19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 + 9:30am



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are so glad you are here!

Hymns marked as ELW may be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and hymns marked as WOV may be found in the blue With One Voice hymnal. Assembly responses are in ***bold typeface.***

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

GATHERING

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

Confession and Forgiveness

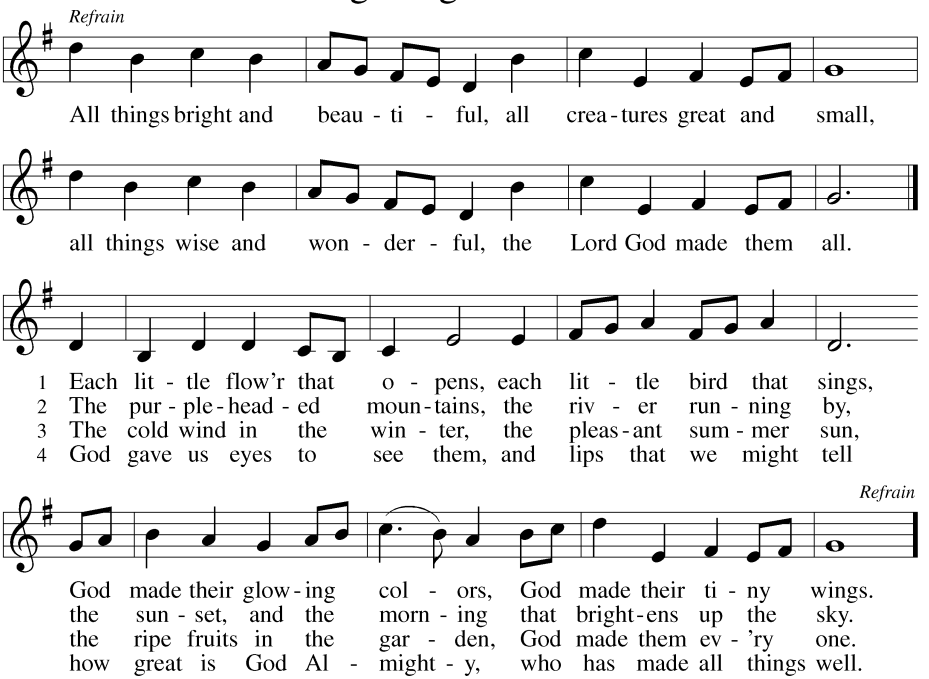
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home. **Amen.**

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

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.
We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We sin against your good creation,
failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.
Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts
to do your will. Amen.

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ☩ Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ***"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*** *WOV #767*



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Beloved God,

from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading — Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The God of the exodus graciously gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Primarily stated as negative imperatives, the Ten Commandments forbid gross sins such as murder, adultery, theft, and perjury. In most of life they grant Israel freedom to live righteously, with maximum love for God and neighbor.

God spoke all these words,

2"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

3you shall have no other gods before me.

4"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

7"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses the divine name.

8Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

9Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

12"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13You shall not murder.

14You shall not commit adultery.

15You shall not steal.

16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance 19and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of God upon you so that you do not sin."

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart. (Ps. 19:8)

1 The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
2 **One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
3 Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
4 **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the**

world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.
5 It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion
to | run its course. 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
7 The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.
8 **The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
11 By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
12 **Who can detect one's | own offenses?**
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
| over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable |**
in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

