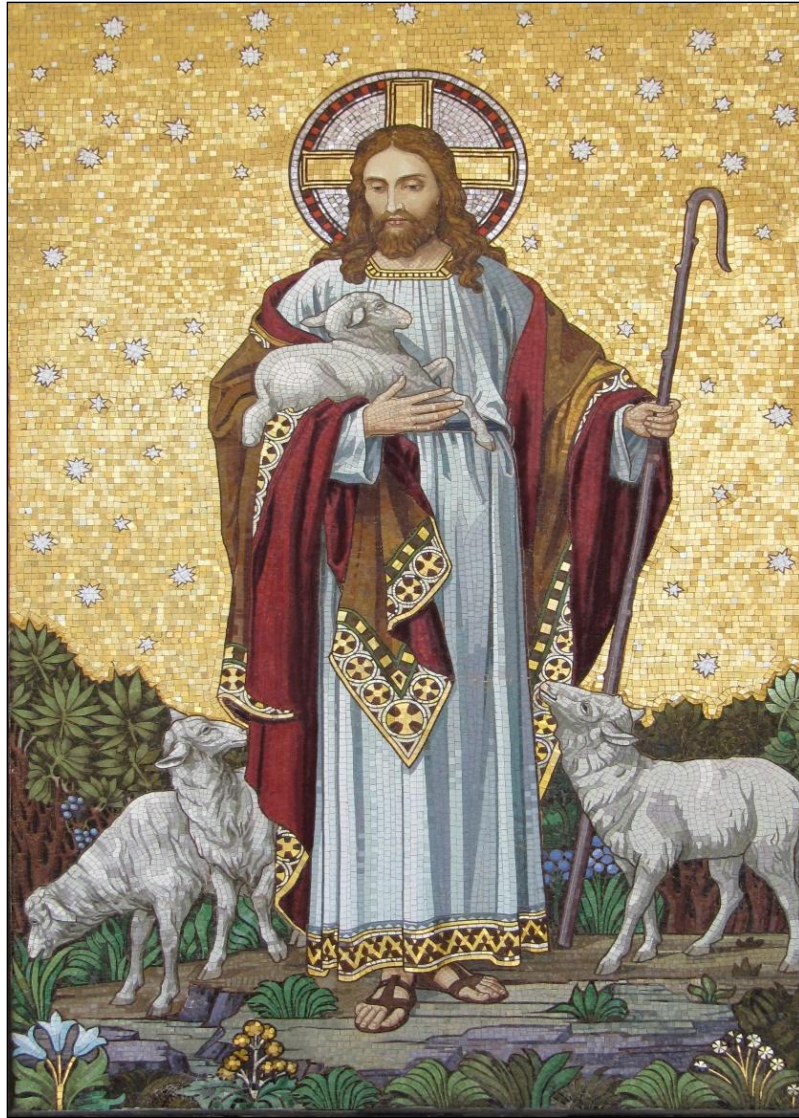




The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

September 27, 2026 10:15AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrating & Preaching: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Greg Cigal

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Lector: Carolynne Cooper

Intercessor: Dave Johnson

The Word of God

Prelude

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. by Marianne Kim

Processional Hymn #686

“Come thou fount of every blessing”

Nettleton

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

“Glory to God”

Gloria a Dios

Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios,
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
glo - ria_a Dios en los cie - los.
glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí,
Peace be to you, peace be to me,
paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra.
peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people remain standing

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (17:1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now

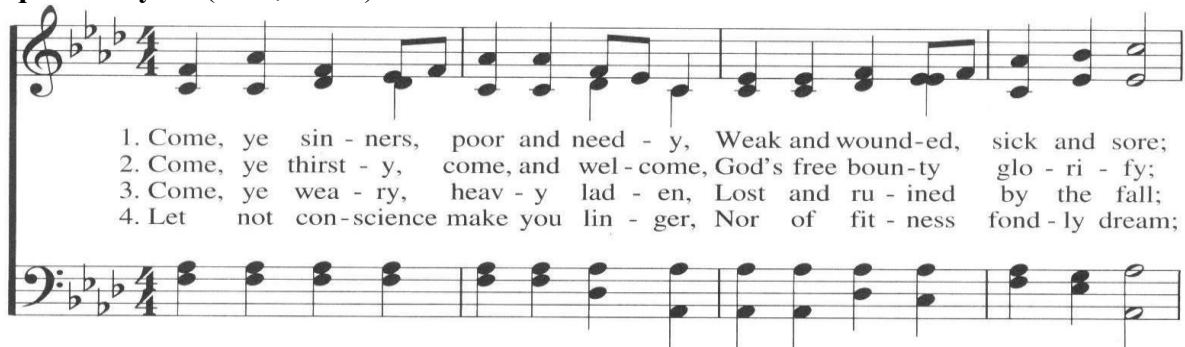
in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

