

The Parable of
the
Vineyard
Tenants

Matthew 21:33-43

First Lutheran Church

October 4, 2026

Pentecost 19

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Light Dawns on a Weary World

David M. Cherwien

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

AM: In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin to God.

The assembly kneels.

PM: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

PM: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and
 2 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless And wor-ship God in hum-ble -



sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en
 ness, Oh praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Fath - er, praise the



beam And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam: Oh, praise him! Oh,
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One.



praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

GREETING

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirt be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: 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.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 5:1-7

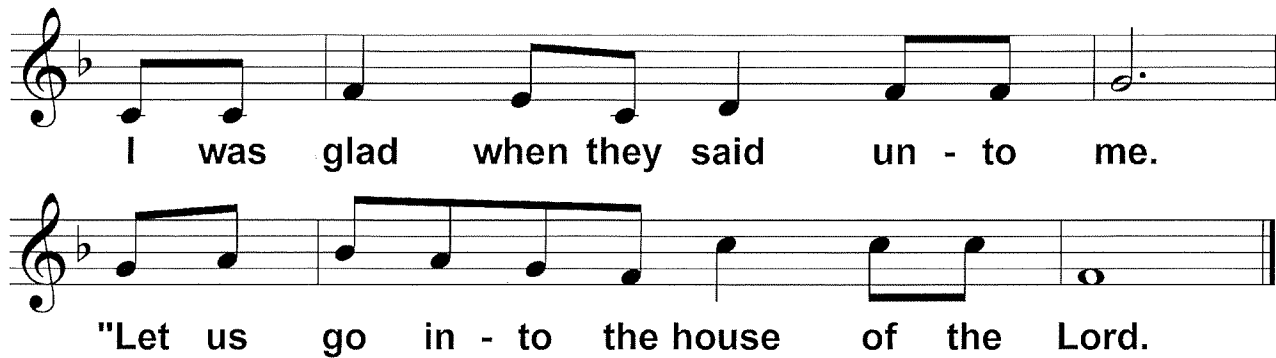
The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness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

AM: A reading from Isaiah, the fifth chapter.

- 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!

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Cantor will sing the verses:

¹ I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."

² Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**

⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. **Refrain**

⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸ For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." **Refrain**

SECOND READING

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.

AM: A reading from Philipians, the third chapter.

[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.

AM: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Cantor sings the verse: Jesus says, I chose you and ap-^l pointed you* to go and bear fruit^l that will last. (John 15:16)

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21:33-46

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

PM: The holy gospel according to Matthew.



[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.

PM: The gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

SERMON

SAM RICK GREENE

The assembly stands.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

NICENE CREED

PM: In trust and hope we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

AM: 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.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

PM: 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.

The assembly stands.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND QUILTS

PM: ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
(Acts 2:43-47)

The assembly extends their arms out in front of them or touches a quilt in front of them as we bless these quilts and backpacks.

PM: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope.
Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world.
Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods
and across the world.

C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

PM: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines,
and the items collected for the kits.
May their presence be a sign of hope,
may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love,
and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

PM: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt,
for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands
that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

PM: God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at Lutheran World Relief.
May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope.
Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

PM: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts.
May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness,
may they touch signs of your hope.
Whether or not we know their names or where they live,
they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ.
We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING AND BELLS OF PRAISE

ASSURANCE

Linda R. Lamb

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

PM: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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..

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a whole note. The lyrics are: '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..'

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PM: 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.

