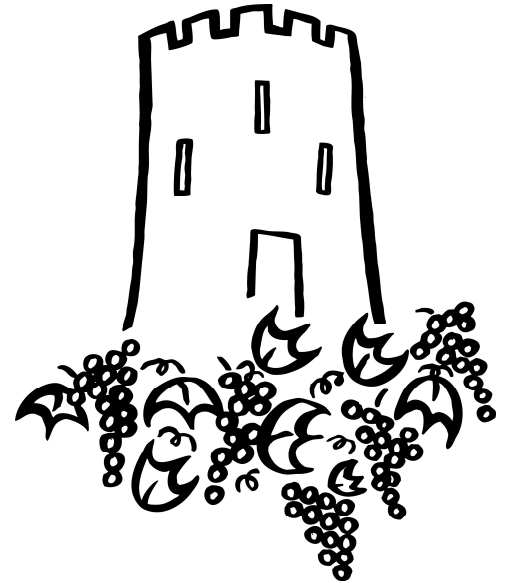


Sunday, October 4, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Ave N
727-822-3307



 **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **PRELUDE**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Justified by God's grace through faith,
let us acknowledge our sin.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness ✠ and the promise of eternal life.

Amen.



GATHERING HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*

ELW 595

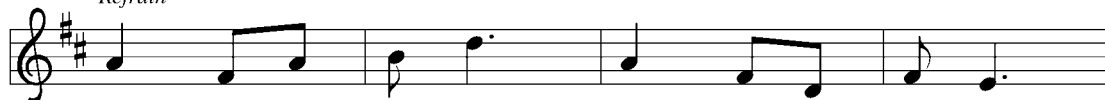


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



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.



HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

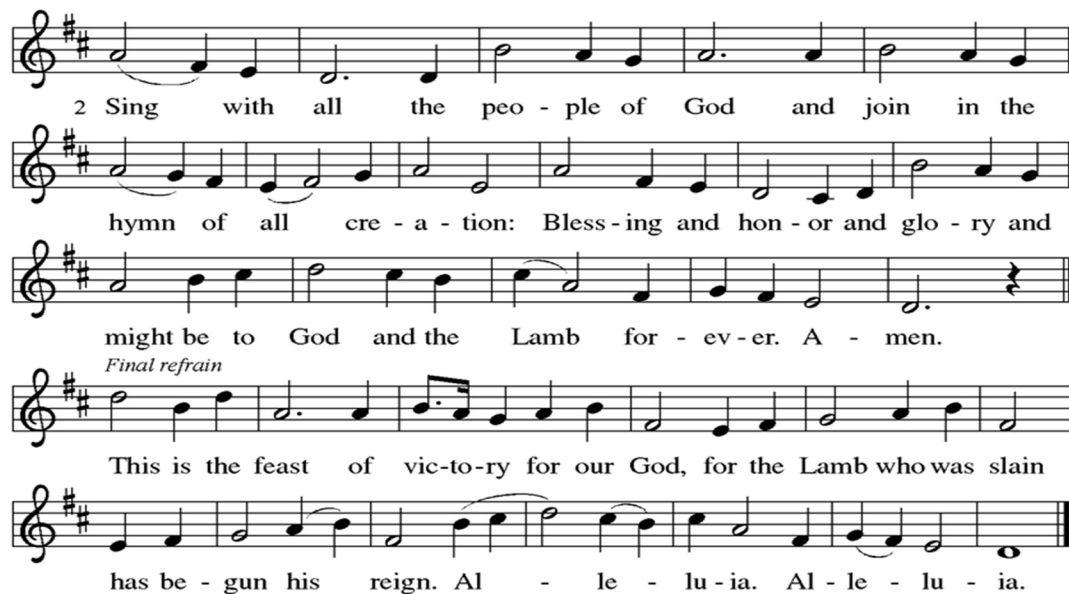


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "R"



Look down from heav'n, O God; be - hold and tend this vine.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. **R**

¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? **R**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted. **R**



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 Brothers and sisters, 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last. (*John 15:16*)
 Congregation repeats "Alleluia"



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.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to them:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So 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?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He 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."

