



Serving All for the Glory of God

God's Favour Ain't Fair

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.



Holy Eucharist

Liturgy: Book of Alternative Services

Hymns and Sung Responses: Common Praise

The Reverend Bonnie Luft, Incumbent Priest

The Reverend Rob Petkau, Associate Priest

Welcome, friend! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "O Magnify the Lord" by Melodie Tunney and Dick Tunney

Welcome

Opening Prayers 185ff

Glory to God on High (spoken)

Opening Worship Set: "All Heaven Declares" by Noel and Tricia Richards; "Thy Word" by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith; "Freely, Freely" by Carol Owens

The Collect of the Day 381

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 Liam G.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader. The word of the Lord. **People.** Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 Led by Liam G.

Congregational refrain... ***The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.*** (congregation repeats)

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. **R**
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. **R**

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **R**

He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled. Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them. He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season. **R**

They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven. He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

R

So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy. He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil, That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
Hallelujah! *R*

Together...

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Liam G.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader. The word of the Lord. *People.* **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16Reverend Rob Petkau

Reader. The Lord be with you. *People.* **And also with you.**
Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 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?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeller. This is the Gospel of Christ. *People.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMONPastor Derek Sheahan, Hope Mission

Silence for quiet meditation follows.

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RECEIVING COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer intinction please let the priest know. If you are gluten intolerant, please request a rice wafer from the priest. Those not receiving communion today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music: “As the Deer” – Psalm 42:1; “Have you seen Jesus, my Lord”

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Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. **People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: “O Magnify the Lord” by Melodie Tunney and Dick Tunney

**Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving
by Arnold & Eileen Williams.**

You are invited to join Pastor Derek in the Cormack Hall for refreshments.

Assisting Today: Director of Music: Patricia Yuen Sparrow; Pianist: Marg McCulloch; Administrants: Ayo Ogan, Sade Olutogun; Reader: Liam Getty; Intercessor: Margaret Cull; Sound Tech: Peter Leigh; Chancel Guild: Cheryl Herle, Marie Woolsey; Sidespersons: Lilian Ah Wee, Ann Bright; Warden on Duty: Hal Anderson. Licensing for Music Rights: OneLicense No. 727664-A

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