Second Reading **Philippians 3:4b-14**

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

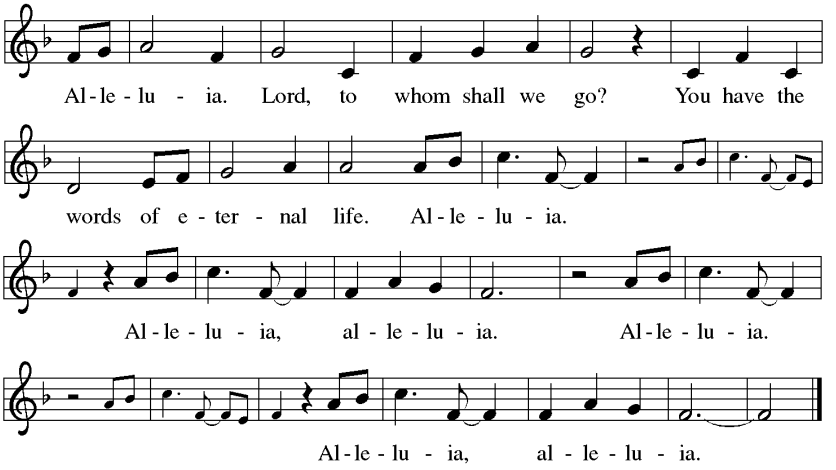
⌜Paul writes:⌝ 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of
Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a
persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More
than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith
in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in
his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press
on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Beloved, I do not consider
that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the
prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

⌜Jesus said:⌝ 33"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a
vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then
he leased it to tenants and went away. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his
slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and
beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than
the first, and the tenants treated them in the same way. 37Finally the landowner sent
his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when the tenants saw the
son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his
inheritance.' 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
40"Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
41They said to Jesus, "The owner will put those wretches to a miserable death and
lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

43"Therefore I tell you, the dominion of God will be taken away from you and given to
a people that produces its fruits. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to
pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he
was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because the people regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***"Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom"*** *ACS #1064*



Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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Prayers of Intercession

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need. At the end of each petition the Assembly responds: **your mercy is great.**

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig, Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Nancy Nelson, William Schultz Jr., John Falk, Carmen Falk, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Aimee and Mark Hooper.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Your offering helps us carry on God's mission in our community! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the right with your smartphone's camera to give on our website (www.racinelcredeemer.com). You can also sign up for automatic giving on our website as well! ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Offering Song



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God,

maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

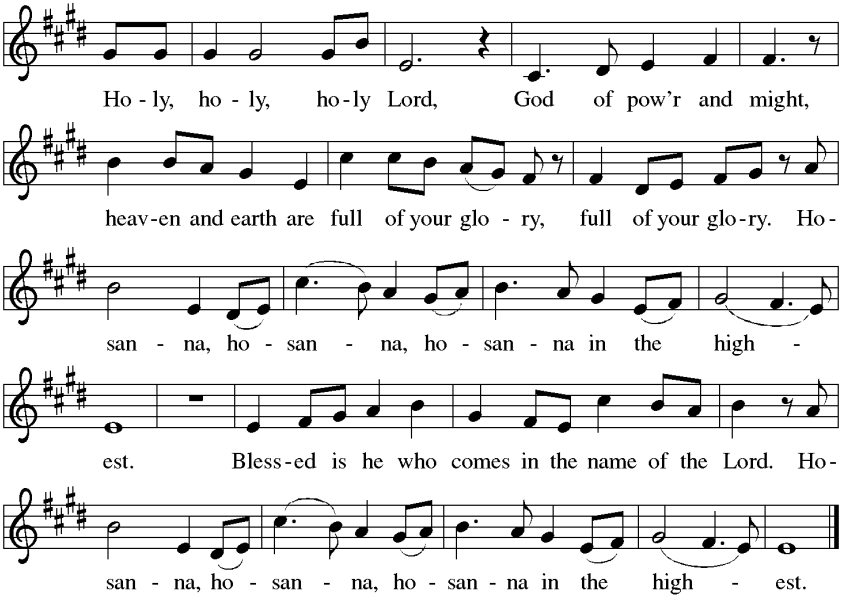
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed, right our duty and our joy….

…. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.



The Presiding Minister prays giving thanks to God, for God's saving work throughout history.

The Assembly responds when prompted:

The earth is full of your glory

The earth is full of your glory. …

Amen and amen.