⁴² Jesus 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 kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

ACS 1086



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov-e-nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a-byss of doubt and find you e-ven there:
your might-y deeds e-voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de-liv-er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de-spair in wan-der-ing through wastes of emp-ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo-ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir-it still is mak-ing all things new.
re-fresh us with the liv-ing spring of hope that nev-er dies.
as on our hearts you write a-new the cov-e-nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900



THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident of being heard.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Hear our prayers, and grant whatever else you see we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



ACS 987

THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Guide My Feet*

Leader All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,

all blessings are from you;**make us generous with what we have.****Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts****in service for you and in love to our neighbors.****Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



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.

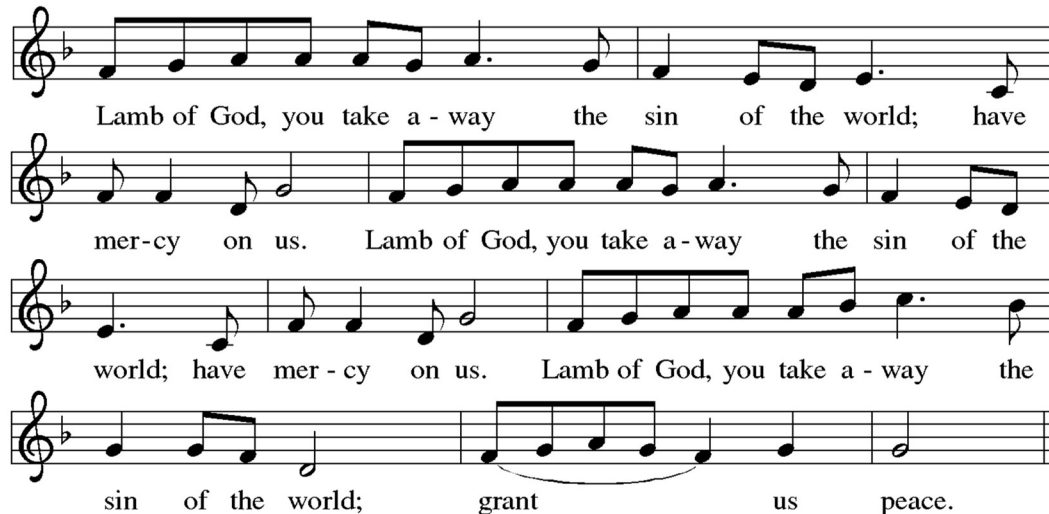


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to his table.
Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

