



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**October 4,
2026**

**Nineteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

**9:00 am
Service of
Holy
Communion**

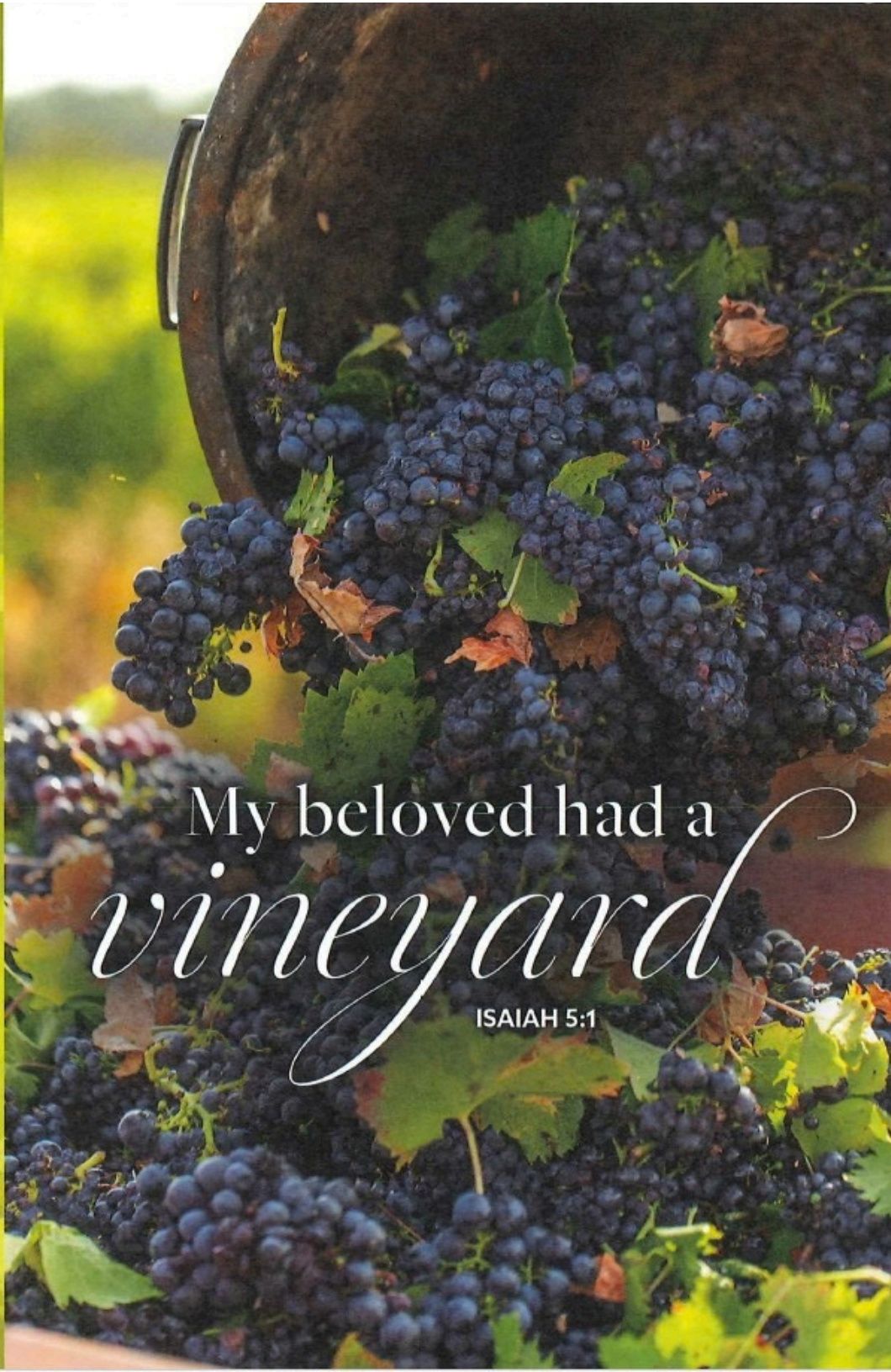
**11:00 am
Service of
the Word**

**The Pastor:
Rev. Chris
Buresh**

**The Associate
Pastor:
Rev. Andrew
Bell**

**The Director of
Children's &
Family Ministry:
Lori
Puttkammer**

**The Pastor
Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Wayne
A. Basch**



My beloved had a
vineyard

ISAIAH 5:1

Welcome

*Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today.
May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to
one another in the love and fellowship of Christ.*

“Greet God!”

