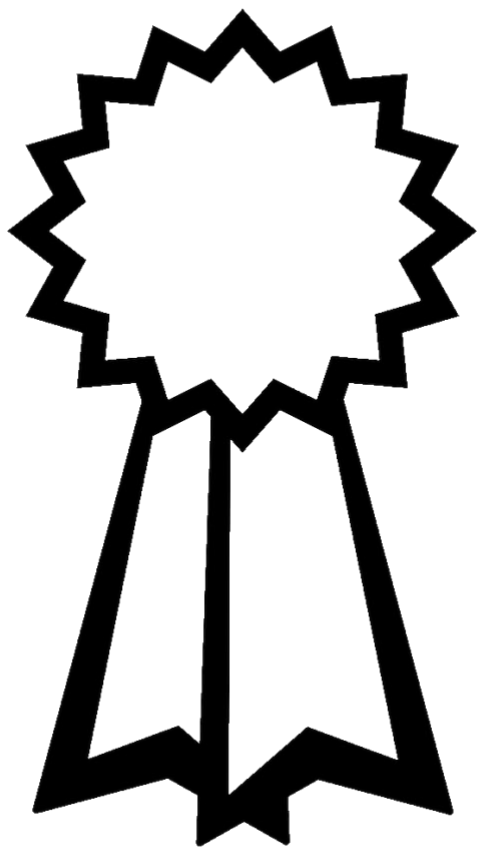




October 4, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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START COUNTDOWN SLIDE AT 9:20

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AT 9:25

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN (TIMELINE)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less 293(G)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW 77

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Moment for reflection]

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in

**your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE LBW 78-79 (music cue on each slide)



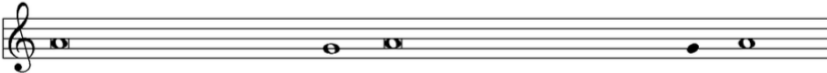
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



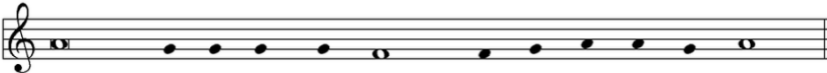
Ⓐ For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



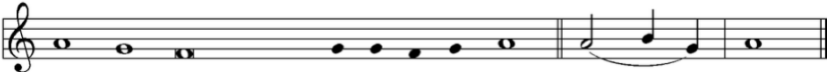
☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra- cious Lord. ☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE LBW 81

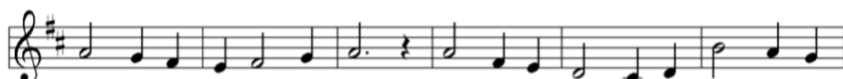
This Is the Feast (TIMELINE)



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



Ⓑ 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.



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

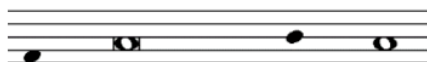


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GREETING (ACAPPELLA)



The Lord be with you.



And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

L: The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Isaiah.

5 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!
L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 80:7-18

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

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

**10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

11 it sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.

**12 Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its
fruit?**

13 The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

**14 Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,**

15 the stock that your right hand planted.

**16 It has been burned with fire; it has been cut
down;**

**may they perish at the rebuke of your
countenance.**

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right
hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

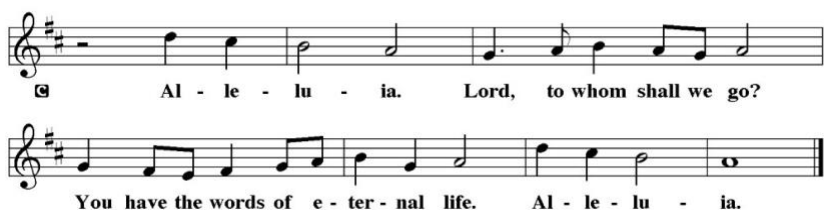
L: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of
Philippians.

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.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPELLA)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.



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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Who is Really in Charge?"

HYMN AFTER SERMON (VIDEO)

Cornerstone

NICENE CREED LBW 84

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his Kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH LBW 85

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (VIDEO)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

OFFERING PRAYER LBW 87

C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts be joined with our prayers, our presence, and our service, that we may live as faithful disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope and healing to your people. Amen.

DIALOGUE LBW 88 (ACAPPELLA)

♪ 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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE LBW 88

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **(TIMELINE)**

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER LBW 91

**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 wine is red, and the grape juice is white)

COMMUNION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

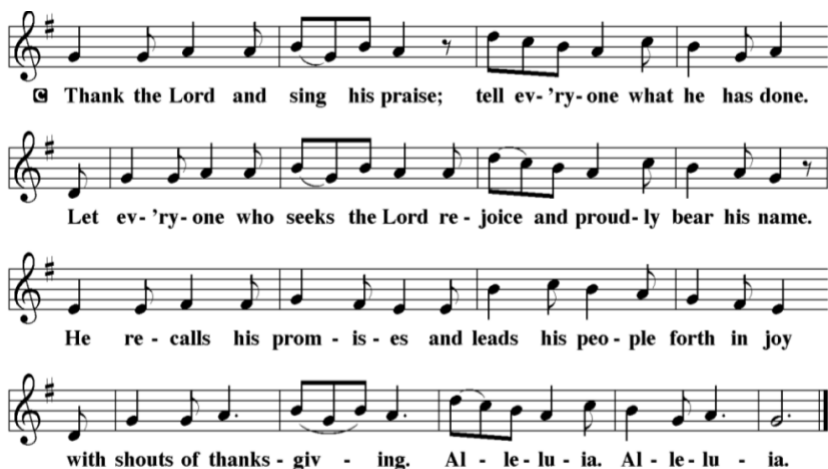
I Am The Vine (VIDEO)

The Well (VIDEO)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (VIDEO)

Fade out last hymn after communion is completed

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE LBW 92 (ACAPELLA)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

COMMUNION PRAYER LBW 94

L: We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

BENEDICTION LBW 95

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

The Blessing (VIDEO)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Tanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sound cue is on the slide

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Soups, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, cereal and any other food you would like to share. Toilet paper is always in need. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:12-13

New Bible Study! Beginning Oct. 13th for 10 weeks. Right Now Media presents the book of Daniel. We will read and study the 12 chapters of Daniel. The movie "Daniel and the Fiery Furnace" is playing in theaters now. During the Jewish exile to Babylon, Daniel and his friend's faith is tested under fire! Come and learn about Daniel and go to the movie with us!

Pastor Siimon Haamer from Tartu Academy in Estonia is back in the states for the Annual Gathering. He will be passing through on his way back from traveling to churches in KS. We will be having pizza with him on Oct. 8th at 5:30 PM. He will give us an update on their progress. Our harvest special offering for Tartu and Home of Hope is on Oct. 11th and 18th. Everyone invited!

Pies for Pastor- Pastor appreciation celebration Oct 11 after service. Please bring pies (or your favorite dessert) to help celebrate Pastor Ann.

Women's annual meeting November 1st right after service.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Oct. 6 - @ 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

@ No bible study for tonight.

Oct. 7 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study.

@ 10:30 AM Communion Sunporch

@ 7:00 PM Youth Cookout

Oct. 8 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

@ 5:30 PM Pizza Party with Pastor Siimon Haamer

Future Date:

Oct. 31st - SCMA is sponsoring a pancake feed and Trunk or Treat at First Christian Church. Mark your calendars!

Sunday, Oct. 11th

Scriptures for 20th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: : Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 36

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Title: "Are You Dressed for the Party?"

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