



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2026

Jesus of Nazareth is portrayed telling a parable of the vineyard in today's gospel reading – an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and our Lord's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of the Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine in Holy Baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share our Lord's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Handbell Prelude

Jubilant Procession

Tower Bells

Passacaglia

Festive Praise

G. F. Handel

J. William Greene

Kenneth Kosche

Susan Geschke

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God – Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit – who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.

silence for reflection

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:

3 O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light. [Refrain]

6 And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
You lead to heav'n the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. [Refrain]

Refrain: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,
Let them his praise abundant show. [Refrain]

7 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
[Refrain]

2 O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
[Refrain]

5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care. [Refrain]

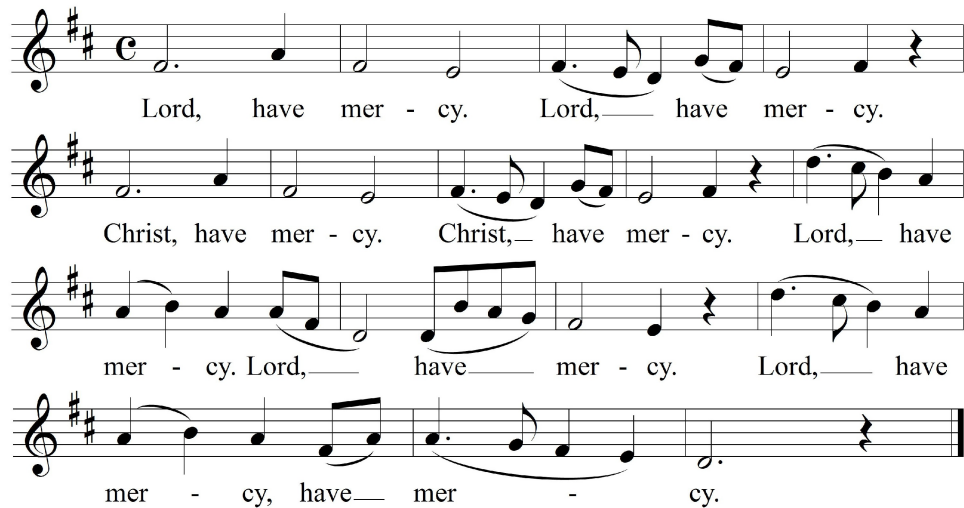
Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

(sung in unison)



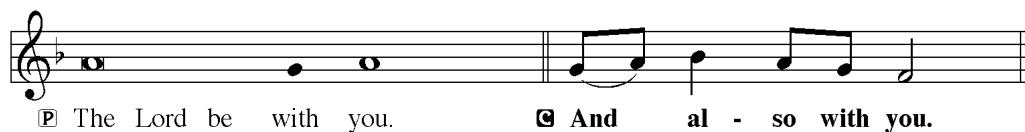
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
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Hymn of Praise



1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

ALL: 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 Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 5:1–7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song, Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

(sung in unison)

This psalm is a lament and plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that the Lord will restore God's ravaged vineyard.

Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
⁸You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;*
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
⁹You prepared the | ground for it;*
it took root and | filled the land.
¹⁰The mountains were covered | by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea*
and its branches | to the river.
¹²Why have you broken | down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and | tend this vine;*
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Second Lesson - Philippians 3:4b–14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

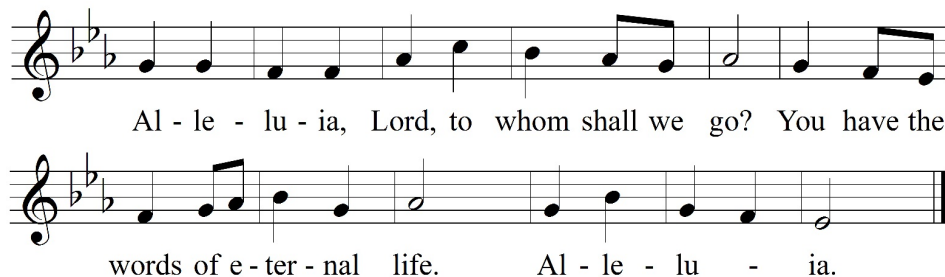
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



Jesus of Nazareth tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Jesus said to the people: ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 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. ³⁷Finally 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.