A Facebook acquaintance who’s in the ministry shared an interesting bit of culture from his time in Germany. By way of greeting, instead of “Guten Morgen” or “Hallo,” locals often said “Grüße Gott” — literally, “Greet God.” My friend took it to be a vestige of old, much as the English “goodbye” emerged from “God be with ye.”

Though most people probably say “Grüße Gott” without much thought, my friend pondered: How might our encounters change if we heard in our greetings an invitation to “Greet God” in the other person and in our shared interactions? What if we truly believed God was present in others and in the space between us? Jesus said when we welcome another, we welcome him. If Jesus came physically to our door, how would we welcome him? Can we treat the person before us that very way?

—Heidi Mann



HOMEcoming: CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Many high schools and colleges are celebrating Homecoming this time of year. Homecoming in the church invites us to remember God’s faithfulness and celebrate the people who have shaped our church’s story. As longtime friends and new faces gather today, may we renew cherished relationships and look forward with hope to all God will do in the years ahead.

GATHERING

The Prelude: “Largo” Handel

The Call to Worship (11:00 am): ***"Welcome Song" Sullivan***

The Children's Message (11:00 am): **"God's Wise Helper"**

+The Opening Hymn: "ALL ARE WELCOME"
(vs. 1 & 3-5)

No. 641

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.**

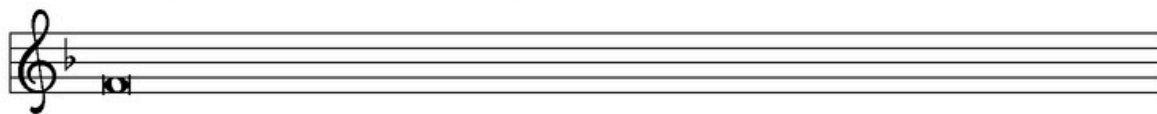
The Service of Holy Communion - 9:00 am

+ The Kyrie:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



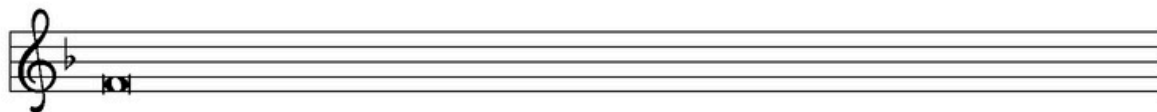
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



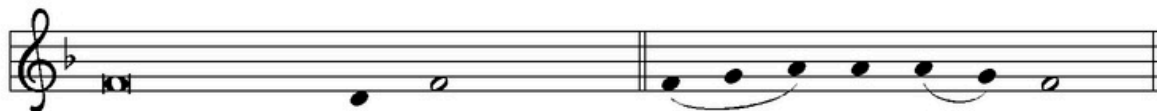
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

