The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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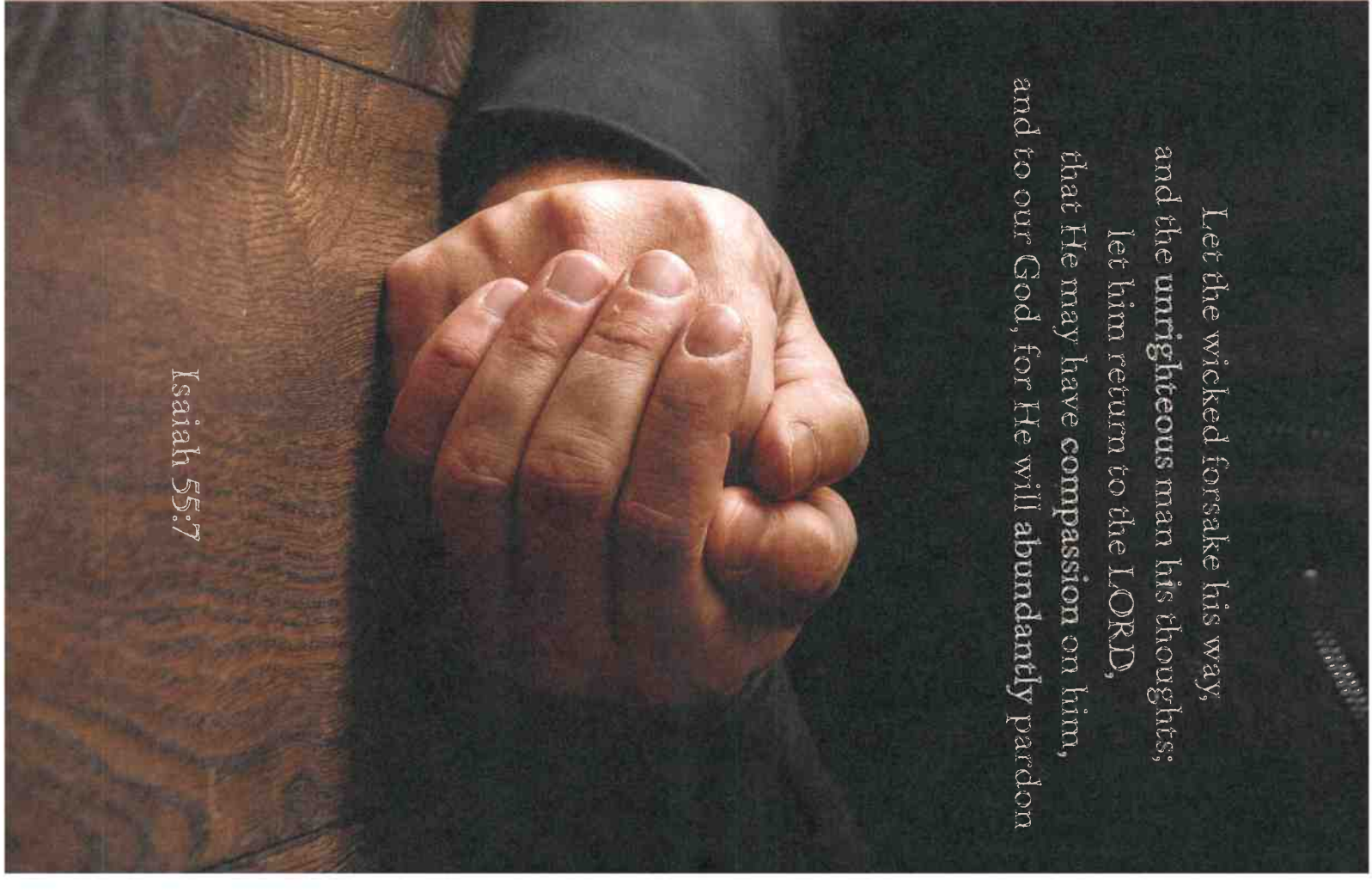

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WELCOME — We extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — If you would like more information about Pacific Hills you may speak to an usher or elder or call the church office. You may also visit our website, *www.PacificHillsLutheran.org*, where you will also find our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*. To subscribe to our newsletter via email, contact: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org.

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112. Ask an usher for entrance.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to complete a worship card located in the pew rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF OUR LORD — We invite those who share with us in the fellowship of faith to come to the Lord's altar and receive, in the Holy Communion, the very body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus has given us His Holy Supper so that we might receive into our very lives His body and blood, under the elements of bread and wine, for the remission of our sins and thereby know in a physical, tangible way that we are forgiven and have eternal life through faith in Him.