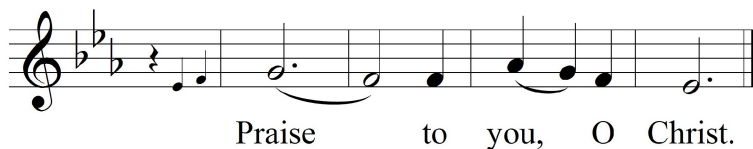
⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

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'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

A musical score for the hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and the lyrics written below. The lyrics are: 1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, adapt. Edward Miller, 1731–1807

The Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we love:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

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**

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your Church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Christ Jesus. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, cities, towns, and counties that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all compassion, in Jesus the Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all steadfastness, you set Christ Jesus as the cornerstone and foundation of the Church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Kingdom of God

Robert Powell
(1932-2025)

*The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep,
and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how.*

The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.

(Mark 4:26-29)

Offertory

Unison

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence: and take not your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to
me the joy of your sal - va - tion:
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of six staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence: and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The music ends with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider,

C: you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bounty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

(P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al - so with you.
(P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord.
(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
(C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "(P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al - so with you. (P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord. (P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C) It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music ends with a double bar line.

Proper Preface and Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.____

____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.____

____ Heav-en and earth are full,____ full____

of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who

comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

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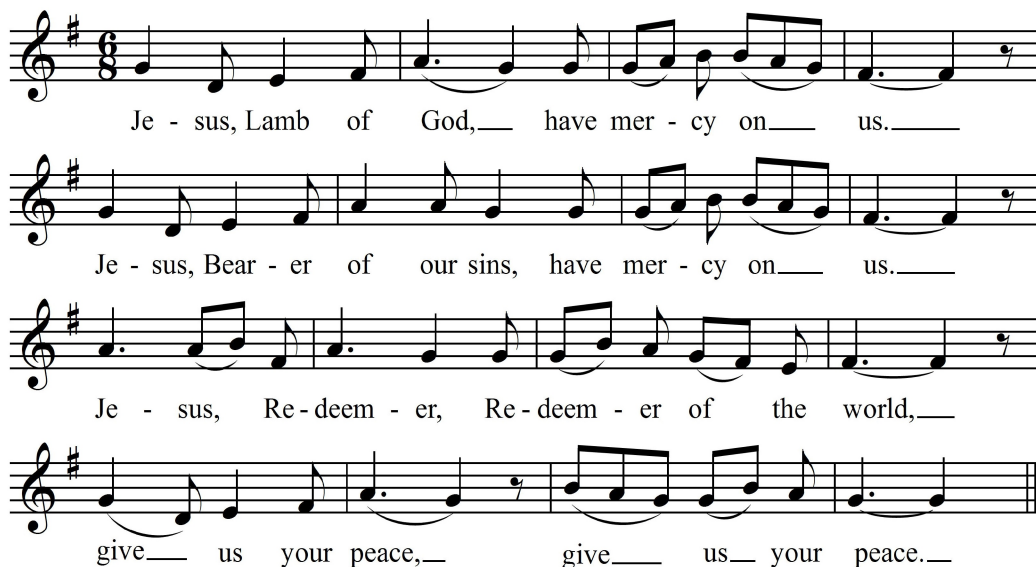
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God,____ have mer - cy on____ us.____

Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on____ us.____

Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re-deem - er of the world,____

give____ us your peace,____ give____ us____ your peace.____

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Let Us Break Bread Together



- 1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;



let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.



Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. *Refrain*

Post -Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Hymn

Come with us, O bless-ed Je-sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav-ing now thine al-tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n-ly strain;

but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Benediction

(P) Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for-ever.

(C) A-men, A-men, A - men, A-men, A - men.

Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by

2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims

3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing

4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the

5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768
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Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prelude in C Major

Gustav Merkel



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Wilma and Les Beebe in honor of the birthdays of John and Xander Beebe.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Sherri and Jeffrey Fleck in honor of the wedding anniversary of Matt & Leigha Fleck.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, October 4	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	11:45 a.m.	Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve; at the Garman home)
	4:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest (at the Garman home)
Monday, October 5	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>Connecting with God</i> (via Zoom)
Tuesday, October 6	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>Together by Grace: Psalms</i>
	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 7	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 8	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 a.m.	Discussion Group - <i>First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God</i>
Friday, October 9	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>
Sunday, October 11	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion
	4:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group (grades three - eight)
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (grades six and above)

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