



"Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God because I sent them into exile among the nations and then gathered them into their own land. I will leave none of them behind, and I will never again hide my face from them, when I pour out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God." – Ezekiel 39:28-29

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2026 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Andantino"

Jospeh Harris

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Kim Smithwick – Fellowship Committee

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CHORAL INTROIT

"As the Deer"

Martin J. Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 99)*

The Lord is king; let the earth tremble!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over the peoples.

Let them praise the name of the Lord. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity and righteousness.

The people cry to the Lord, and he answers them.

Extol the Lord and worship at his footstool,

for the Lord our God is holy.

*HYMN #307

"God of Grace & God of Glory"

RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, we confess the ways that we have fallen short of your glory. We complain that your justice toward us is unfair while we deny justice to others. Instead of creating a community where all can prosper, we hoard resources and refuse to share. We deny grace through the withholding of our gifts and the absence of hospitality. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Create a new heart and a new spirit within us. Guide us in the way of all that is righteous and true, that we may live in proper relationship with you and one another.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #581 “Glory Be to the Father”**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

ANTHEM

“First Fruits”

Ruth Elaine Schram

*This house is not for us, but for You, oh Lord;
Deserving of nothing less than our greatest and our best.
And so, to You, oh Lord, we offer the first fruits,
The first fruits of all that we possess, all that we possess.
With humility, and with gratitude, We bring to this house our gifts for You.
For we know that all these gifts have come from You;
They already belong to You, to You.
Lord, we offer with a contrite heart, All we have and all we are.
Take our silver and our gold; not a mite would we withhold,
Not a mite would we withhold, withhold.*

*And so, to You, oh Lord, we offer the first fruits;
The first fruits of all that we possess, all that we possess.
With humility, and with gratitude, We bring to this house our gifts for You.
For we know that all these gifts have come from You;
They already belong to You, to You, to You, to You.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 18:25-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Seeing-Eye Double Standard”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #606, “Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him all creatures here below;

praise him above ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #708

““We Give Thee but Thine Own””

SCHUMANN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise” THANKFUL HEARTS

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Eric Lehmann & Joanne Prettyman

Greeter: Sally Gunn

Welcome Table: Dale Krause

Liturgist: Beth Elliott

Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

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in loving honor of our congregation.*

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