

Full Service Bulletin

MISSION SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BIBLE TRANSLATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

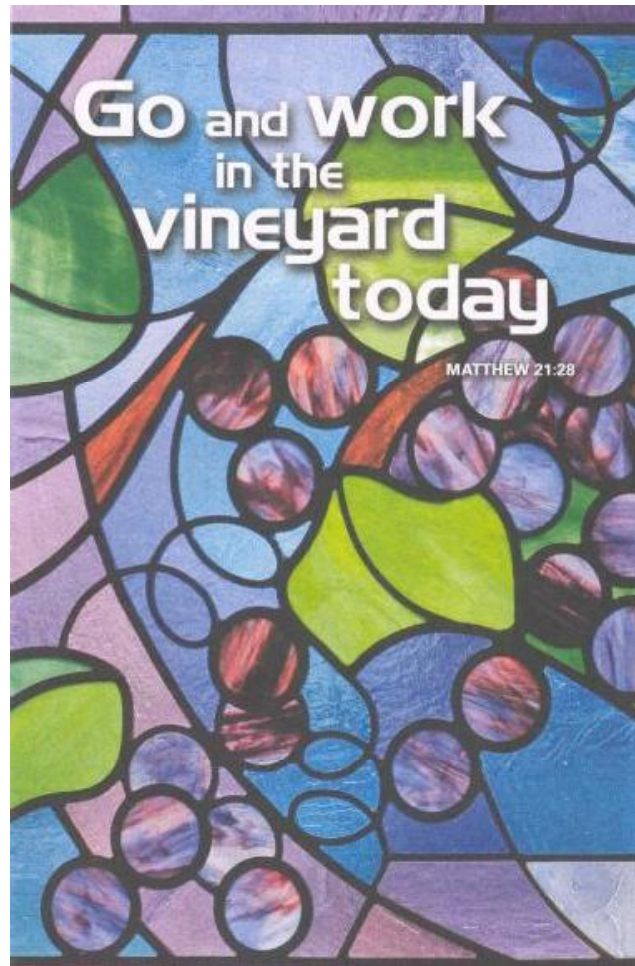
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray: Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

CHILDREN *of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

LISTENING DEVICES *for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).*

INTRODUCTION *In Exodus we find the people of Israel grumbling and complaining again. Paul instructs us to be different: "Do everything without complaining or arguing." He urges us to look to Christ as a model of humble obedience, looking to the interests of others above our own.*



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.) "Here I Am To Worship"*
(FC - favorite - Tim Hughes) →

Tim Hughes

Light of the world You stepped down in - to dark - ness
King of all days Oh so high - ly ex - al - ted

o - pened my eyes let me see
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove

Beau - ty that made this - heart a - dore - You
Hum - bly You came to the Earth You cre - a - ted

hope of a life spent with You
all for love's sake be - came poor

So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to
bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly al - to - geth - er
wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me

1., 3. 2.
And I'll nev -

- er know how much it cost to see

1.
my sin up - on that cross And I'll nev -

D.S. al Coda

2.
that cross So, here I am to

♯ Coda

INVOCATION (*✠ = All may make the sign of the cross.*)

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

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.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

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.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

PRAISE SONG "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

(Maj # 91 - favorite - Text: Samuel Trevor Francis; Tune: Thomas J. Williams)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the four parts of the choir. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus- Spread His praise from shore to shore!
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me.
How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;
How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward To my glo - rious rest a - bove.
How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: God of love, giver of life, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 78:1,3b,4,12-25

(congregation reads indented)

O my people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

what our fathers have told us.

we will tell the next generation

the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,

His power, and the wonders he Has done.

He did miracles in the sight of their fathers

in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

He divided the sea and led them through;

He made the water stand firm like a wall.

He guided them with the cloud by day

and with light from the fire all night.

He split the rocks in the desert

and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

He brought streams out of a rocky crag

and made water flow down like rivers.

But they continued to sin against Him,

rebellng in the desert against the Most High.

They willfully put God to the test

by demanding the food they craved.