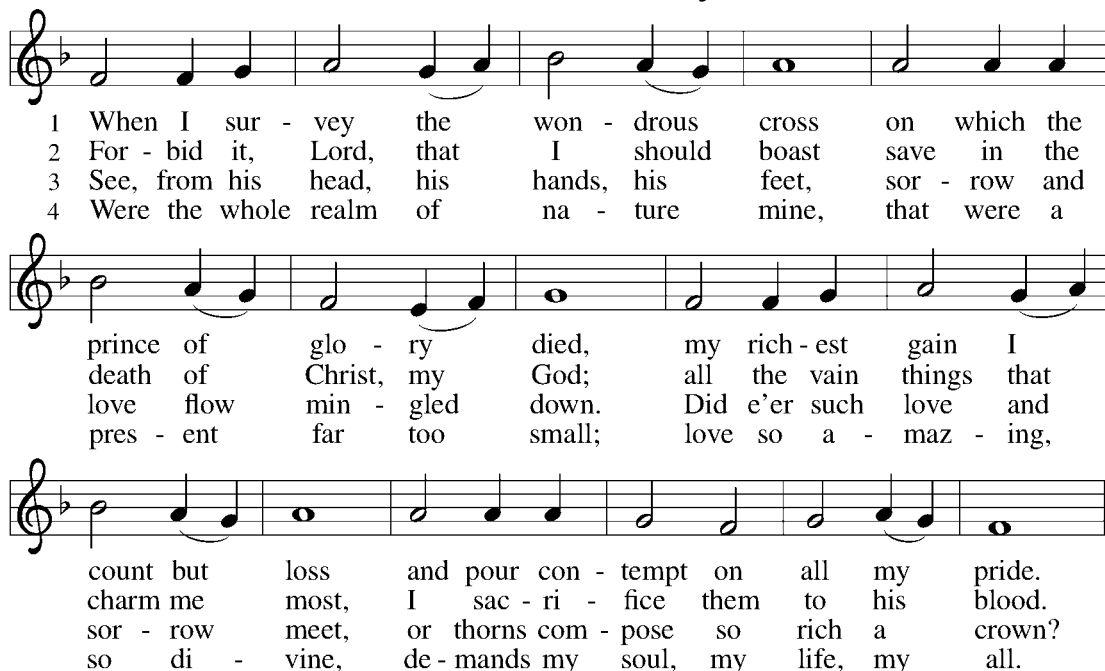


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us to serve a needy world.
Make us signs of liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.



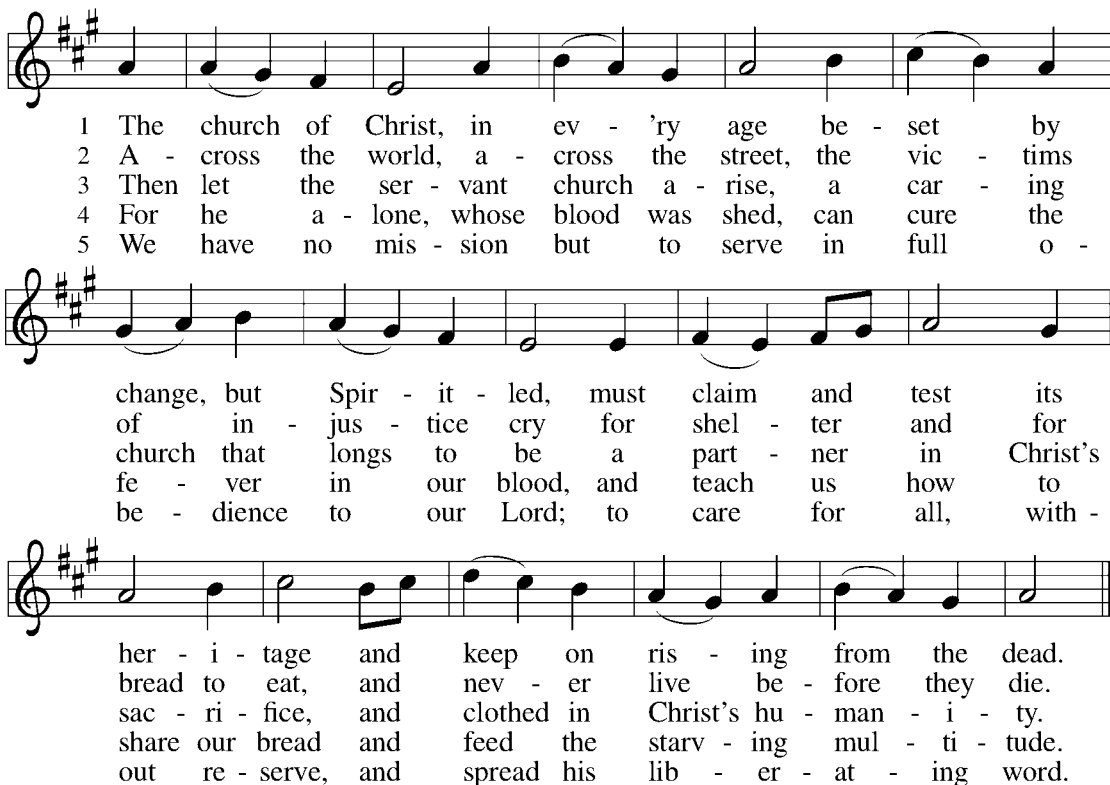
BLESSING

May the God of love, hope, and grace draw you closer together in the body
of Christ, grant you strength and joy through the Holy Spirit, and bless you
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

