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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

19 PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026 ✕ 9:30 AM

**PREACHING TODAY:
THE REV. JUSTIN LINGENFELTER**



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WELCOME TO ALL who join us today for worship!

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- **Wooden offering box** for contributions is located in the center aisle at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Extra offering envelopes** can be found in the back of the attendance folder.
- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

**Got a question about CELC? Feel free to contact the church office at
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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Morning Meditation - Steven Scott
Courante - G. F. Handel
Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

There In God's Garden
Text: Kiraly Imre von Pecselyi Music: K. Lee Scott
Parish Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Brief silence

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

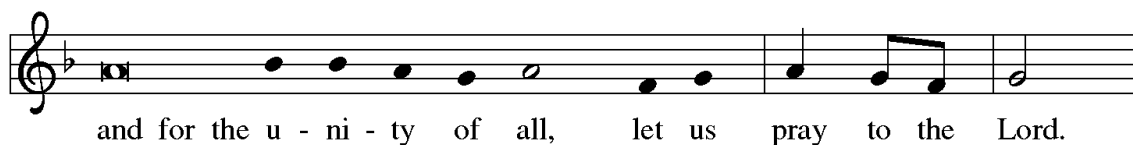
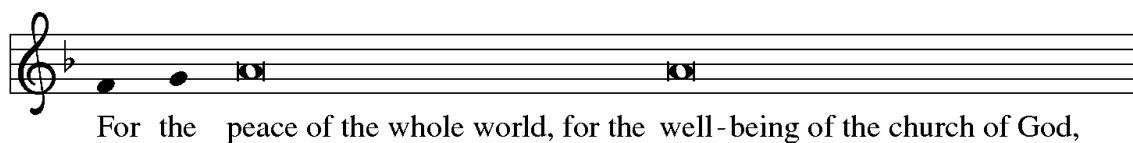
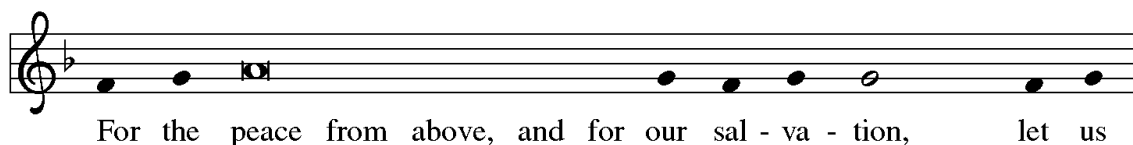
My Lord of Light - ELW # 832

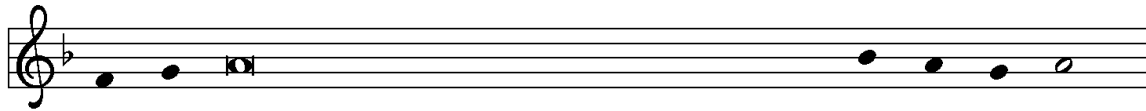
* GREETING

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

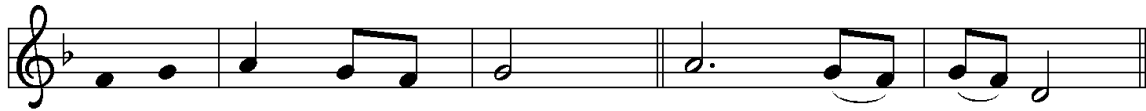
C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