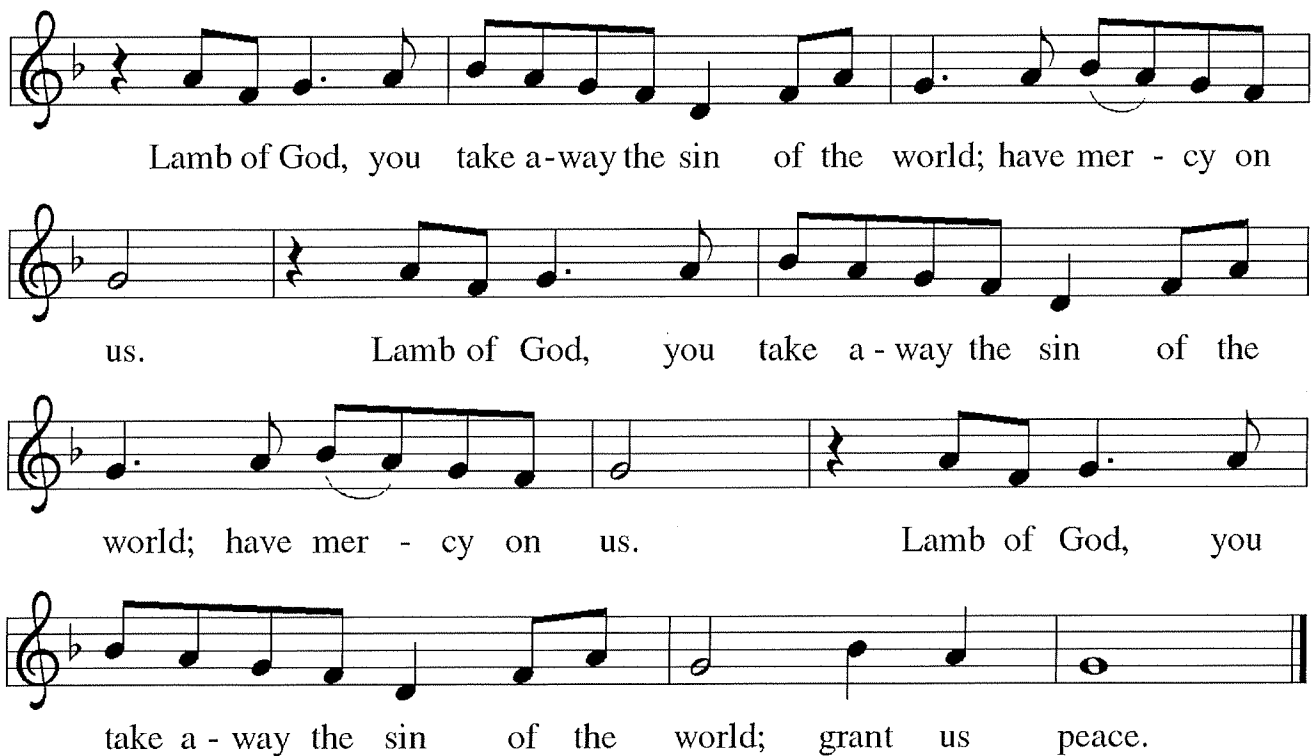
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

LAMB OF GOD



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 assembly is seated.

Communion is distributed in two manners

† You may commune in your pews.