Amen and Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

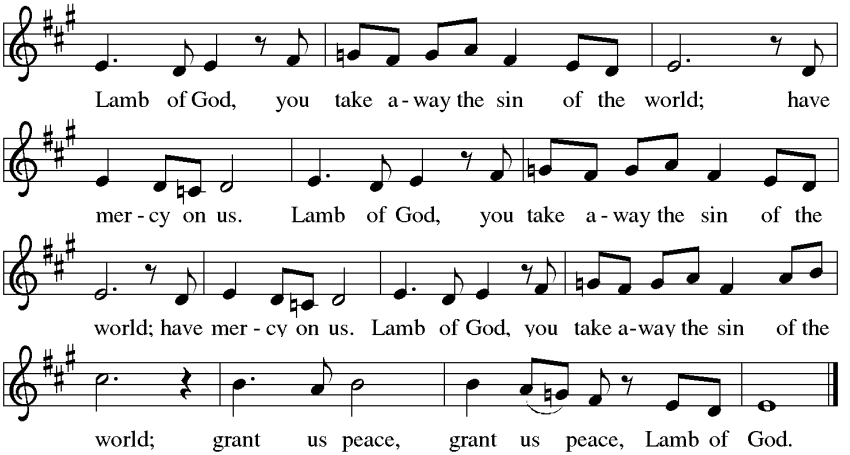
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

Distribution of Communion

We offer gluten-free bread and grape juice. We also have pre-packaged cups if you wish to receive in that manner or to bring home to a loved one. If you wish to remain in your seat, please indicate to an usher & the worship leaders will come to you.



Communion Song ***"Let Us Break Bread Together"*** *ELW #471*

Words and music on page 14 (inside rear page)

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

God our Mother root you deep in grace. God our Neighbor stand with you in strength. God our Nourishment sustain you in hope and ✝ bless you unto evergreen life. **Amen.**

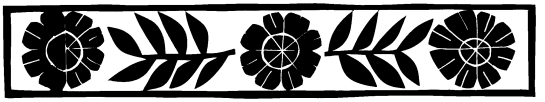
Sending Hymn *"Let All Things Now Living"* *ELW #881*



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Announcements

Dismissal
Go in peace. Flourish with creation.
Thanks be to God.



We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówi, Kickapoo, and Peoria peoples. We honor and acknowledge the traditional stewards of this land, recognizing their enduring connection to this region. As we come together in worship, let us commit ourselves to respecting their history and culture, and work toward healing and justice for Indigenous communities. May we be mindful of our role in creating a more equitable future for all.

Serving Today

Assisting Minister:	Lori Rennock
Reader:	Jeanne Schierstedt
Usher:	Linda & Kevin Rattle
Altar Guild:	Jan Brandies
Musician:	Paul Berge
Pastor:	The Rev. Matt James

This Week @ Redeemer

Sunday:	Worship – 9:30am
Monday:	GriefShare – 10—11:30am
Wednesday:	Book Club – 1pm @ Inclusive Bean & 6pm @ Tulip Tavern
Thursday:	Executive Committee @ 5:45pm; Council Meeting @ 6pm

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays: Chuck Julius, Jr. (10/4), Emilio Sanchez (10/8)

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Upcoming Commemorations
Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226
Sunday, October 4, 2026
Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

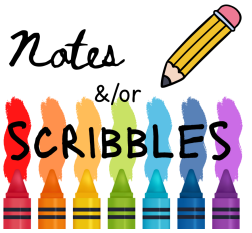
Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864
Sunday, October 4, 2026
Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