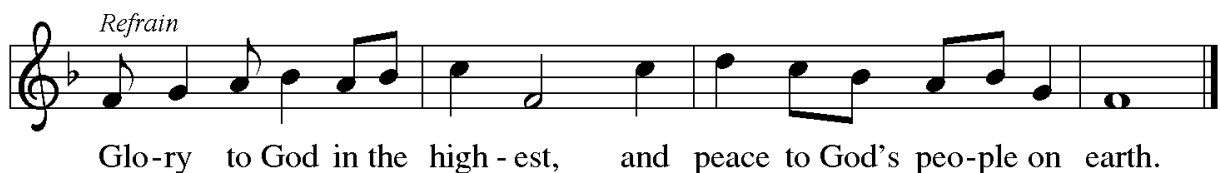
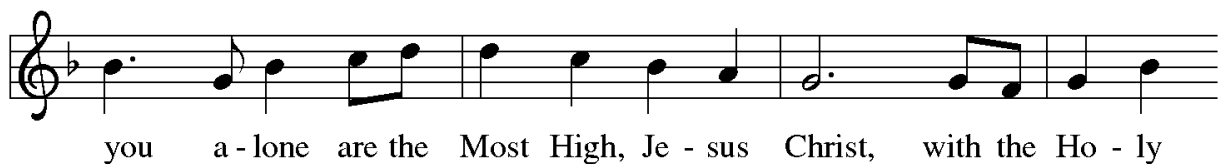
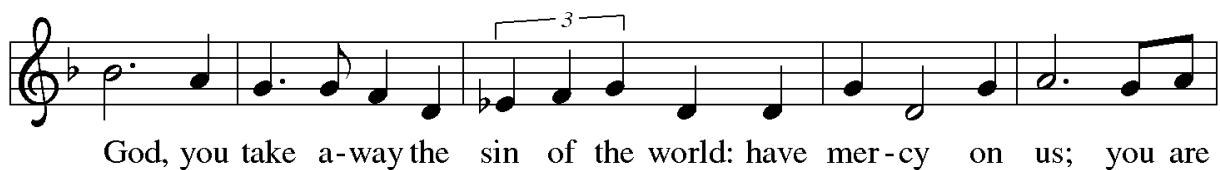
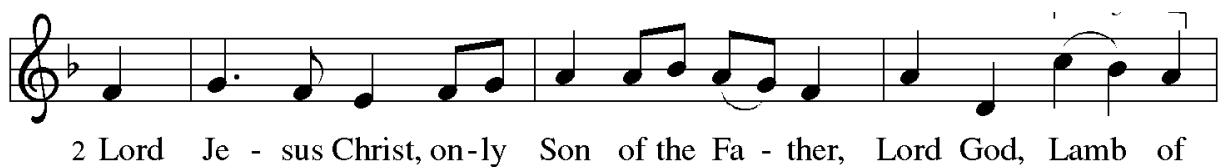
1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



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



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He 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 rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What 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 rotten grapes?

⁵ And 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.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
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.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁴² Jesus 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. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth - ELW # 727*

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

A brief silence.

P God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A 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.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Faith That's Sure - Words & Music: Suzanne Lord
Joanne Vasey, organ

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*OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW # 181



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

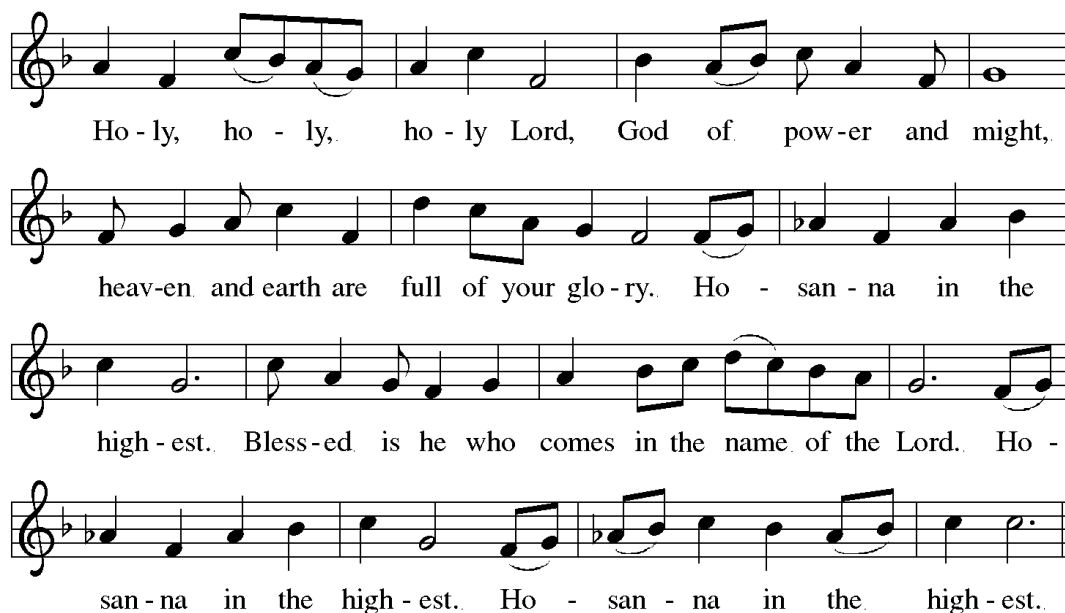
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.
- P When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
- P You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.
- P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
C **Amen.**
P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
C **Amen!**
P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
C **Amen.**