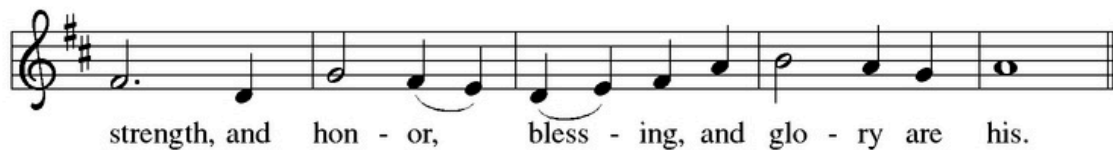
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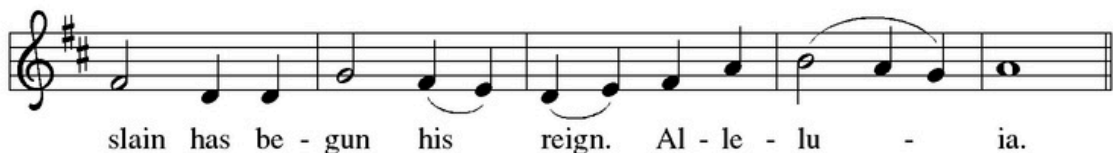
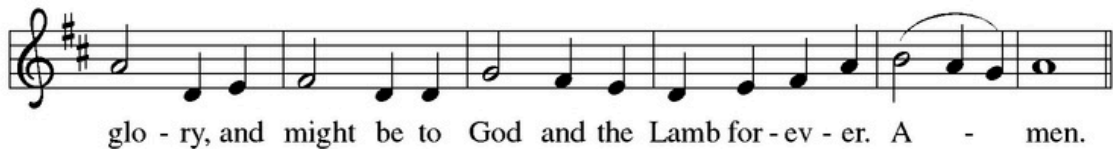
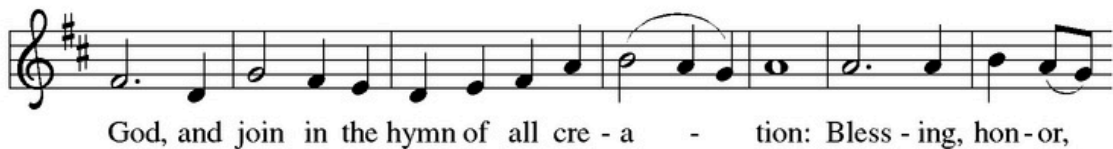
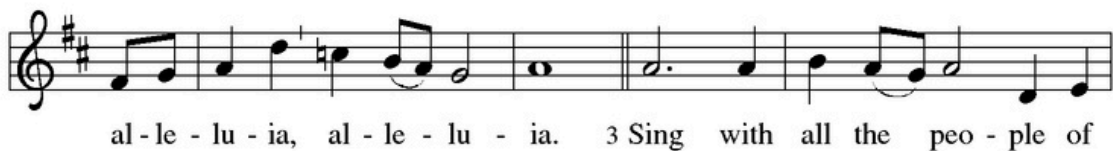


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Kyrie

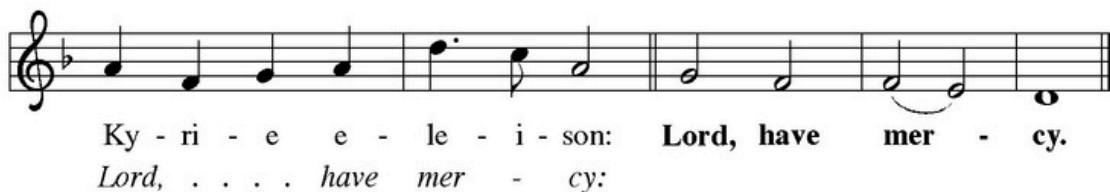
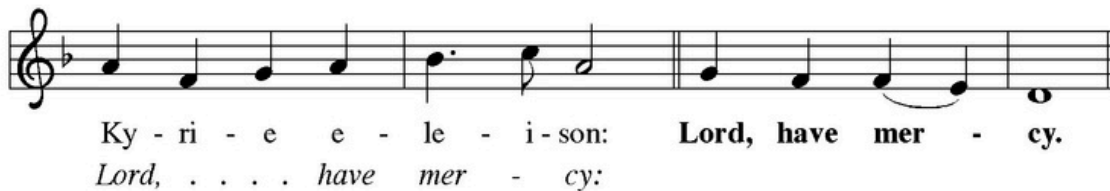
+ The Canticle of Praise:





The Service of the Word - 11:00 am

+ The Kyrie:



+The Canticle of Praise:

glory
to
God

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Sing Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Sing Refrain



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



+ The 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.

WORD

+ The Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:]^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Anthem: 9:00 ***"Follow Jesus" Everett/Allen***

11:00 ***"Down to the River to Pray" McDonald***



*I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection.*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

WORD

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³“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.

³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They 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.”

