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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Welcome to Worship :: October 4, 2026— Season After Pentecost

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: For October a new organization will be selected by our council at the next meeting.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a

In Our Prayers

Janet Lowe, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee
Dee Yez, Richard Schlicher, Donna Winbigler,
John Van Kirk

The Bible Says So Bible Study

A Joint Bible study with our friends at First UMC
and Faith Presbyterian

Tuesday at 11 AM at Faith (staring Oct 6)

Thursday at 6:30 PM here at First Lutheran
(starting October 8)

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Confession and Forgiveness
The Peace

Opening Hymn: 625 Come We That Love the Lord

The Word/Prayer

Greeting
Kyrie: ELW Setting 8, page 184-185

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**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 8, page 188

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest, vv 1 and 3

Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 8, page 190

Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 8, page 190

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God", ELW Setting 8, page 191

Distribution

Hymn After Distribution: ELW 652 Built on a Rock

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain ELW 509 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Dismissal

Isaiah 5:1-7

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!

Philippians 3:4b-14

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.

Matthew 21:33-46

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.