



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,
live with love, and go to serve.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside
cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us
more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and
blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about
additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online
at graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Stop at the front desk for details and to sign up.

As We Gather

As Jesus draws nearer to his cross, the temperature of his parables increases. Today, we find ourselves again in a vineyard. This land is given to the people to use, but it is not theirs. But the tenants think it could be. As unfaithful stewards, they let the vineyard grow weak and wild, extracting what they can for themselves without regard for others. When the landowner seeks what is his, the tenants mistreat the servants and kill the son. Surely, now the land will be theirs! Of course, they could not be more wrong. As those who seek to use what is God's for our own, we stand guilty, too. Yet God is doing a new thing in this vineyard, built upon the rejected cornerstone. In the foolish mystery of God's grace, it is precisely the death of the Son that leads to resurrection and life.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

(green) **LBW #421**



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up - on a cross
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in life where sin
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will we a - gain
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us your new



they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing king - ship's worth
 de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom
 re - fuse you, till in the night of hate and war
 cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;



by thorns with which they crowned you. And
 the pow'r which cru - ci - fies you, till
 we per - ish as we lose you? From
 we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
 not a stone was left on stone, and then the na - tions'
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross to fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt.

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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.

G And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



G 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.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1–7

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 briers 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!

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:7–14

Aniello R. Barone

ANTIPHON: Look down from heaven, O Lord; behold and tend this vine.

℣ Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

☩ **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;*
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

℣ You prepared the | ground for it;*
it took root and | filled the land.

☩ **The mountains were covered | by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

℣ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea*
and its branches | to the river.

☩ **Why have you broken | down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

℣ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

☩ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and | tend this vine;*
preserve what your right | hand has planted.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14

[Paul writes:]^{4b}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.

We stand.

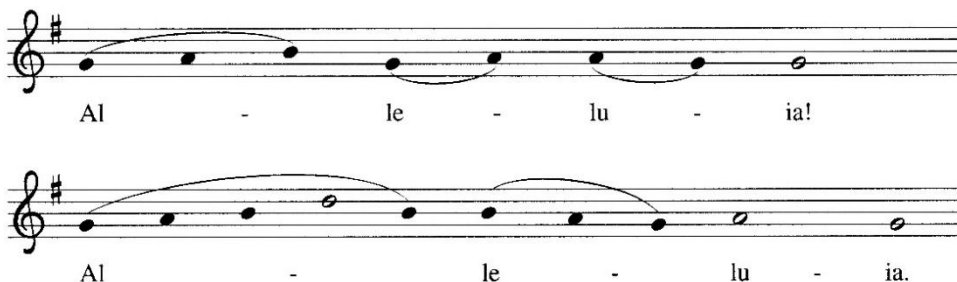
GOSPEL VERSE: John 15:16

Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir Jesus says, I chose you and appointed you.
to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33–46

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

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³Listen 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.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Vintage Grace

Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 21:33–46, Isaiah 5:1-7

We stand.

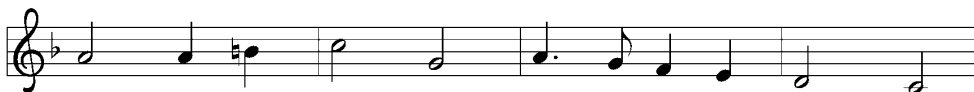
HYMN: There in God's Garden

(blue) **WOV #668**

Tune and Concertato by K. Lee Scott



- 1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
Choir 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

- 5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

- 6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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.**

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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

C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Adagio (from Sonata No. 1 in E-flat, BWV 525)

J. S. Bach

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 34:8–10

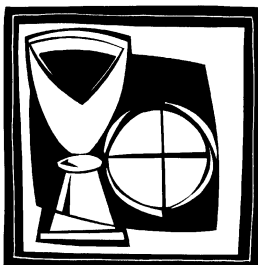
Carl F. Schalk

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no want!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

G **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
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 our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

☐ Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

P 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.

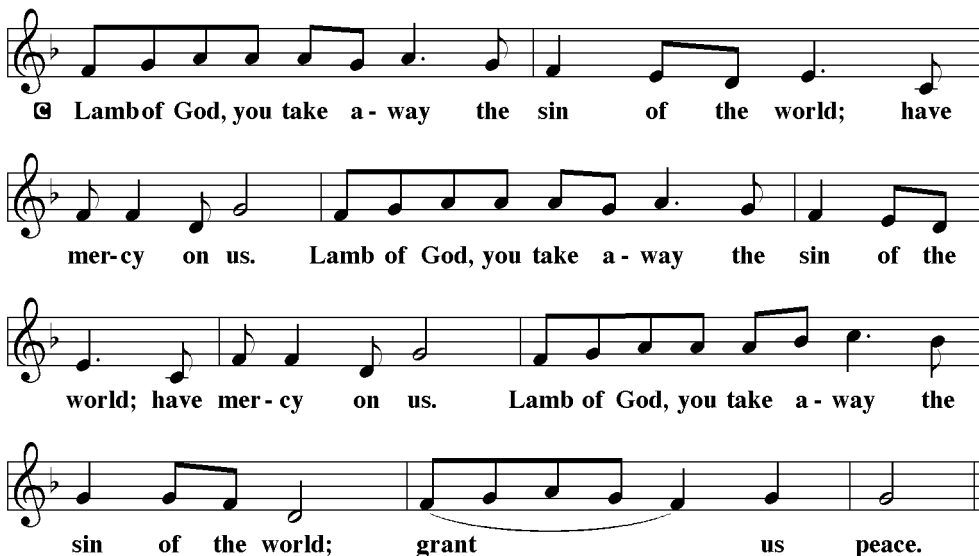
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



C 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

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness
a vineyard grows with promise green,
the planting of the Lord himself.

His love selected this terrain;
his vine with love he planted here
to bear the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen, dear,
and though we feel the dresser's knife,
we are the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life,
for him supply his winery
with fruit from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
your branch, with your rich life in me.

Jaroslav J. Vajda

HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown

(green) LBW #94



- 1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
- 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
- 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

- 5 They rise, and needs will have
 my dear Lord made away;
 a murderer they save,
 the prince of life they slay.
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
 that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683
 Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Thine the Amen

(blue) **WOV #801**

Tune and Concertato by Carl F. Schalk



C 1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
C 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
Choir 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
C 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
C 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

Music: THINE, Carl Schalk, 1929–2021

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Gwen Gotsch, Gail Eifrig, lectors

Austin Hartung, Sarah Jones, crucifer/book bearer

Bob Jandeska, Kathryn Jandeska, gift bearers

Diana Sicuro, anointer

Paul Koester, John Sanger, Scott Schwar, Alex Tan, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Liz Hanson, altar guild

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TODAY, OCTOBER 4

Library Open (self-service)..... 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School, Grades PK-6 (3rd Floor Commons) 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center)..... 9:00 a.m.
Parent Hangout (Library Media Center)..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion..... 10:00 a.m.
Witness and Confirmation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)..... 11:15 a.m.
Building Stronger Relations with Our Muslim Neighbors
Adult Education Presentation (Fellowship Hall) 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Social Ministry Committee (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Property Committee (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

School Chapel Service 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) 6:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

LWR Quilting (Quilting Room) 9:30 a.m.
GriefShare (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.
Yoga (3rd Floor Commons) 6:00 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Building Open..... 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Finding Hope (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.
Consonance Concert (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m.

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