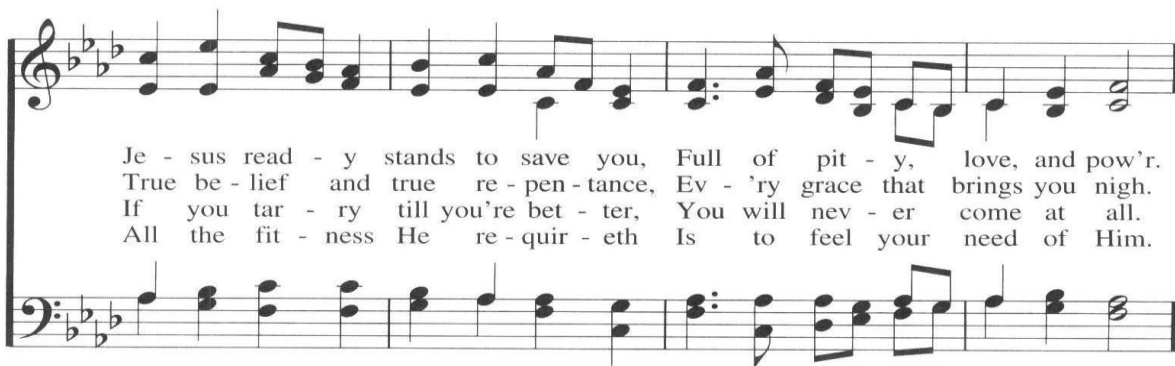
The Sequence Hymn (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

“Come Ye Sinners”

Restoration

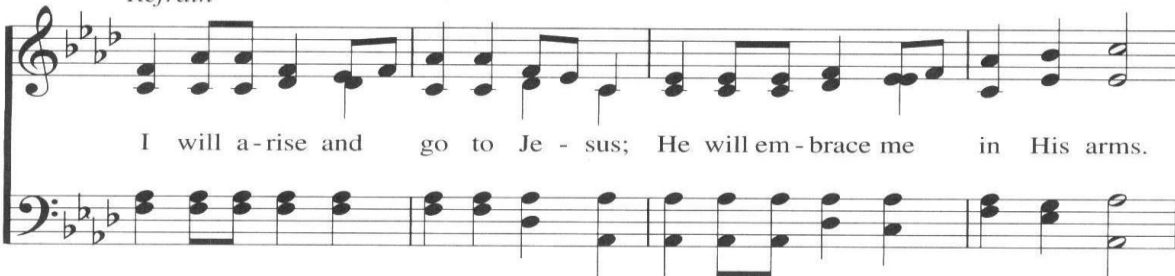


1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun-ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con-science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

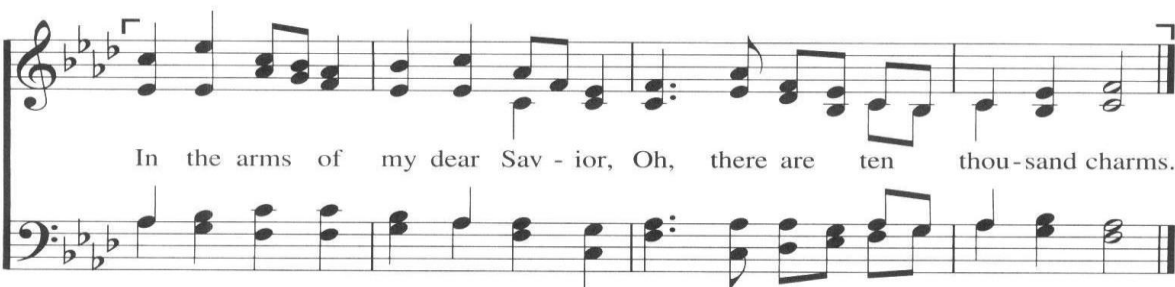


Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him.