Each who comes to the Table of our Lord should:

- Be a Baptized Child of God;
- Have received scriptural instruction in Christ's means of meeting us in this Sacrament;
- Examine themself by confessing their sins to God;
    a. 1 Corinthians 11:26-29
    b. Lutheran Service Book, p. 329
- Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord from sin and death and who delivers us from the power of the devil;
- Desire the Holy Spirit's power to turn away from sin and live a Christ-like life; and
- Recognize the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood (under the elements of bread and wine) for the forgiveness of sins.

If you are uncertain or have questions concerning your participation, please ask to speak with an elder, our pastor or an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Alcohol-removed wine is in the center of the tray. Children and adults desiring to receive a blessing should cross their arms while at the communion rail.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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Divine Service
Setting Three

About the Cover: The weight of our sin can only be lifted by the Lord. How blessed are we, His children, to know that He desires to forgive us abundantly! There is no sin too great for His grace and pardon. Christ's love is so abundant for us that He died for us before we even had a say in the matter (Romans 5:8). So, by faith in His promises, we receive the abundant life-giving benefits of His death and resurrection forever.

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

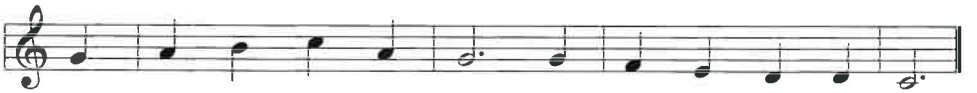
C **Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Opening Hymn

565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;
2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruis - ed soul;
3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crush - ing load
4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran - som due;
5 Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.
Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.
Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
No righ - teous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.

Refrain

To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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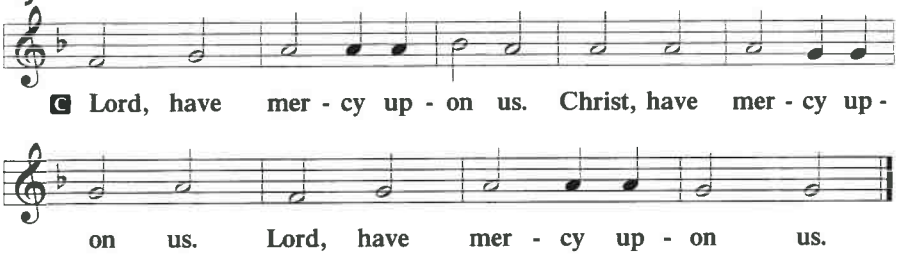
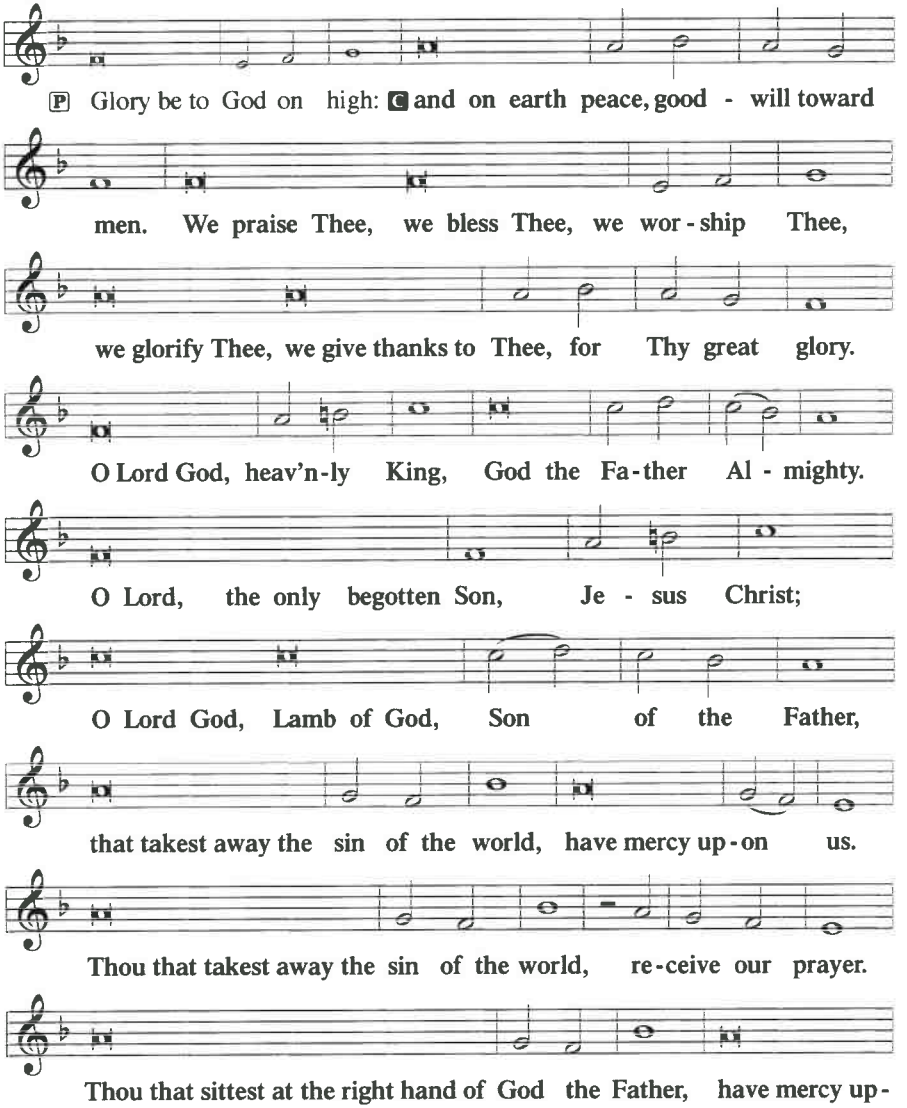
Kyrie

