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17th Sunday after Pentecost - September 20th, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

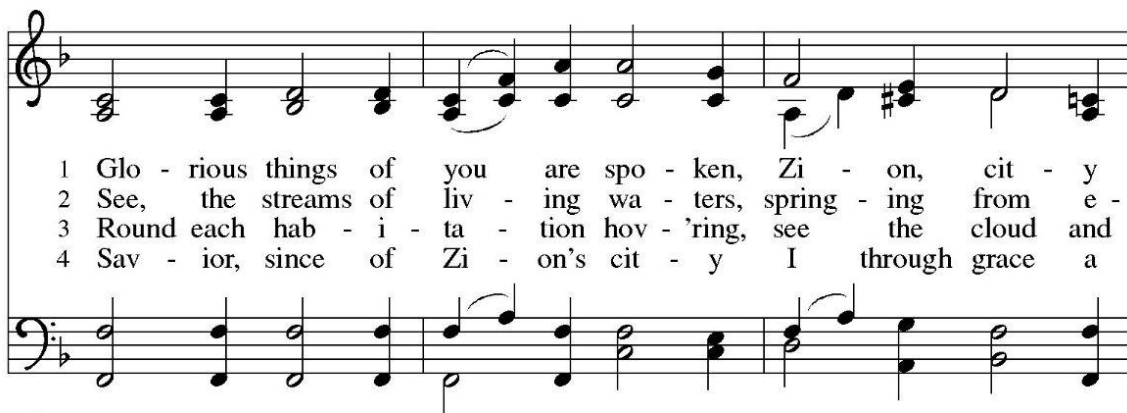
Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our 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.**

