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July 26, 2026 – 10:00 AM

9th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

***Invites the congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION – *Setting 10*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] 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.**

[P] 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.

***Gathering Hymn:** "Gather Us In" ELW #532
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

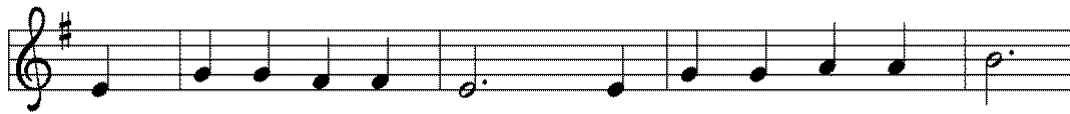
*Greeting

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

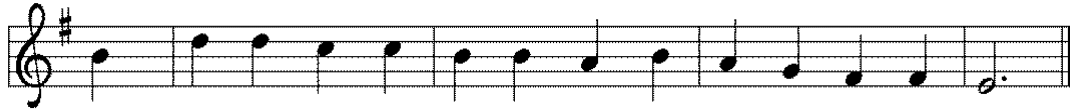
[C] And also with you.

*The Kyrie

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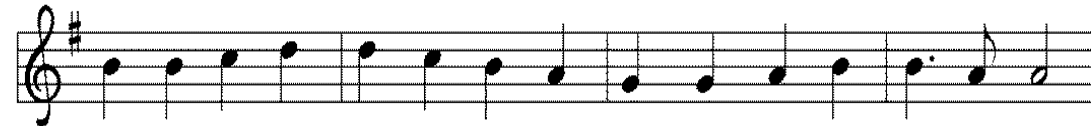
- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



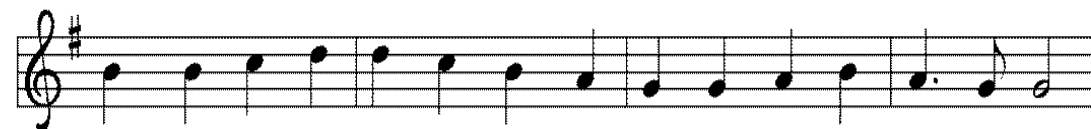
We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
 Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

*Hymn of Praise

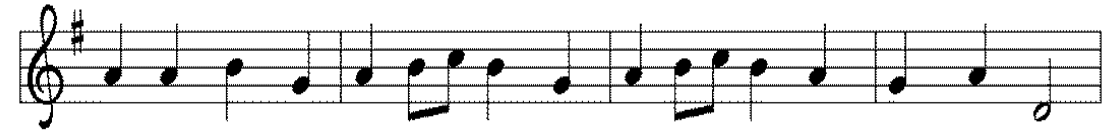
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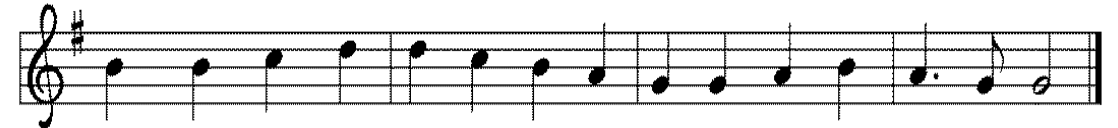
- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



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!

*The Prayer of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Let us pray...

[C] **Amen**

Insert

Children's Message

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

Children's Church (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

[L] The Word of the Lord.