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

† You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

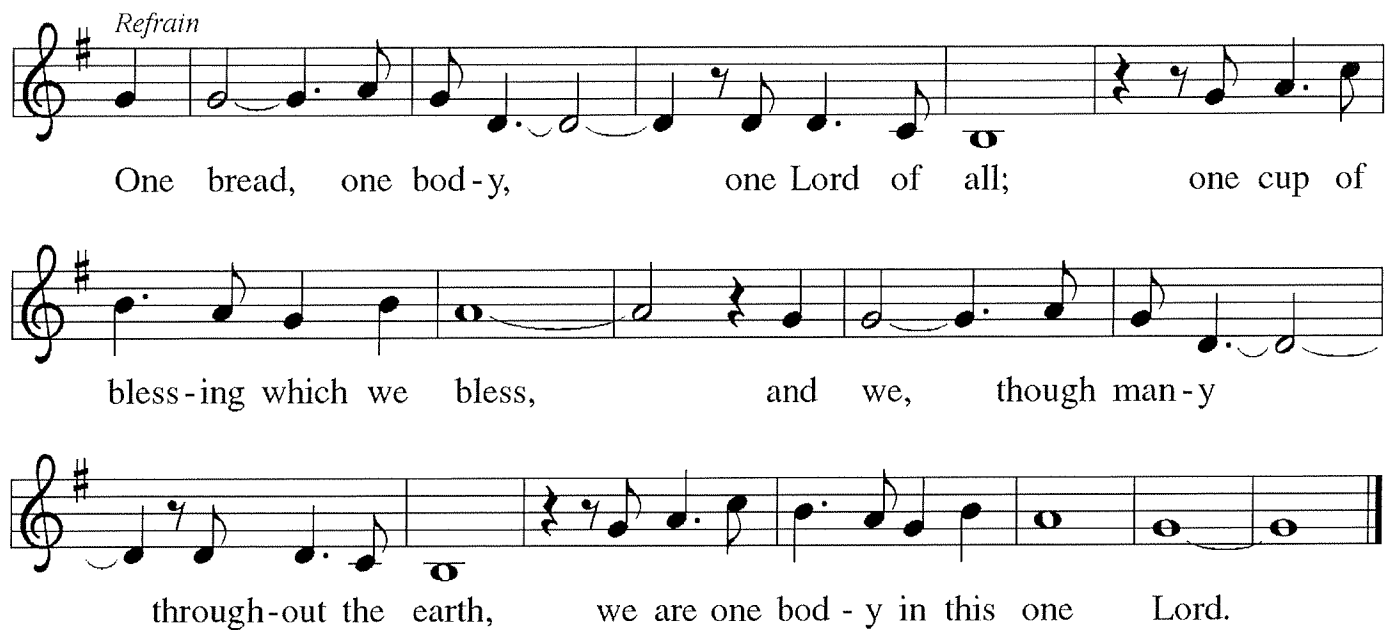
PM: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION SONG

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

The assembly stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: 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.
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the community.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We pray together:

C: Oh, God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

**We are grateful for your goodness and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.**

**Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.**

We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

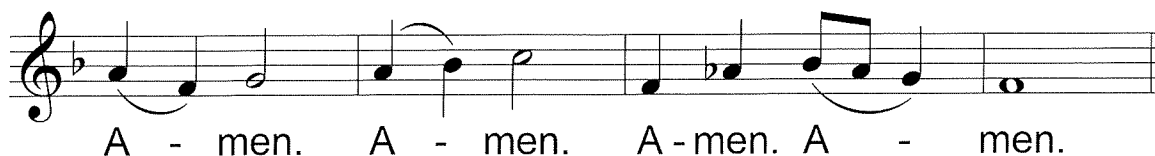
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

**Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation.**

Amen.

BLESSING

PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.





Cantor: 1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 ALL: 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 ALL: 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

DISMISSAL

AM: Go out in joy.

PM: Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gilbert M. Martin

Toccata Giocosa

Events in Review

Sunday Oct 4

10:00 AM Pentecost 19

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Quilts

Monday Oct 5

10:00AM NO Bible Study at Willows

5:15 PM NO Bells of Praise Practice

Tuesday Oct 6

Wednesday Oct 7

6:00 Worship & Music Mtg

Thursday Oct 8

Friday Oct 9

Saturday Oct 10



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Next Week

Sunday Oct 11

10:00 AM Pentecost 20

Monday Oct 12

10:00 AM Bible Study at Willows

10:30 AM Sharing Kitchen

5:15 PM Bells of Praise Practice

Tuesday Oct 13

12—6PM Blood Mobile

Wednesday Oct 14

9:00 AM Piece Corp Mtg

6:00 PM Property Meeting

Thursday Oct. 15

10:30 AM Sharing Kitchen

Friday Oct 16

Saturday Oct 17



The Altar Flowers were donated
in celebration of
Larry & Bonnie Frankenfled's
70th Wedding Anniversary.

By their family

Halloween Hospitality returns

Sunday, October 25

There is a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board for anyone who wishes to help with this event.

There is also a donation box located under the hallway table for anyone who wished to donate treats to our goblins.



Sharing Kitchen

October 12th & 15th

Sign up sheet

located on the hallway

Table.



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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

**"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."**

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