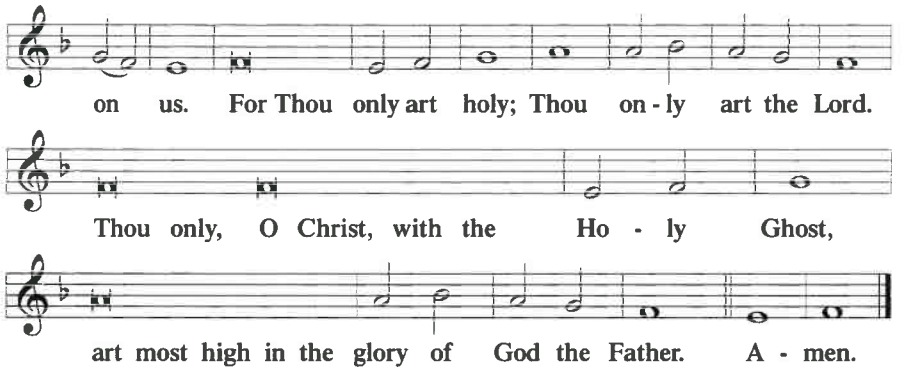
Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

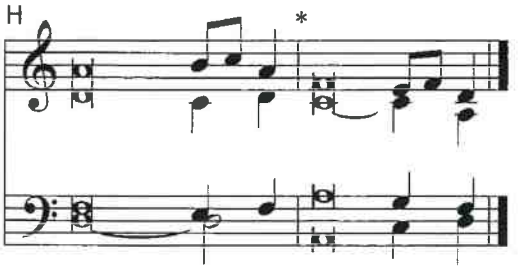
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Cards are collected at this time.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1–9



[1]The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
[2]When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

[3]Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.
[4]One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

[5]For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.
[6]And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

[7]Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!
[8]You have said, | "Seek my face."*
My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."

[9]Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in | anger,*
O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my sal- | vation!

Stand

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be - | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Sit

Second Reading

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

[12]I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance
the gospel, [13]so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the
rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. [14]And most of the brothers, having become confident
in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

[19]for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn
out for my deliverance, [20]as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed,
but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or
by death. [21]For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22]If I am to live in the flesh, that means
fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. [23]I am hard pressed between the
two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. [24]But to remain in the flesh
is more necessary on your account. [25]Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue
with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, [26]so that in me you may have ample cause to
glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

[27]Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and
see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind
striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, [28]and not frightened in anything by your
opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from
God. [29]For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in
him but also suffer for his sake, [30]engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear
that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

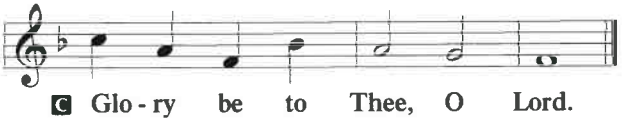
Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the
morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day,
he sent them into his vineyard. [3]And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle

in the marketplace, [4]and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' [5]So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' [7]They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' [8]And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9]And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10]Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12]saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13]But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16]So the last will be first, and the first last."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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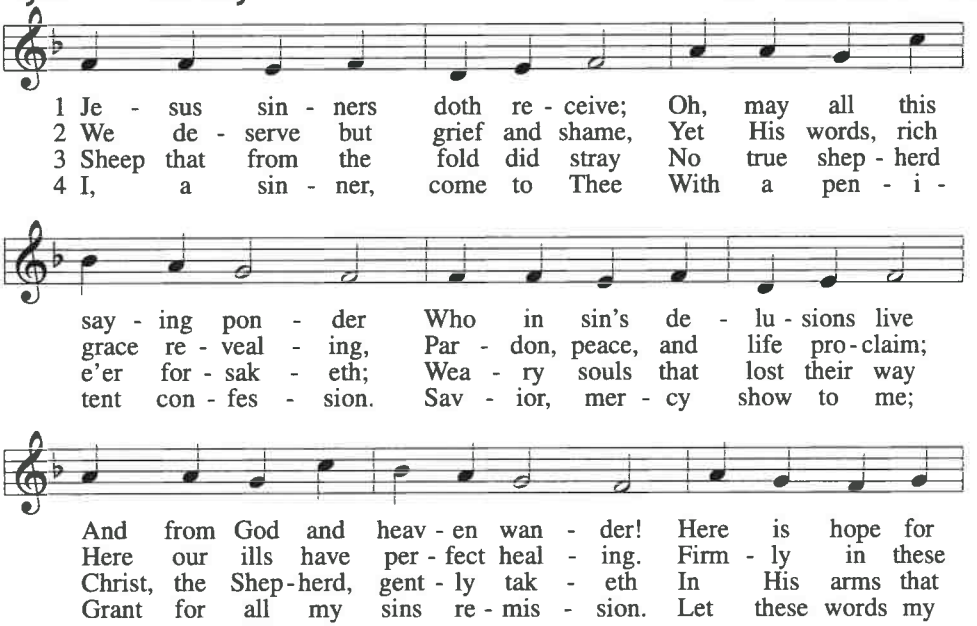
Hymn of the Day

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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Sermon

Salvation Is Not Fair
Matthew 20:1-16

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church - Prayer lists are available in the narthex.

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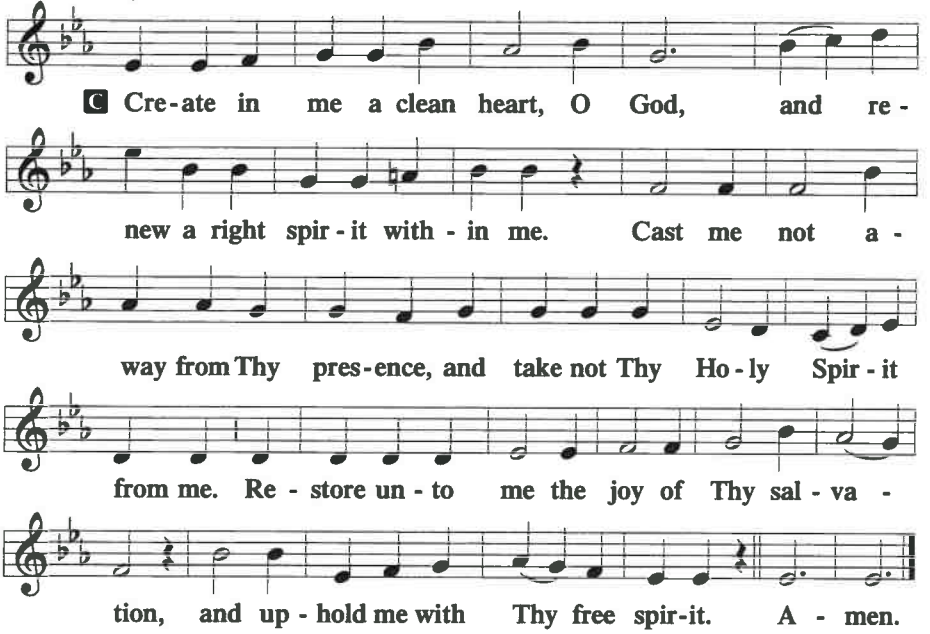
Offering

Sung by Choir (10:30am only)

Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy
by Evelyn Larter

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

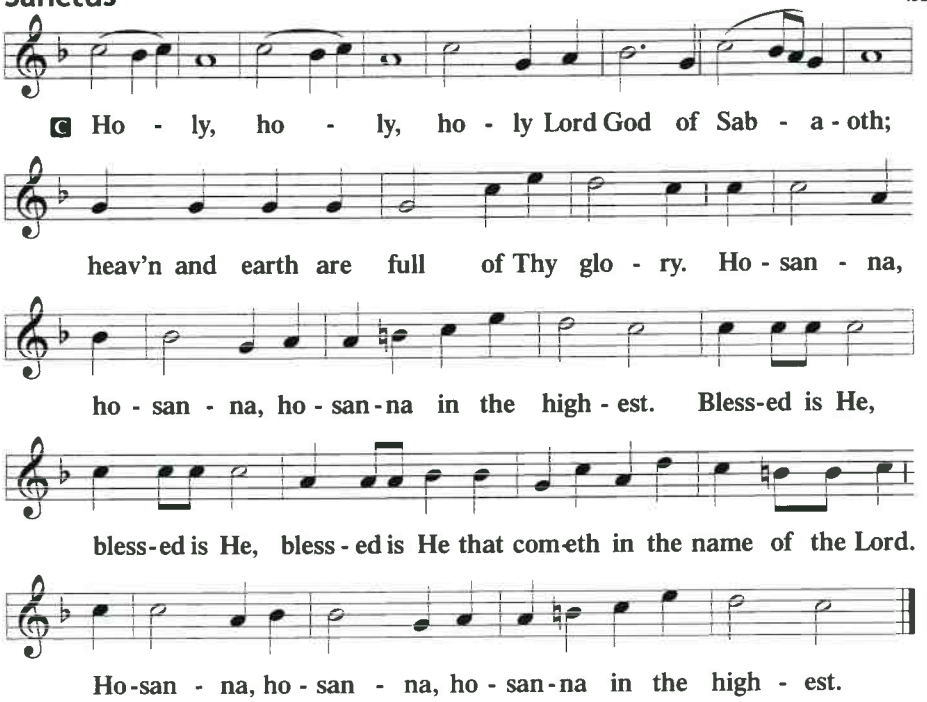
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

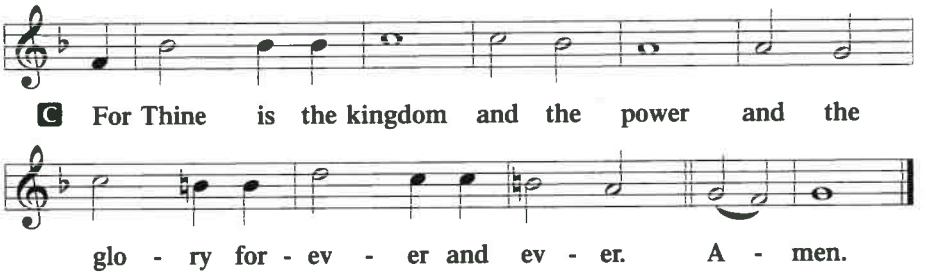
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.