They spoke against God, saying,

“Can God spread a table in the desert?

When He struck the rock, water gushed out,

and streams flowed abundantly.

But can He also give us food?

Can He supply meat for His people?”

When the LORD heard them, He was very angry;

and His wrath rose against Israel,

for they did not believe in God

or trust in His deliverance.

Yet He rained down manna for the people to eat,
He gave them the grain of heaven.
 Men ate the bread of angels;
He sent them all the food they could eat.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “As the Deer”
 (RW # 271 - favorite - Marty Nystrom)



WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST LESSONExodus 17:1-7.....Pew Bible p. 114

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSONPhilippians 2:1-18.....p. 1827

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

COLLECT FOR CHILDREN *(When children are present.)*

P: We will dismiss for Children’s Church after the Gospel reading.

Let us pray the Collect for Children together: **C: Lord, we lift up to You the children of our church, asking for Your protection, guidance, and blessings over their lives.**

May they grow in faith, wisdom, and love, finding their identity in You and walking in the purpose You have for them. Surround them with Your grace, strengthen their families, and raise them to be lights in this world for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“All in the Name of Jesus” verse 1 (Maj # 181) →

1 Truth and beau-ty and hap - pi - ness— It's all in the name of
2 Care and com-fort and heal-ing and grace— It's all in the name of

1 Je - sus, Health and heav-en and peace and rest— It's
2 Je - sus, Wel-come and par-don, a hid - ing place— It's

1 all in the name of Je - sus; Joy and glad-ness, for-give - ness
2 all in the name of Je - sus; Warmth and sun-shine and friend-ship

1 too, Life ev - er - last-ing and free; All that I've
2 true, Ful - fill - ment and bless-ing un - told: Hope for to -

1 longed for and all I need— It's all in the name of Je - sus.
2 mor-row and help for to - day— It's all in the name of Je - sus.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 21:23-32.....Pg. 1532

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ₇ verse 2 ↑

(Young children may go to Children's Church. Please be seated. See space for sermon notes in Announcements insert.)

SERMON "The Exodus, Part VI: Water from the Rock"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please rise.)

"As the Deer Runs to the River" (RW # 136)



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum - moned, "all who
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est

wea - ry from the chase, we have come from hurt and
stream or spring was seen, Mo - ses struck the rock, and
for God's mer - cy plead! God's for - give - ness, like a
thirst un - sat - is - fied. Lead us to the wa - ters

hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
foun - tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923 Music: KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS 8 7 8 7 8 7, Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part IV. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

L: What is Baptism?

C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water contained within God's command and united with God's Word

L: Where in the Word of God is this?

C: Where our Lord Christ spoke in the last chapter of Matthew (Matthew 28:19): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

L: What gifts or benefits does Baptism bestow?

C: It gives us the forgiveness of sins, redeems us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as God's words and promises declare.

L: What are these words and promises of God?

C: Our Lord Christ spoke, in the last chapter of Mark (Mark 16:16): "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Bible Translation Sunday

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are very much needed. Please place your offering and your Communication Card in the Offering Plate at the back of the center aisle. Thank You!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel as you are able.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: 