Refrain



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em - brace me in His arms.



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, Oh, there are ten thou - sand charms.

Verse 5

*Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,
pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly;
let no other trust intrude.*

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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 worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Please kneel

The Prayers of the People — adapted from Common Worship, Church of England

In faith and hope we pray:

For the Church of God. For all bishops and other ministers; and for all people of God. God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who govern, that peace and justice may prevail. For those who suffer due to violence, poverty, war, or natural disaster; may all in need of refuge find relief and safety. God of compassion,
Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, and the well-being of Creation. God of life,

Hear our prayer.

For this congregation and our communities, that we may be attentive to one another, and responsive to the needs of the world. God of reconciliation,

Hear our prayer.

For all that is graceful in our lives, and of those we love.

(The congregation may add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud here.)

God of joy,

Hear our prayer.

For those entrusted to our prayers, may they live in joy, peace, and health:

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

Victims of war and violence	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Flood Victims	Larry Landrith – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Ann Stevens– healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Marlene Smith - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	John Currey – healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Donovan Burns, Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Mirtala Smith	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Rudi Miksa
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Ben Buskirk	Jeff Alkire
Courtney Rodriguez			

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Music

"I Love the Lord"

arr. by Richard Smallwood

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3)

Old 100th

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.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (Celebrant)

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Mass of Creation

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:
heav-en 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. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

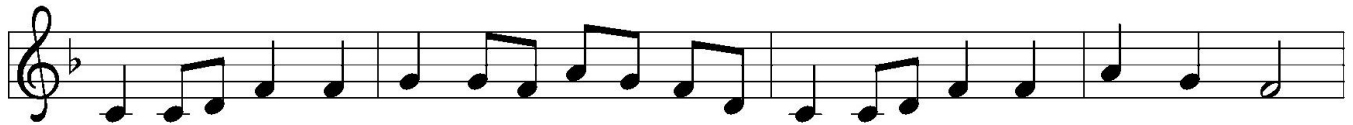
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem (vs. 1 only)

“All who hunger gather gladly”



- 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.***Communion Music**

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

arr. by Vicki Collinsworth

Post Communion Hymn

“Isaiah 43”

Real Key

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

Women: I am the Lord your God

Men: For I am the Lord your God I am the Lord Your

Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God

28 *E^b add9* God _____ *Gm* *C* God

I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31 *Gm* *C* *B^b* *E^b add9* *C* **Women:** Do *F* *F/E* not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Men:** I am the Lord

35 *F/D* *F/C* *B^b* *F/A* *Gm* *C* *F* *F/E* not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 *F/D* *F/C* *B^b* *F/A* *Gm* *C* fear Do not

I am the Lord

After Communion, the Celebrant says:
Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Birthdays: Carolynne Cooper

Closing Hymn #488

“Be Thou my vision”

Slane

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sing 1 time together, first part of round high voices, second mid voices, third low voices)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude

“Go Forth in Faith”

David Paxton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of Almighty God in honor of the birthday of Alan Parks by Sam Church.

Last Sunday Supper – TODAY is the Last Sunday Supper. We begin cooking and set-up at 1PM. All servers need to be here at 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30PM. We welcome and encourage your help as we offer a free meal to our neighbors..

Juliets – Trinity and Good Shepherd Juliets will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 6 PM at the “I Don’t Care” restaurant in Vienna. Ladies, please call Julie at Trinity church by Oct. 6 to make your reservation.

Open Altar Flower dates: Oct. 18 & 25 and Nov. 15. Contact the office with your requests.

Come On In! The door to the office area is now unlocked during office hours since we already have volunteers posted there to help with our food ministries. Whether you are a member, a client or a visitor, you don’t need to push the buzzer for entrance unless the door is locked because our volunteer had to step away. We hope everyone feels even more welcome to stop by.

Bell Tower Work – Phoenix Associates is still working on the Bell Tower repairs – the last part of our Capital Campaign. Pray for no rain for a couple of weeks so they can resume work..

Prayers of the People – We need someone to compose the prayers for the 2nd Sunday of the month for November. We can give you guidance about what to include. We would love to hear the prayers in **your** words.

Rummage Sale – Come find a bargain next Friday or Saturday, 9 AM – 1 PM. All proceeds support our Adopted Families Christmas Gift program.

Please support our ministries



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