The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

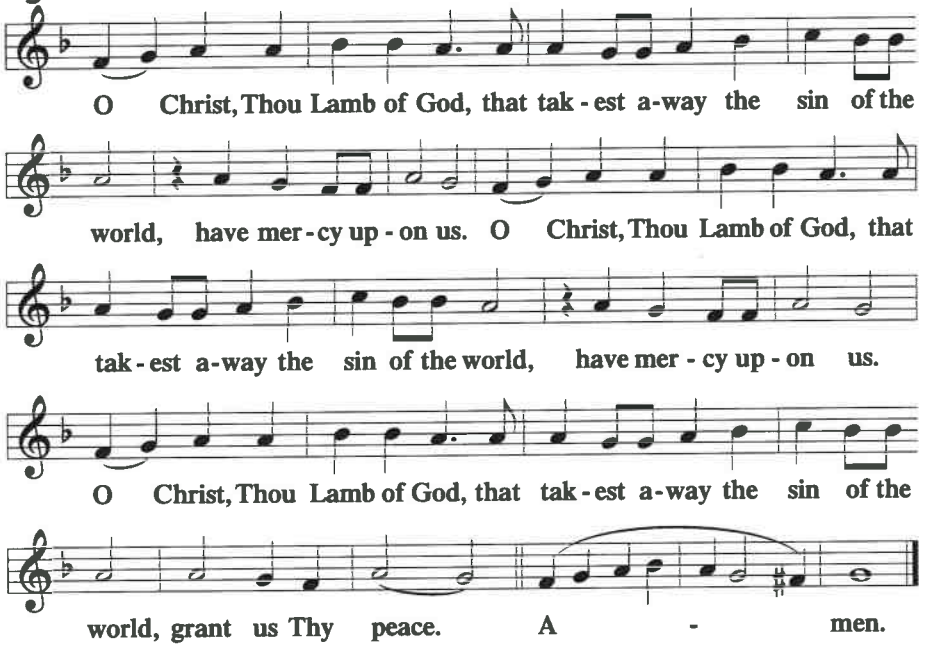
Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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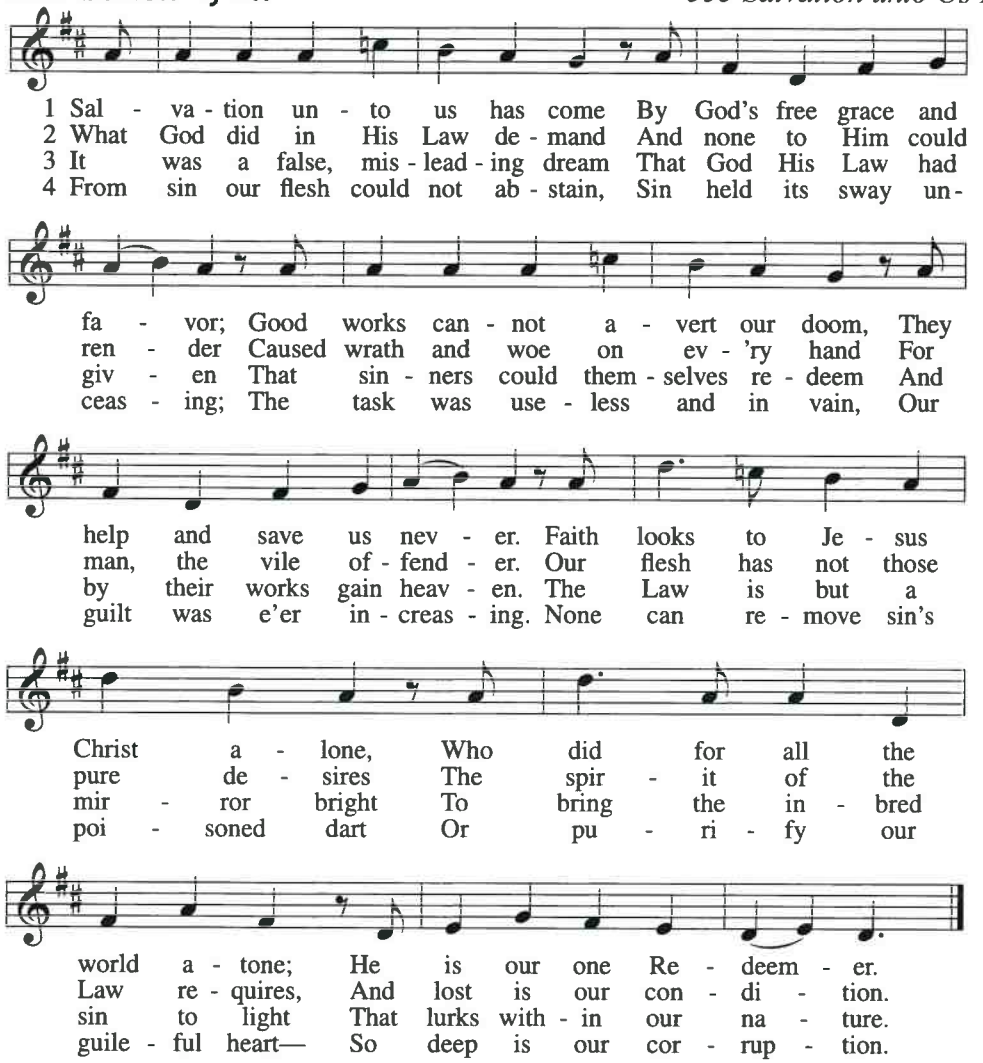
Distribution Hymn

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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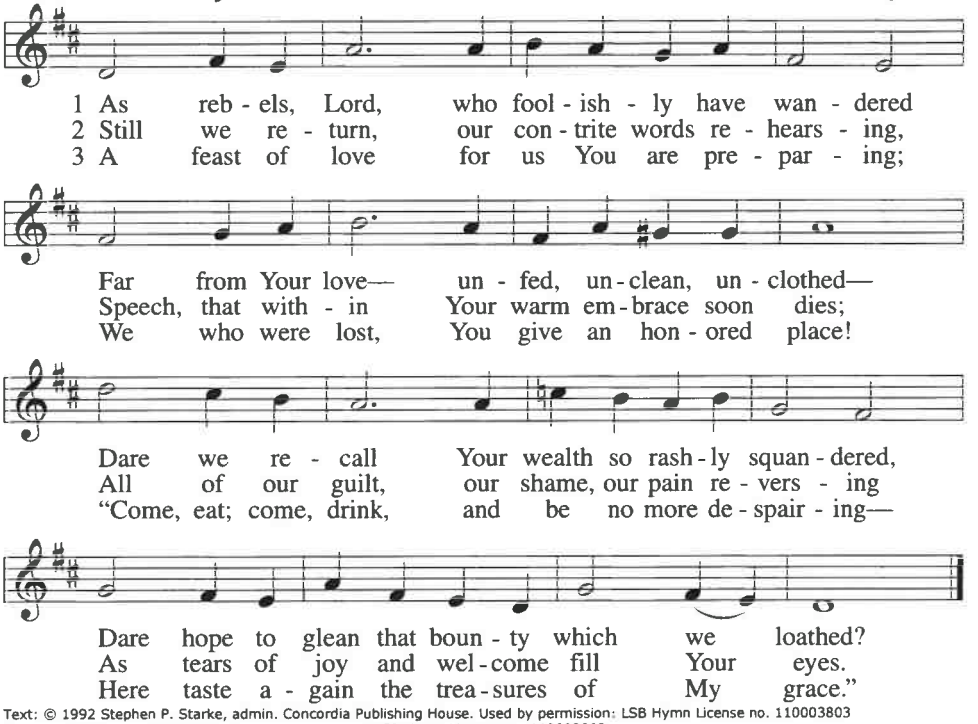
Distribution Hymn