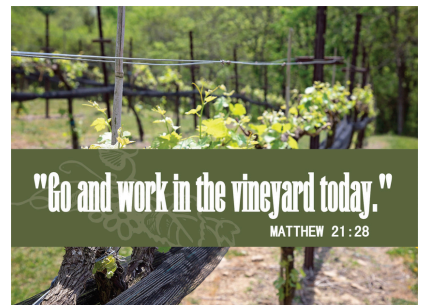
⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon: “**The Miracle Mile**”

+The Hymn of the Day: “WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME”

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Reception of New Members – page 232

+The Prayers

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us here, at our partner parish in Coronationville and in all places to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to places overcome by conflict, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for all who teach the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Voluntary: 9:00 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* Traditional

11:00 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* Larson

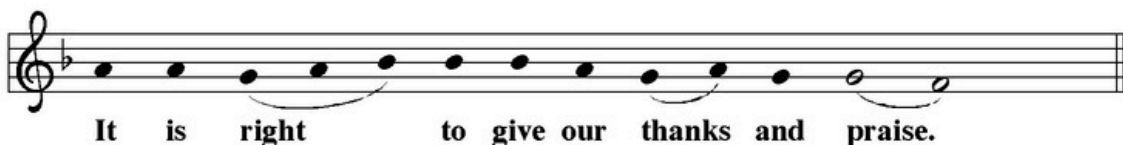
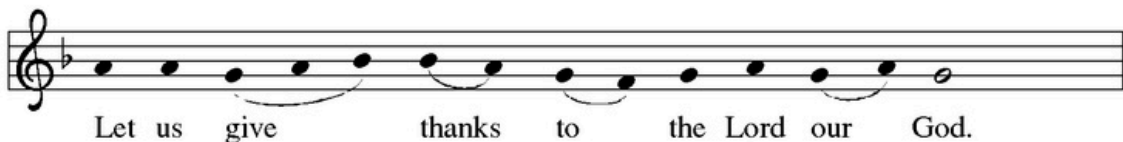
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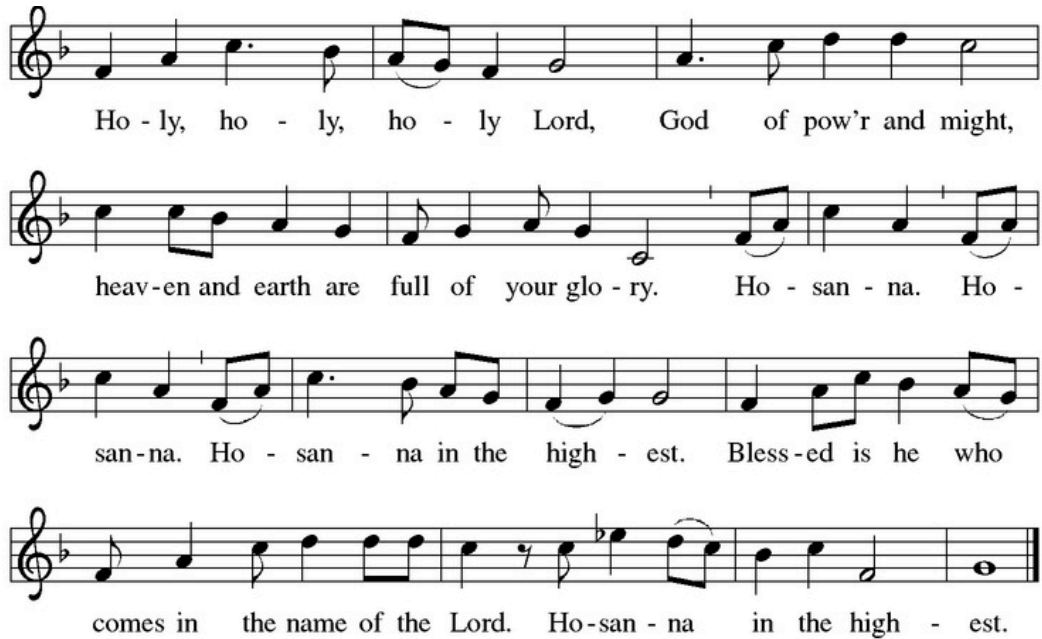
MEAL

+The Offering Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving



+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion

Service of the Word - 11:00 am

Refrain



Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -



ev - er and ev - er. | Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O



God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O



Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and

Refrain



sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

- + The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word
- + The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