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

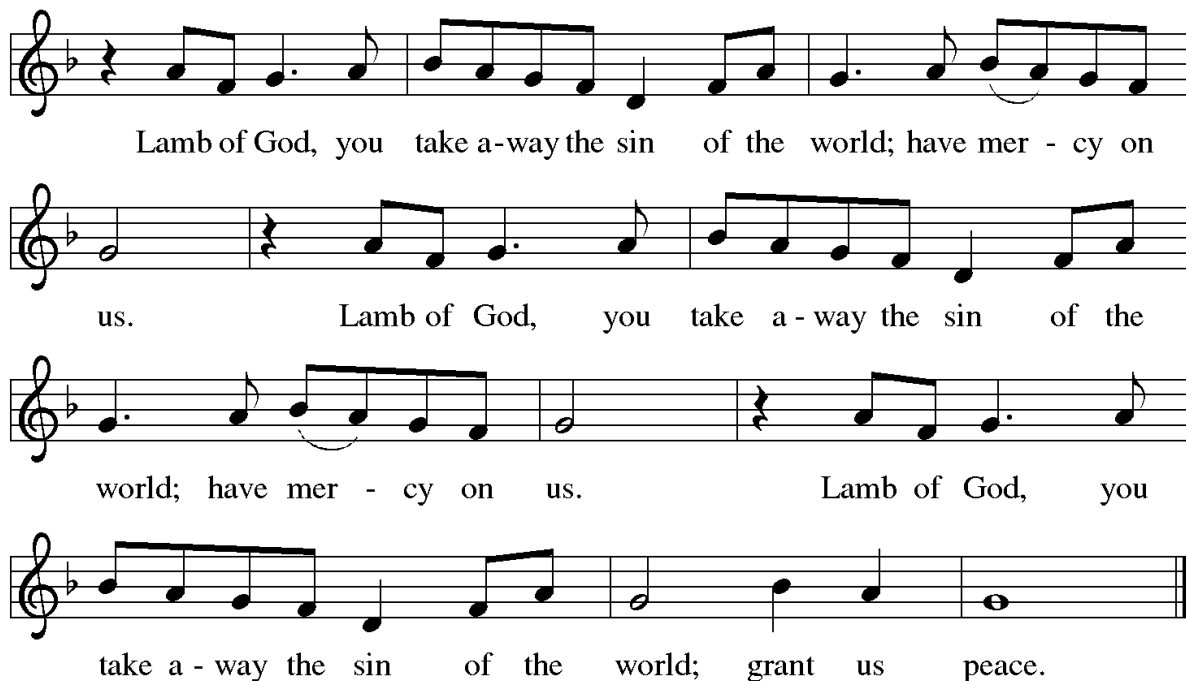
*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:
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.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love Is All Our Joy

Text: Alice Carpenter Tune: Traditional; Arr. Malcolm Archer
Parish Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Loves Me - ELW # 595

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

* SENDING OF COMMUNION

P Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort,
and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take
your word and sacrament to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals. Grant
grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and
receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a
home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Thine the Amen - ELW # 826

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Bourree in F Major
Georg Philipp Telemann; Arr. Lani Smith
Joanne Vasey, organ

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THANKS to the Parish Choir for providing today's anthems for worship.

Tuesday morning pickleball has been extended as long as the weather holds out. If you're looking for fun and exercise join us at the pickleball courts on N. 15th St. at 9am.