612 As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered



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Stand

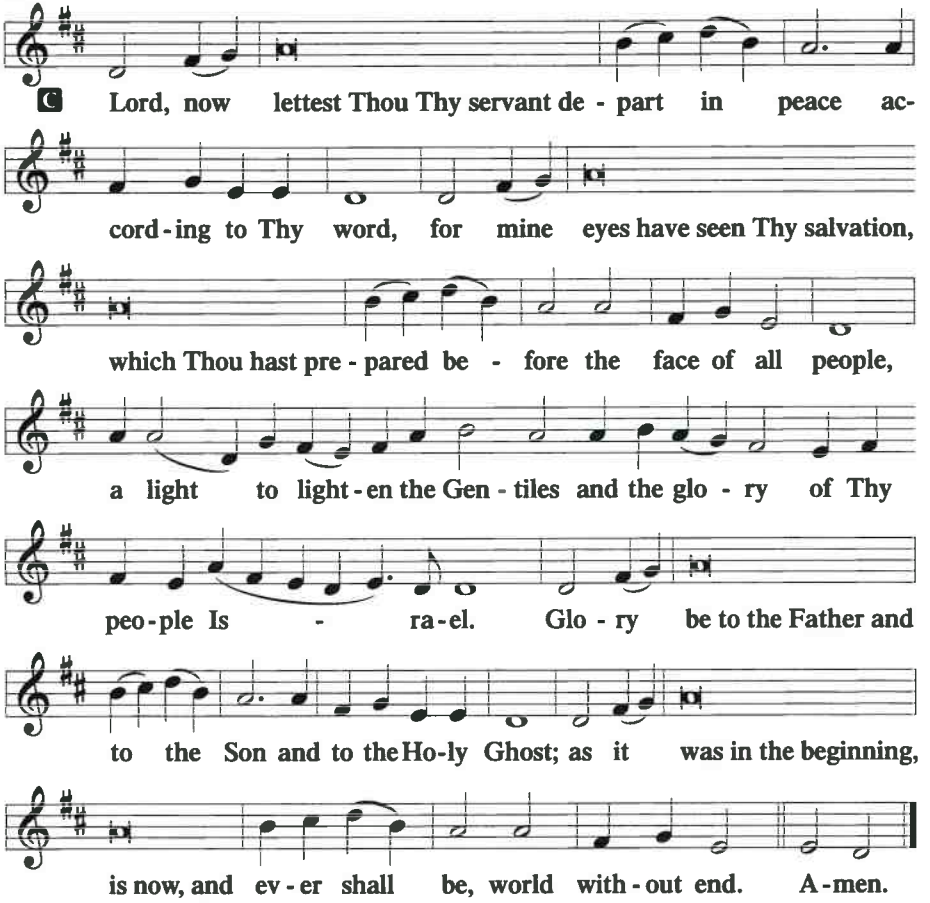
The Dismissal

℗ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

℃ **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Post-Communion Collect

[A] Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **A - men.**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And with thy spir - it.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