- +The Benediction
- +The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.
- Response: **Thanks be to God**

+SENDING HYMN: "ON EAGLE'S WINGS"

No. 787

The Postlude: "Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals"

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SERVING TODAY:

The Organist - *Beth Ridderhoff*

The Director of the Adult Choir - *Aaron Basch*

The Director of the Cherub Choir - *Angie Pope*

The Directory of the Junior Choir - *Michelle Podewell*

The Readers -9:00 - *Diane Sweeney*

11:00 - *Cassie Facko*

The Acolytes - 9:00 - *Ben Schmitt and Danny Schulte*

11:00 - *Skylar Bort and Ron Krapf*



Today's chancel flowers are given by Sue and Tim Hennessy in celebration of their grandchildren, Emma and Jacob Seaborg's 5th birthday. The flowers are also given by Nancy Harrington in loving memory of her husband, Harold.

Our Intercessions Include:

The hospitalized: Joyce Pedersen (Palos)

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Our Mission Statement

A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement

Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values

Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| -Drawing nearer to God | -Welcoming All |
| -Prioritizing Love over Judgment | -Generously Serving |
| -Practicing Grace | -Fostering Community |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all Confirmation Students and their families! Our fall service project is at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on Saturday, October 17 from 2 pm to 3:45 pm. To RSVP, sign up at church or contact Pastor Bell!

Attention: Jr. High and High School Students! Join us for Second Sundays on October 11 at 6:30 pm with a competition called Taskmaster. Invite a friend! Sign up on the youth bulletin board or through the church email.

SAVE THE DATE: Trunk or Treat is being planned for October 24 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. We are seeking trunk decorators! See October's newsletter for all the details. All members, families, friends and neighbors are encouraged to attend and join in the fun!

We are seeking candy donations for our Trunk or Treat. Please bring donations to Mrs. Lori's office by October 18. Thank you!

Sunday School is teaming up with "Danielle Cares for Chairs" to collect plastic bread tags. The tags are recycled and the proceeds received from recycling are used to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. So, start collecting tags and turn them in to a Sunday School classroom, the Welcome Table or Mrs. Lori's office.

Nursery caregivers are available to care for your little ones while you attend the 11 am worship service. We have wonderful caregivers who are ready and waiting for their young friends.



The calendar for the week of October 4, 2026

MON	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Junior Choir 6 th & 7 th Grade Confirmation "Body & Soul"
TUE	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Faith, Prayer & Joy Group Bible Study Discovering the Bible Deacons' Meeting
WED	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Gamers Anonymous Adult Choir
THU	6:30 pm 9:00 pm	Carillon Choir Prayer Walk
SAT	3:15 pm	Bowling League
SUN	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	Service of the Word <i>Online Service</i> Puppets Sunday School Teachers' Meeting Service of Holy Communion Sunday School 2nd Sunday - Taskmaster



Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website.
Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Ellen Thiele	Gail Kendall
Joyce Pedersen	Shirley Hulse
Dave Holke	Lori Cronin
Matthew Vitt	Barry Garr Jr.
JoAnn Montecki	Gerhard Haigis
Barb Bergamo	Jim Srbeny
Matt Brett	Bill Innocenti

Friends of the Congregation

Shirley Smith	Adrienne Manley
Kathy Dompeling	Ron Warnke
Gary Gamauf	Craig Chismarick
Bob Stevens	Marilyn Veselack
Dorthy Norris	Walter Kroll
Linda Mazurek	Dolores Wrzesinski
Judi LaBuda	Kaylee Wynn
Chuck Johnson	Andre Swanson
Donna Herpich	Chuck Singleton
Sylvia Rodriguez	Laura Nicholson
Steve Hayward	Tom Elsner
John Ledwitch	Debra Casey
Nicholas Lyon	Laura Reynolds
Matt Mansfield	Joe Kaderabek
Donna O'Malley	Louise Sims
Pattie Hayes	Jason Randall Glugla
Linda D'Oyley	Tim Hennessey
Kathleen Cantillon	Katy Peterman
Linda Celesia	Dale Koch
Kim Heck	Maryanne Campbell
Robbie Glocker	Alex Gersic
Christina Carroll	Silvia Guijarro

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!