ELW 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love.
Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (MLC) = Meadowlawn Campus (DTC) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
10/04/26	ML	10:00 AM	Gretchen Frederick	Gary Bartelt, Phil Rearick	The Bartelts	49th Anniversary (on the 8th)
10/11/26	ML	10:00 AM	Lou Carter	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	Worship in the Park	
10/18/26	ML	10:00 AM	Margarita Rodriguez	Marty Snapp, Violet Prepost		
10/25/26	ML	10:00 AM	Paul Erickson	Margarita Rodriguez, Gary Bartelt	F. Guido	For the Glory Of God

Birthdays this week:

10/04 - Lynne Tallon 10/07 - Aimée Fox
 10/04 - Shirley Carter 10/09 - Paula Loring
 10/05 - Charles Braitling 10/09 - Brenda Braitling

Anniversaries this week:

10/08 – Kathy & Gary Bartelt

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (10/04)

9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
 10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
 11:30am – Education Hour (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
 7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (10/05)

Bulletin Items Due

10:00am – Bert's Breakfast Buddies (Kopper Kitchen)

Tuesday (10/06)

1:00pm – Staff Meeting (MLC Library)

Wednesday (10/07)

11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
 1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
 6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Thursday (10/08)

6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (MLC Sanctuary)

Friday (10/09)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
 9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
 2:00pm – City Church RUF Event (DTC 2nd Floor)

Saturday (10/10)

9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)
 9:00am – City Church: Membership Pathway (DTC)
 10:00am – Congregation Breakfast (Spring Garden Rest.)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
 Whitney & Greg Corrigan
 Rick Jackson
 Frank Durilla
 Rev. Ernest Knoche
 Ron Oughton
 Bob Sockrider
 Frances Guido
 Susan Herzhauser

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
 Shirley Taylor
 Betty Aker
 Judy Milanese
 Petra Young
 Sally Evans

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Maureen Morris	Jill Boos Martin
O'cerion Johnson Jr.	Linda Gascon
Janet Crim	Pr. Tom Snapp
Paula Smith	Will Diefel
Vickie Clark	Serenity Baker
Luke Mendenhall	Willie Rodriguez
Guy Smith	Eliza Walker
Joyce Dare	Margarita Rodriguez
Linda Miles	Rodger Nelson
Bob & Irma Kay	Jennifer Rhoads
Corinne	Duane Bork
Leonard	Jerry Barnard
Robert & Brenda Meredith	Linda Barnard
Brian Schutzbach	Mike Lederhouse
Shakira	

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

The family & friends of Cecil Miles
 The family and Friends of Pastor Joe Conner

Next Sunday, Oct 11th

we will have

WORSHIP IN THE PARK!

(Lake Seminole Park, Shelter 2)

EXCITING NEWS! It is time for a new pictorial church directory.

The photographer will be here on **Tuesday, October 20th from noon-6:30pm.**

Sign up online to reserve your photo shoot time slot!

Go to www.UCDIR.com – click on the RED BOX to the right for Photography Session Sign-up.

Enter church code: **FL1128** and password **Photos1128** enter all required information

(Note: This will also be used as the source for your listing in the directory!)



	Curr Month (as of 09/30/26)	YTD Actual (as of 09/30/26)	YTD Budget (through 09/30/26)
Income	35,746.27	302,931.08	213,479.43
Expenses	(43,723.39)	(376,730.81)	(341,285.27)
Net	(7,977.12)	(73,799.73)	(127,805.84)
Cash available in Bank Accounts:			88,246.29
Balance in Investment Accounts:			747,766.99

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.



Today's Date:

10/04/26

Name and Address

Email

Phone

Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

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- ☐ I just moved here
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- ☐ Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
- ☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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