[A] Bless we the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

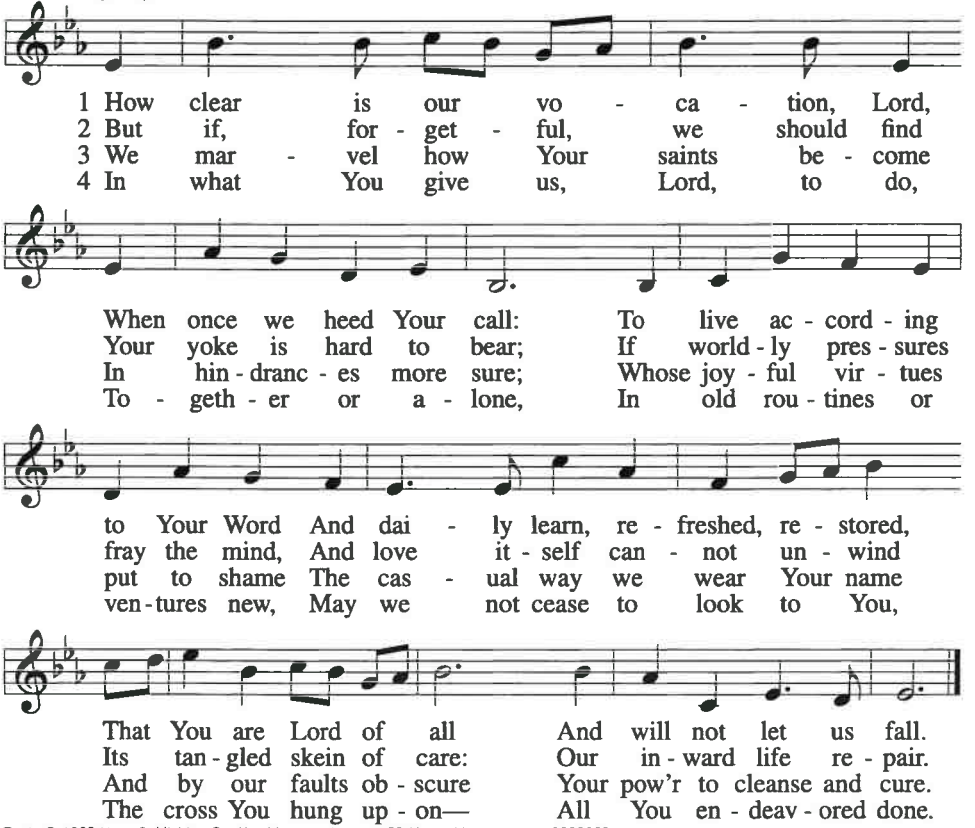
Numbers 6:24-26

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

[C] **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Closing Hymn

853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



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Postlude/Silent Prayer

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 27, 2026 - 8:00am & 10:30am Services

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10
Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon
What An Attitude!
Philippians 2:1-11

This Week at Pacific Hills

Sunday September 20	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 6:00 pm	Eucharistic Worship Education Hour with Pastor Bryan Sunday School Choir Rehearsal Eucharistic Worship with Choir Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Monday September 21	11:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Tai Chi (Acker Hall) Quilting (Rm 209) AA Meeting (Acker Hall)
Tuesday September 22	7:30 pm	Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)
Wednesday September 23	7:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study (FarmHouse Cafe) Devotional (Zoom) Youth Confirmation Women's Bible Study (Narthex)
Thursday September 24	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi (Acker Hall) Board of Directors Meeting (Rm 114)
Friday September 25	7:30 pm	Omaha Philatelic Society (Acker Hall)

Sunday	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
September 27	9:15 am	Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
		Sunday School
		Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Choir
	11:45 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Please join Pastor Bryan between services for a Study on the Lessons of the Day. Class meets in Room 114. All are welcome!

Bob Vandervort's Bible study meets at on Sundays at 6:00 pm via Zoom exploring and meditating on the books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. If you are interested in joining this study, please contact Bob at rvandervort84@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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Our Record of Response:

September 13, 2026

Attendance: 107

This Week's Offering:

General Fund: $4,542.00 Missions: $315.00 Good Samaritan: $105.00

Year to Date Giving*:

General Fund: $227,898.47 Missions: $8,088.00 Good Samaritan: $9,584.00

* YTD Giving includes envelope offerings, e-offerings & capital fund contributions

Today's Service

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Entrance Hymn	LSB 565 *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*
First Reading	Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalmody	Psalm 27:1-9
Second Reading	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Holy Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16
Hymn of the Day	LSB 609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*
Creed	Apostles' Creed
Distribution Hymn	LSB 555 *Salvation unto Us Has Come*
	LSB 612 *As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered*
Closing Hymn	LSB 853 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Presiding/Assisting This Day

Preaching & Presiding		Rev. Bryan Drebes
Organist		Zach Hastings
Artist		Christine Kanter
Cantor		Paul Shultz
Head Usher	8:00 am	Mark Stastny
		Jan Doering, Assist
	10:30 am	Joe Risko
		Sandy Frazier, Assist
Head Elder	8:00 am	Kevin Warneke
		Al Erickson, Assist
	10:30 am	Dan Irvin
		Bob Glissmann, Assist
Head Usher	8:00 am	Isaiah Troutman
Lector	8:00 am	Carla Heathershaw-Risko
Communion Steward	8:00 am	Marlene Hawver
	10:30 am	Marlene Hawver
		Rhoda Storck
Offering Counters		Nate Brei
		Ginny Brei
		Sandy Frazier

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Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Marlene Hawver in memory of William R. Hawver Jr.

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Our Mission Statement
Share Christ † Serve Others

Church Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch Break: 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

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