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ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY

September 27, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Season of Creation
Worship in-person and livestream

Jesus teaches us to practice what we preach.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands
Confession
Gathering Song Can You Feel the Seasons Turning blue book No. 1065
Greeting
Kyrie Page 213
Glory to God Page 213
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message
First Reading Exodus 17:1-7 ...Thanks be to God.
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13 ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation Page 216
The Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32 ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon

Hymn of the Day God We Gather as Your People blue book No. 1038

Prayers of the People Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.
We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts
Offering Song Violin Solo
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving The Creator be with you. ...And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. ...We lift them to our God.
Let us give thanks to Creator, our God. ...It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Insert
Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer Page 112
Lamb of God Insert

All are welcome at Christ’s table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs Amazing Grace red book No. 779
As the Deer Runs to the River red book No. 331
O Blessed Spring red book No. 447

Prayer
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song You, Lord, Are Both... blue book No. 954
Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.
Postlude

SENDING

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to all who contributed for hosting. The flowers today are given by Jane Wicksteed.

Worship Assistants
Preacher Boston Laferté
Assisting Minister Sarah Pinto
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Artist in Residence Kira Gill
Choral Scholar D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming Josh Boutin
Communion Iris Schoffer, Lori McKenzie
Ushers Thiago Hinkel, Bob Kohlert

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Refrain: We will recount to generations to come the power of the Lord.

¹ Hear my teaching, ¹ O my people;
incline your ears to the words ¹ of my mouth.

² **I will open my mouth ¹ in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ¹ ancient times—

³ that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- ¹ bears have told us,
we will not hide ¹ from their children.

⁴ **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds**
and the power ¹ of the Lord,
and the wonderful works ¹ God has done. R

¹² God worked marvels in the sight ¹ of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the ¹ field of Zoan,

¹³ **splitting open the sea and letting ¹ them pass through;**
making the waters stand ¹ up like walls;

¹⁴ leading them with a ¹ cloud by day,
and all the night with a ¹ glow of fire;

¹⁵ **splitting the rocks ¹ in the wilderness**
and giving them drink as ¹ from the deep;

¹⁶ bringing streams out ¹ of a rock,
making them flow down ¹ like a river. **R**

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Livestream Text

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ 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. ² The people quarreled 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Philippians 1:21-30

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ 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?" ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ 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. ³² 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."

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