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. **Amen.**

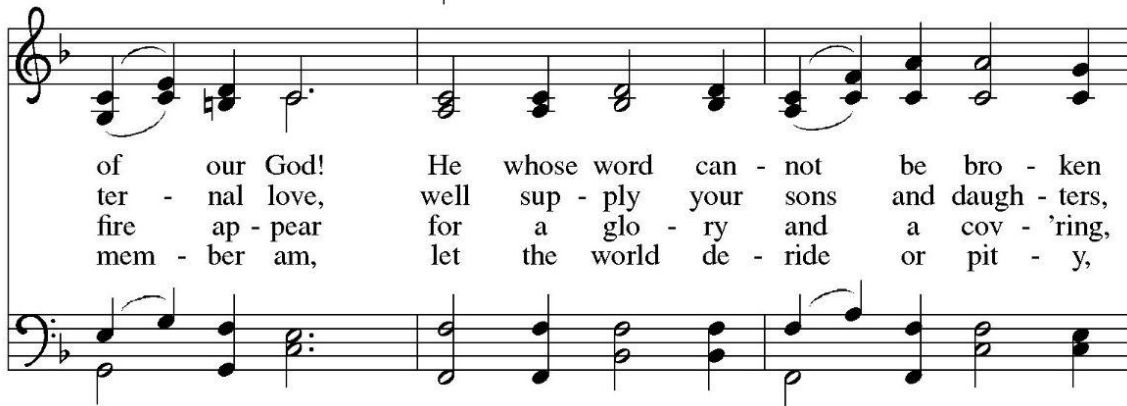
Gathering Hymn

Glorious Things Of You Are Spoken

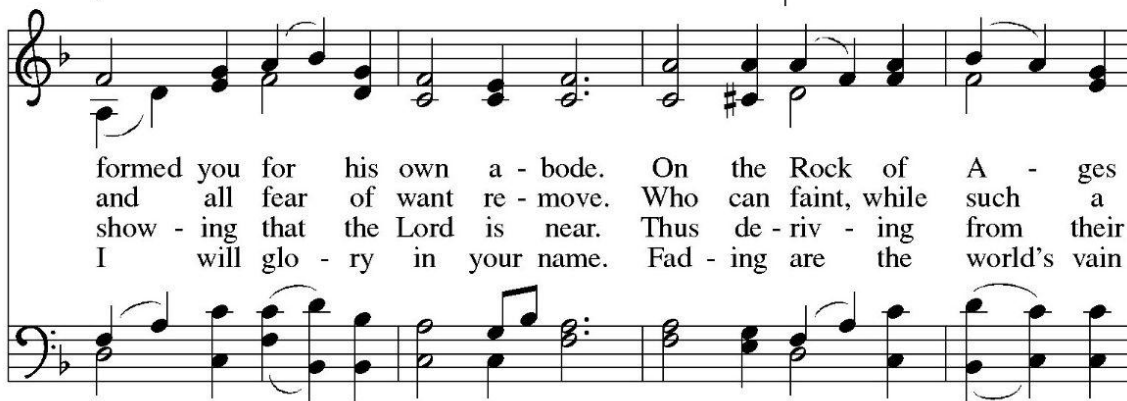
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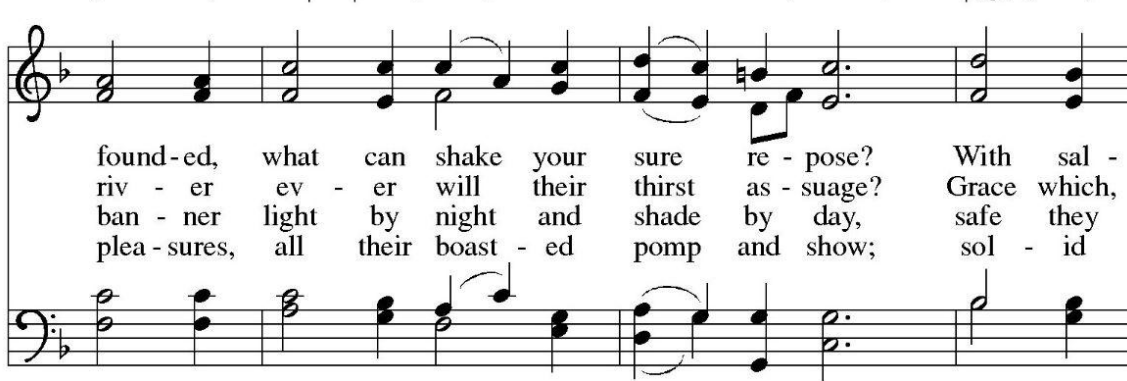
1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear, for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain



found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Tanzanian Setting

Lead/Cantor

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son

Ky - ri - e e - lei -

Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy