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (Maj # 4 - favorite) →

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

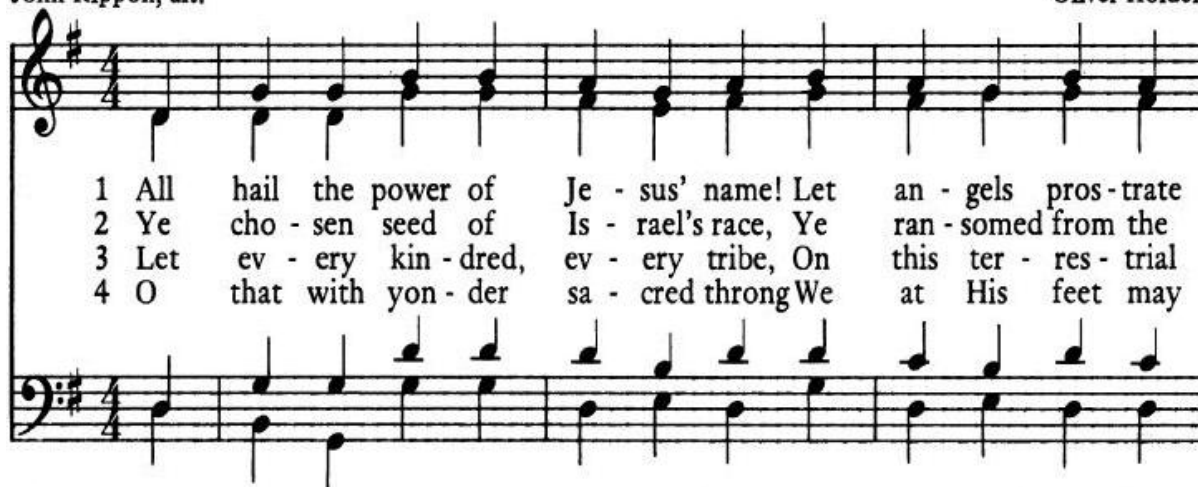
POSTLUDE

PRAYER CARE *If you would like prayer about anything, you can come to the altar rail after the service and a prayer care volunteer will pray with you.*

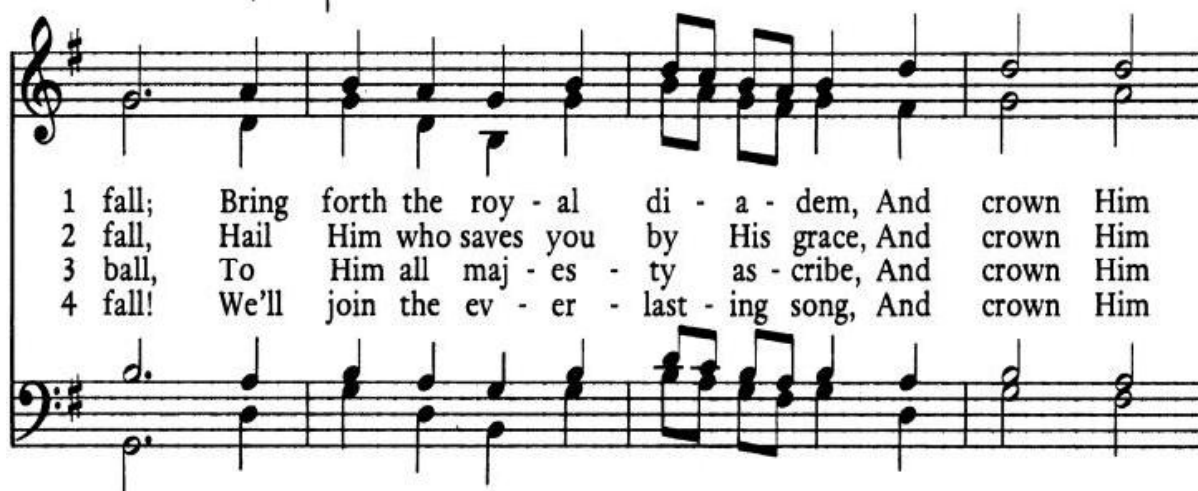
FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the
3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may



1 fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him
2 fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him
3 ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him
4 fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him



1 Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And
2 Lord of all; Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And
3 Lord of all; To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And
4 Lord of all; We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And



1-4 crown Him Lord of all! A - men.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY

GREETER: 8:30-Sharon Wagner | 11:00-Irene Graham
SOUND: 8:30-Rich Stein | 11:00-**Volunteer needed**
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller | 11:00-Karen Brown
LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler | 11:00-Kathy Ballek
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
ALTAR: Alyce Stein & Patty Werley
COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown
GRASS CUTTERS (9/21-26): Mike Miller, Nick Wechsler
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**
PHONETREE: Stephen Zeiner
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Zeiner
PRAYER CARE: 8:30-Jan Stryker | 11:00-Darlene Treisner

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Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Stephen Zeiner, *Webmaster*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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