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

Insert

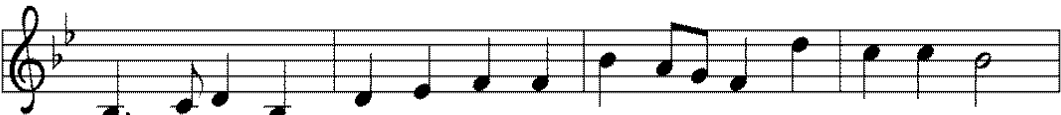
Psalm: 119:129-136; refrain, Ps. 119:130

(*Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.*)

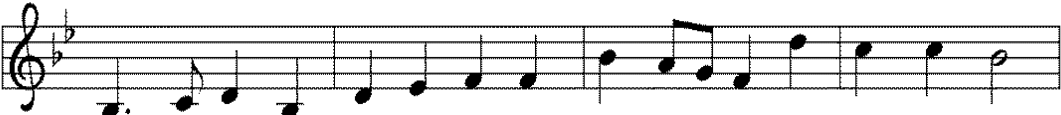
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The Second Lesson: *Romans 8:26-39* Insert
[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

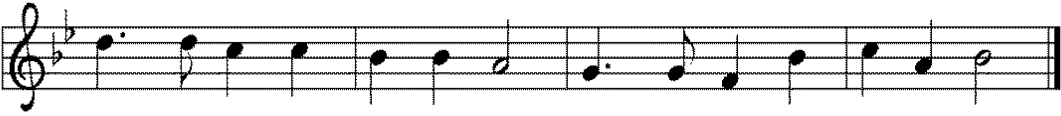
***The Verse:** ELW, Page 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** Insert
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

***Hymn of the Day:** “*May This Church Be Like a Tree*” ACS #1042



1 *Que_es-ta_i* - gle - sia se - a_un ár - bol en el
1 May this church be like a tree, be - hind your
2 May this church be like a tree there in the
3 May this church be like a tree, O God, that



fon - do de tu ca - sa, *que_ha-ya* fies - ta, y_a - le -
house, there in your gar - den, meet - ing - place for joy, and
street or in the pla - za, for the birds a nest - ing -
thrives where you have plant - ed; may it stand to show the



grí - a y_o - ra - ción ba - jo sus ra - mas.
feast, and sim - ple prayer be - neath its branch - es.
branch, for pass - ers - by a wel - come shel - ter.
way, your way of lov - ing and self - giv - ing,



Con ra - í - ces bien pro - fun - das y sus bra - zos
With its roots in earth so fer - tile, and its arms raised
May it stand as if it's watch - ing, near my house, just
of - f'ring shade, and fruit for shar - ing, giv - ing up its



ha - cia_el cie - lo, *que_es-ta_i* - gle - sia sea fe -
high to heav - en, may this church bear fruits of
round the cor - ner, wait - ing for this wea - ry
wood for burn - ing. May this liv - ing church that



cun - da dan - do fru - tos de con - sue - lo.
jus - tice, acts of lov - ing and com - pas - sion.
pil - grim with its arms wide to em - brace me.
names you be a tree of life e - ter - nal.

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QUE ESTE IGLESIA SEA UN ÁRBOL Irregular

***The Apostle’s Creed**

**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.**

***The Prayers**

After each portion of the prayers:
[A] God of grace,
[C] hear our prayer.

***The Peace** is shared by all.

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
[C] **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these
or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Insert

Refrain / Estribillo

Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to a las a - guas
Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,
de vi - da e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios.
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.
Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to a las a - guas
Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,
de vi - da e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios.
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.

- 2 *Que esta iglesia también sea como un árbol de la plaza,
nido de pájaros libres y refugio del que pasa;
y que sea como el árbol de la esquina de mi casa,
que me ve llegar de lejos e imagino que me abraza. Estribillo*
- 3 *Que esta iglesia sea un árbol, oh buen Dios, en donde quieras,
pero siempre apuntalado por tu amor y a tu manera.
Para dar frutos y sombra o entregar nuestra madera,
que esta iglesia que te nombra árbol de la vida sea. Estribillo*

The Offering

Choral Offertory: “Agnus Dei / How Great Thou Art”

*The Offertory Hymn “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW #182

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

[A] Let us pray together.

[C] **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

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[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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n 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] 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.

[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.

The Communion (Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.)

Praise Chorus(v1): “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

“Lamb of God”

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW #705
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” ELW #708

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
[C] Amen.

***Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.
[C] Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision” ELW #793

*As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn,
the congregation turns to face the cross.*

***Dismissal**

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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