- son Chri - ste e - lei - son (first time only)

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal **God**, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

—WORD—

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah

went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation

Tanzanian Setting

Lead/Cantor

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Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he

sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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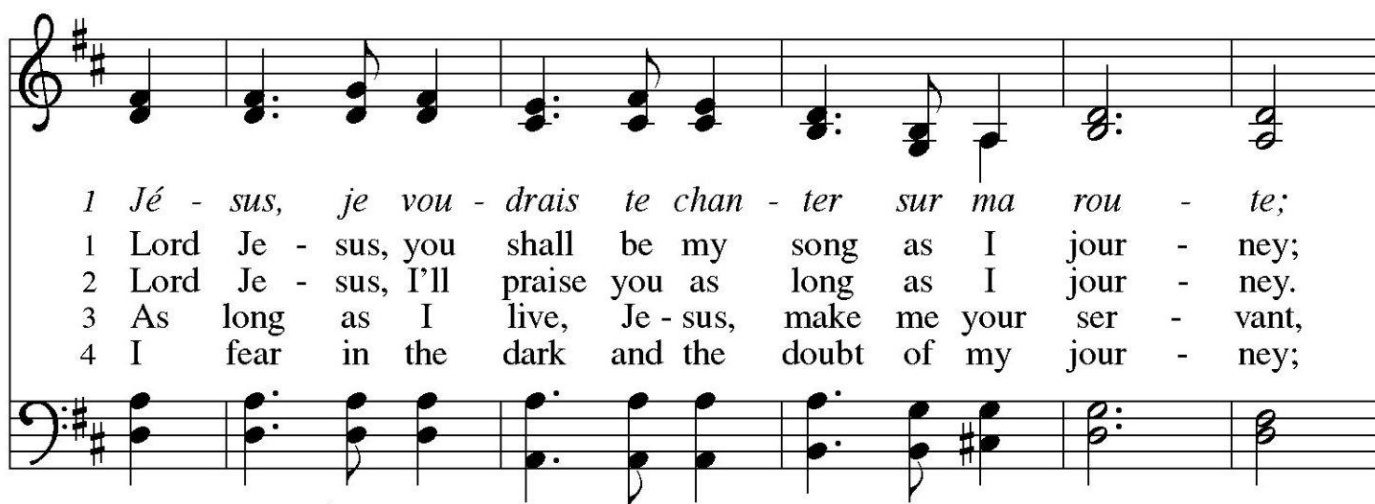
Sermon

Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen

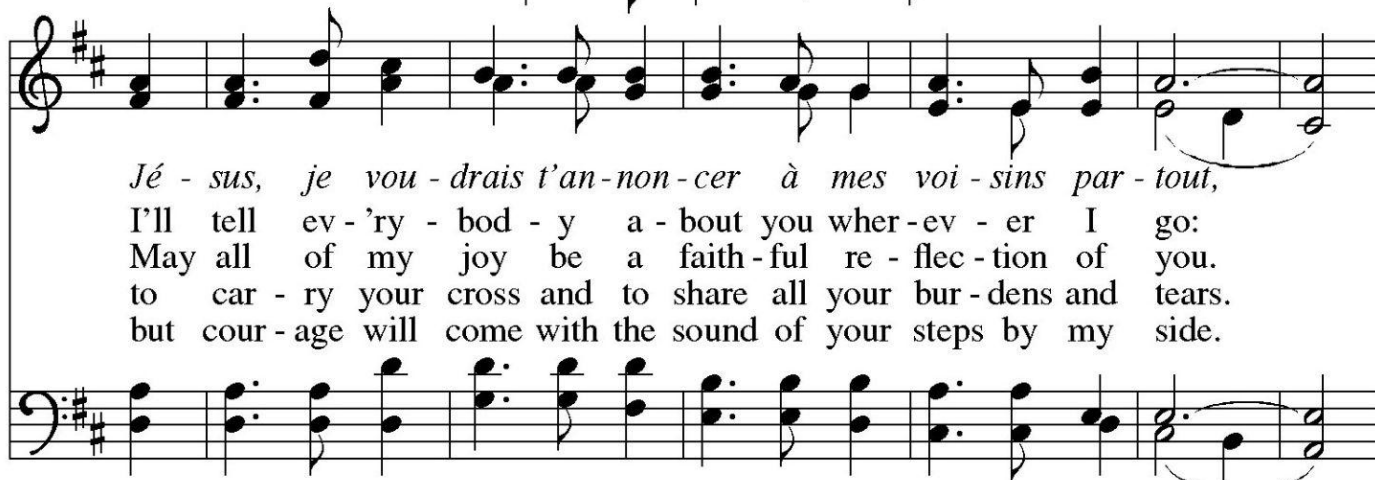
Hymn of the Day

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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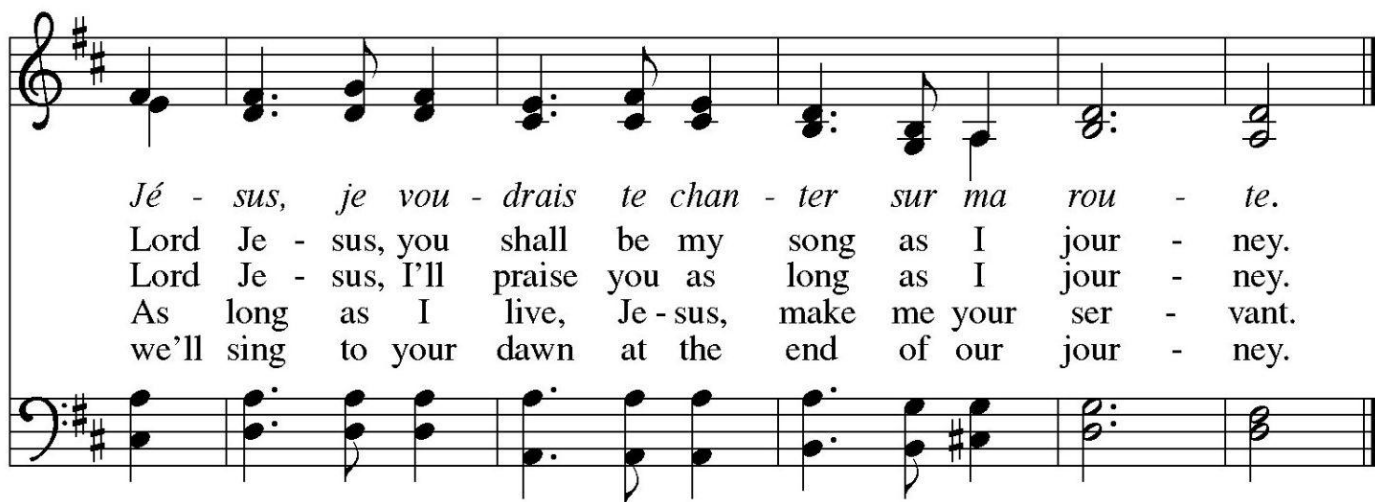
1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Statement of Faith: The Maasai Creed (1960, Kenya & Tanzania)

We believe in the one High God of love who created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created humanity and wanted us to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in darkness, and we now know God in the light. God promised in his book the Bible that God would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good on his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari, doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through Jesus. All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live by the rules of love and share the bread together, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessing of the Quilts

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Announcements

————MEAL————

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Give Me Jesus
Chapel Choir

arr. Robert Lau

Offering Prayer

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. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lead/Cantor

Ho - ly ho - ly in the high - est
Ho - ly ho - ly Lord

Ho - ly ho - ly
God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are full of your

Sing ho - san - na
glo - - - ry Bless - ed is the

Sing ho - san - na Sing ho - san - na
one who comes in the name of the Lord

Bless ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the

time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

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Communion Distribution Songs

Amazing Grace

(Red Book) ELW #779

Woke Up This Morning

*Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.*

*I'm walking and talking with my mind...
Ain't nothing wrong with my mind....
I'm singing and praying with my mind.....
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

Standing in the Need of Prayer

*Refrain: It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my mother not my sister but it's me O Lord
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not my mother not my sister but it's me O Lord
Standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)*

*Not my father, not my brother, but it's me O Lord...
Not the teacher, not the preacher, but it's me O Lord...
It's not you, it's not them, it's me, O Lord....*

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Post-Communion Blessing ...Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