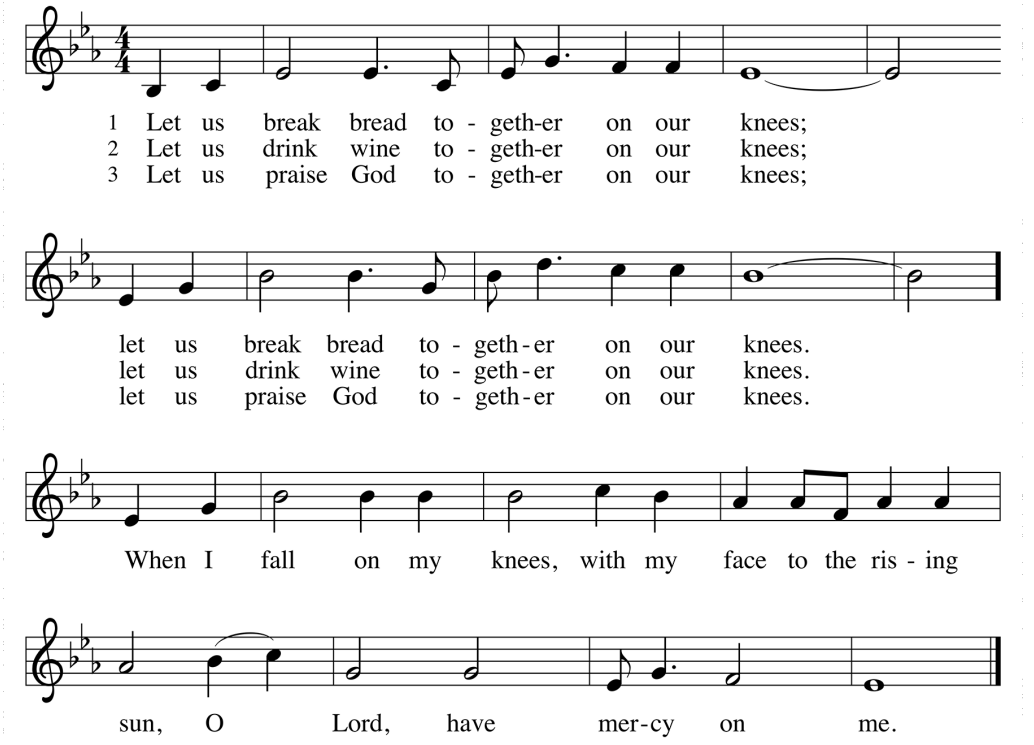
Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)
Saturday, October 10, 2026
A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Texts for Next Sunday, October 11th, 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-9, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

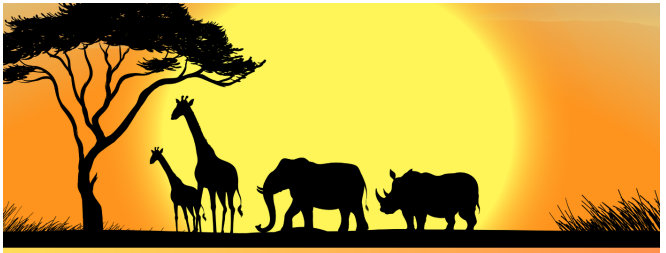

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Communion Song ***"Let Us Break Bread Together"*** *ELW #471*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual





BWANA ASIFIWE! PRAISE THE LORD!

Please join us for

TANZANIA CELEBRATION DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

ASANTE SANA!
THANK YOU!

THE CELEBRATION INCLUDES:
10AM: FESTIVE WORSHIP
11AM: LIVE AUCTION
A MEAL WILL FOLLOW THE AUCTION

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All funds raised will support our mission partners in the Diocese of Meru.



Racine Collective

Book Club

Wednesdays

1pm at The Inclusive Bean
1930 Albert Street

6pm at Tulip Tavern
509 Sixth Street



Oct 7: Ch 8 & 9
Oct 14: Ch 10 & 11
Oct 21: Ch 12 & 13
Oct 28: Ch 14 & 15

We will be collecting the following items now through November:

Socks (children and adult)
Acetaminophen/Tylenol
Dollar Store- readers and sunglasses
Hand Sanitizer (small bottles)
Benadryl/Antihistamines
Decongestants/antihistamines
Ibuprofen/Advil
Tylenol/Acetaminophen
Children's Tylenol/decongestant/antihistamine*
bandaids
Triple Antibiotic Ointment
Nail Clippers
2x2 dressings
Paper Tape
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (travel size)
Pencils/Markers/Pens
Chapstick
Emory boards