaye W. Green

2nd Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 4-9

M: Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.

℞: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Congregation shall stand

M: The Holy Gospel is written in the 22nd Chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 34th verse.

℟: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel Matthew 22: 34-46

M: Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.

℟: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

All: 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”* #328 v.1-4

The Congregation shall be seated after the hymn

Sermon

The Sermon being ended, the Congregation shall stand

M: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

℟: Amen.

The Congregation shall be seated

Offering and Musical Reflection

“O day of rest and gladness”

Pamela Fernsler, Flute

The Congregation shall stand and sing as the offering is presented at the altar

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

The Prayer of the Church *(full text found on pp 6-8)*

*After each intercession: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

*After the final intercession: **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

M: The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace: IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟: Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn “*Light's abode*” *(Tune #242) #591 v.1-5*

The Congregation shall remain standing until the candles are extinguished

Postlude

Welcome / Herzlich Willkommen

We welcome all who gather with us for worship today.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to sign our guest register
and introduce yourself after the service.

We would be glad to meet you!

Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall following worship.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by:

Michael, Claudia, and Alena Reiser in celebration of the
birthday of ALEX REISER
and by Pam Fernsler in loving memory of her mother,
JEANNE FERNSLER, and her brother, FRED FERNSLER, JR.

*** Praise be to the Lord ***

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Altar Flower donations are available -
please speak to **JOAN WACHLIN** who can give you
information and set a date for your flowers to be on the altar!

Announcements:

--Sunday, Oct. 4th: *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*
10:00 AM English Service

--Sunday, Oct. 11th: *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*
10:00 AM English Service

--Continue to follow our bulletins, Newsletter, and social media
for information on upcoming services and events!

Council President*Michael Reiser*
Pianist*Clemence Revollon-Brunel*
Soloists.....*Jaye W. Green and Pamela Fernsler*
Acolytes*Ella and Cameron Wachlin*
Altar-Coordination*Jaye W. Green*
Altar Flower Coordination.....*Joan Wachlin*
Children’s Education.....*Susan Reiser, Alena Reiser and
Elizabeth Tutolo*
Bulletin Editor.....*JP Meyer*
German Elders.....*Walter Meyer and Michael Reiser*

NEWS OF THE WEEK

** Today after Service we will enjoy a taste of Oktoberfest at our Luncheon - all are invited to join us in Fellowship!

** Today we bid a fond farewell to ***Justin Reed*** and pray for his safe journey to his new home and profession in California. His new address will be 2503 Alma St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

** The Outreach Committee thanks all those who have already donated items for the upcoming ***fall Flea Market*** to be held on 11/14, from 10AM - 2PM. Proceeds will benefit a new HVAC system for the church

** Please keep an eye on the ***bulletin board*** for news and events!

**Important upcoming dates:

Oct. 25 th	Reformation Sunday
Nov. 1 st	Daylight Savings Time Ends!

--Remember in prayer our fellow members who, for reasons of health, are not able to worship with us!