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. Amen.**

————SENDING————

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

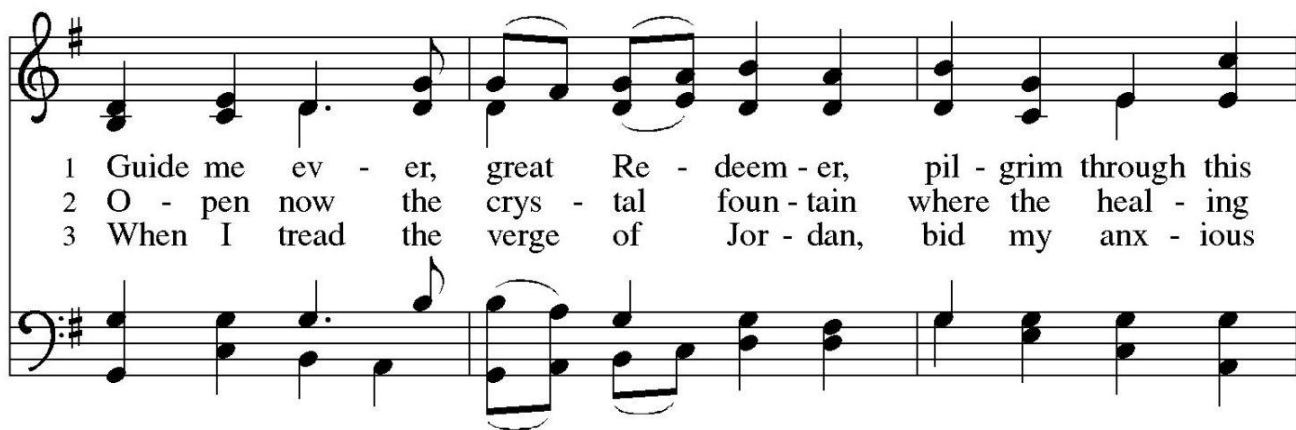
Blessing

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

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

Amen.

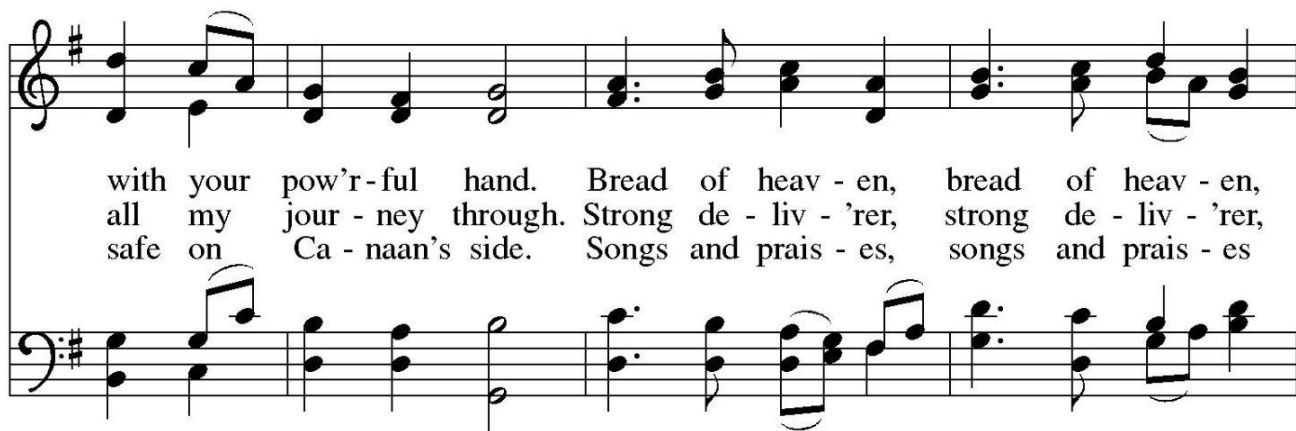
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata in F

Dieterich Buxtehude

Flowers today are given by Nancy Plagens in dedication to the Glory of God
and in honor of the Seventy Plus service.

Would you like to help beautify our Sanctuary by sponsoring Altar flowers? Flowers may be dedicated “in honor, in memory, or in celebration” of a person or occasion. This dedication will be printed in the Sunday bulletin, and you may take the flowers home following the worship service. *To sponsor flowers, use the sign-up poster on the bulletin board between the Office and the Fellowship Hall. Contact office@sapl.org with any questions*

Welcoming Statement

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community striving to love each other and the world more boldly. We are people of strong, uncertain, and undiscovered faith. We vary in age, family structure, physical and mental ability, and economic circumstance. We are diverse in sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. We differ in appearance, ethnicity, and culture. Gifted and imperfect, wounded and healing, we are made whole by God’s infinite love and grace. We invite you to experience that love and grace with us, to find rest here, find a family, and be fed. We promise to honor your unique experience and gifts as we journey together in Christ, embracing the work of anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, social and economic justice, and environmental care, to mend and heal a broken world for the glory of God.

