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P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister
ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 ELW# 803 *When I survey the Wondrous 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.

KYRIE

P Lord have mercy.

C Lord have mercy.

P Christ have mercy.

C Christ have mercy.

P Lord have mercy.

C Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise". It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love,
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee,
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers South, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional, arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

Prayer of the Day

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!

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ 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: 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please rise in body or spirit)



GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

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. 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. ³⁷Then 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’? ⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. 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.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 856 *How Great Thou Art*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

NICENE CREED *(please rise in body or spirit)*

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

A 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.

A 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. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING  (please rise in body or spirit)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 to the Lord our God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



LORD'S PRAYER (please rise in body or spirit)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

This is God's table. All are welcome here!

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN ELW # 774 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

POSTLUDE

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This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt VonSeggern, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, Cheryl Huffman, Rupert Schwienhagen, Jeanne Aderman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Altar Flowers

In Honor of Mike & Sandi Borstelman's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Altar Flower Price Increase

Due to rising costs, the altar flowers will now be \$35 each starting July 5th. Please make note of this and increase your payment. If you're unable or unwilling to make this price jump, just let us know and we will update the list. Additionally, remember to bring the container back to Emanuel so it can be reused. On weeks that flowers have not been ordered, we will use a silk arrangement that matches the season. Thank you!

WELCOME BACK Vanessa on October 1st, 2026! Please Keep an Eye out for texts/emails with rehearsal schedules in the next few weeks!

THANK YOU Pat Mohring for all of your help and for filling in for Vanessa during her absence. You are so **VERY MUCH** appreciated! ❤️

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who has filled in and helped during the time Pastor has been off! Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

FILLING HOME GUILD MEMBERSHIP It is time for the annual Filling Home Guild membership drive. Dues will be collected through October. The Guild is open to both men and women. Dues are only \$1.00. If you choose to give more than \$1.00, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Guild is a vital part of Filling Home's ministry. We help to sponsor the Festival of Tables which was held on September 26. We also help with the Fall Fling, an event that involves a bake sale, luncheon, silent auction, and live auction on November 7. Please consider baking some items for the Fall Fling. More information will follow in the bulletin and November newsletter.

Envelopes for Guild membership are located at both church entrances. You can place the envelope in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Any questions, please contact Denise Etzler.

October Caring Corner will be collecting gently used and new coats for the "Coats for Kids" project. Items to donate include coats, hats, gloves, and scarves, children through adults; gloves are especially needed for all ages.

We will also continue to collect food items as the need is so great with the ever rising food cost. Thank you, thank you for all your support!

Office Hours Are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-5:00 and Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm.

Church Attendance 9/24/26 **17**, 9/27/26 **66**, online **(0) Technical Difficulties**.
*The number used is the Viewers number at the beginning of the week. This reflects anyone who has watched it up until then.

This Week

Tuesday	10/6/26	1:30	PERI
Wednesday	10/7/26	1 pm 4pm 5pm	Open Office Hours Zoom Bible Study Soul Food
Thursday	10/8/26	9:30am 7:00 pm	Bible Study Worship
Sunday	10/11/26	9am 10am	Worship Sunday School

