



Serving All for the Glory of God

“Go and work in the vineyard today”

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026, 10 AM



My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

John 10.27

SERVICE OF 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. To learn more about our faith community, please fill out the card in the pew and join us for coffee following the service.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Invitation to Worship Hal A.

Prelude: A Day Without Rain by Enya

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 Soala O.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader. The word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 Led by Soala O.

REFRAIN: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **R**

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. **R**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls. **R**

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep. He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. **R**

God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13Soala O.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gradual: 505 "Be Thou My Vision"

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32The Reverend Rob Petkau

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

Gospeller. The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

REFLECTIONSThe Reverend Bonnie S. Luft

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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.

“All Who Are Thirsty”

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
 Come to the fountain
 Dip your heart in the stream of life
 Let the pain and the sorrow
 Be washed away
 In the waves of his mercy
 As deep cries out to deep (we sing)

Refrains:
 Come, Lord Jesus, come

 Holy Spirit, come

 (Repeat as led)

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THE BLESSING

Recessional: 522 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

DISMISSAL

Postlude: Old Irish Blessing by Linda Fletcher

Flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

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