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God.

Prayer Concerns

For Kent Eklund, Mary Gibson (grandmother of Diane Sherwin), Erin Hanafin Berg, Jonell Richards, Aaron Frase (spouse of Colleen Healy), Larry Gaenzle, Shirley Peterson (Grandmother of Ashley Schultz), Souix Trayner and Lisa Lange (friends of Kathy Scott), Roger Eggen, Matias Lee Hacker (Sonia Ellis’ friend’s grandson), Kristin Shardlow, Ellen Healy, Brad and Liv Lane (friends of the Eklunds), George Copa (Dona Leonhard’s husband), Michelle Christianson, Dolores Rivard, Phil Aaberg (cousin of Blaine Thrasher), Rose Syring, Gene and Marsha Collin (parents of Chris and Karin Collin), Nathan Storhoff (nephew of Solveig Storhoff), Lynndelle and Erik Pratt, Rohini Anderson (friend of Lisa Gray), Kim Hansen (friend of Brenda Hansen), Robb Scott (spouse of Kathy), Jim Larson, Jean Bendt, Sabrina Raatz (great niece of Elaine Phillips), Dorothy Wallevand, Roy Klebe (friends of Karin Collin), Mary Gibson (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Scott Reidel, Paul Rogness, Kari Smebye, Georgia Nygaard (friends of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Sharon Satre, Mike Satre (son of Sharon Satre), Berit Griffin, and Chad (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins).

And we pray for peace in the world and for our military personnel, as well as all people affected by war, political unrest, and natural disasters.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

To prepare for worship next week: Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

What is a House?

Houses at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church are a small group ministry that enables meaningful connections and opportunities for serving together. Houses provide worship support for a dedicated month each year and meet regularly to grow in faith and prayerful support for one another.

The September House

Kristin Anderson; Alex, Kerry, Zachary, Ingrid & Erik Bollman; Deb Cran & Bob Craven; Vince & Kathy DiGiorno; Mickey & Peggy Dobbins; Anne Fretheim; Karen Fretheim; Mary, Paul, Roman & Ryker Hannemann; Desiree Kempcke, Karen Duke & Luca Kempcke; Elizabeth & Dave Lee; Breanna, Starke, Petra, Torah, Selah & Zion Mueller

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen
Presiding: Pastor Jill Rode

Reader: The Kempke/Duke family
Ushers: The DiGiorno family
Tech:
Accompanist: Seolyeong Jeong

Staff

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————Worship at St. Anthony Park Lutheran————

Notes on our Worship Seasons

Our tradition observes the western liturgical calendar. Our year begins with the season of Advent, followed by the festival of Christmas, the Epiphany season, Lent, Holy Week (featuring something we call 'The Triduum,' or 'Three Days'- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday), the great festival of Easter, and then finishes with the festival of Pentecost and the long, 'green season' over the summer and into the fall. Then, we do it all over again!

Our Vision Statement proclaims St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will be a 'dynamic worshipping community.' To meet that vision we offer a blended worship style, welcoming many genres and worship expressions. In order to grow in love and appreciation for various modes of the Spirit we rotate settings between the above- mentioned seasons of the church year. A setting is an arrangement of various worship elements that complement the meaning of the liturgical season.

During Lent we used the Taize setting we have done in the past. For the Easter season we used "People Get Ready". For the beginning of the summer, we returned to a more traditional setting, ELW #3, for the next few weeks we did the Emmanuel Lutheran djembe setting, and for the remainder of the summer we did a setting based on Celtic hymns. Now, for the Fall season we will use a liturgy based on the Tanzanian tune "Nemamona Bwana", arranged by Jonathan Orwig.

We pray you experience the resurrected Christ in our midst as we worship together!

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