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: September 27, 2026: 84

OFFERINGS: September 20 & 27, 2026: \$5241.00

Choir & Ensembles

1) Parish Choir: Next rehearsal is Mon., Oct. 19 at 7:15 pm in preparation for singing on Nov. 1. New voices welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

2) Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble: Will rehearse Mon., Oct. 5 at 6:30 pm in preparation for ringing on Oct. 11. Want to learn to ring handbells? Contact Joanne Vasey.

3) Pop-Up Choir: Will provide the communion anthem next Sun., Oct. 11. Anthem will be "Come, Let Us Eat" - ELW # 491. All interested singers welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

4) Children's Choir: Will provide the prelude on Oct. 25. Rehearsals continue during the Sunday school hour. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

5) Pop-Up Orchestra: Next time to play will be Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25. All ages and experience levels welcome! Music is now available. Contact Joanne Vasey.

6) Special Music: Musicians in the congregation are always welcome to provide anthems for worship. All ages and experience levels. Contact Joanne Vasey.

9:30 am	<i>October 4 19 Pentecost/Blanket Sunday</i>	<i>October 11 20 Pentecost</i>
Worship Asst.	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte
Lector	Carole Bollinger	Mark Elliot
Acolytes	Aaron Hershberger	Maddy Hauck
Communion Ushers	Jim Snyder Jackie Cvik	Bill Borys Adelyn Elliot
Communion Assistant	Laurie Slear	Mark Elliot
Communion Pourers	Rick Slear Colleen Nevil	Bill Wagner Laura Faux
Usher Team	Cherie Jarrett Mary Lou Shedden	Jerry & Julie Albright
Welcome Desk	Jackie Cvik	Adelyn Elliot
Grocery Cards	Laurie Slear	Beckie Stahlnecker
Altar Guild	Beverly Harvey	
CPIC	Pam Baker	

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Sunday, Oct. 4 / Blanket Sunday

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Pet Blessing – CELC, 1:00pm

Hunger Walk – meet @ St. Paul's, 1:30pm

Faith Lab - United in Christ, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Monday, Oct. 5

Fall Bible Study - Rooms 204-206, 6:00pm –7:30pm

Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble, 6:30pm

Al-Anon-Youth Room, 7:00pm –8:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Transitions – Lower Church Hour, 2:00pm –4:00pm

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Holy Sew 'N' Sews-Lower Church Hall, 9:00am

Preschool Firetruck visit – Atrium, 10:00am –11:30am

Spiritual Growth, 6:00pm

Thursday, Oct. 8

Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206, 9:30am & 3:30pm

Men's Bible Study – Parlor, 6:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 11

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Synod Youth Halloween Party - St. Mark's, 2:00pm –4:00pm

Faith Lab - United in Christ, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

October Prayer Requests

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-524-0745 or emailing it to celclewisburg@gmail.com

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Patti Faux -cancer treatment	Tracy -concerns
Emmy Gearhart -health	Joanne Vasey -health
Bonnie Hetherington -cancer treatment	Lisa Veloz -health
Dennis Lucas -health	DeeDee Wagner -health
John & Dottie Michaels -health	Ruth Ann Wallis -health
Gary Rickenbach -health	Diane Warner - health
Janet Shuman -health	Jay Warner -diabetes
Rick Slear -cancer recovery	Roberta Winder -health
Julie Stefan - cancer recovery	Charlotte Winter -health
Marian Thomas & family -loss of Ben Thomas	Toletha Yost -health

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & THOSE IN LONG TERM CARE:

Cori Hetherington	Bryan Berry	Joanne Gundrum
Jodi Jarrett	Joyce Beck	Matt Hepner
Marian Thomas	Leola Dornsife	

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Gustavo Amaya -renal failure	Marc Pompeo -health
Jared Carvell -ALS	Wade Reese -cancer treatment
Nick Donaldson -cancer	Emily Rowe -chemotherapy for colon cancer
D'Taranto Family -recovery & peaceful days	Denise Rupert -hand surgery
Cristy Emigh -breast cancer treatments	Scott Smith -cancer
Brooke Gordner -multiple sclerosis	Andrew White -health
Erin May Kellett -cancer	Nikk Wintersteen -cancer
Albert Lee -Parkinsons	
Dave Lohr -cancer	