

# World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Our Approach to God

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The Call to Worship

God gathers us together and invites us into relationship with him.

**Nothing compares to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.**

In Christ, we have received God’s mercy and grace.

**Our righteousness is not of our own that comes from the law.**

Our righteousness comes from God and is through faith in Christ.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Praise We Come as Guests Invited 517

\*The Call to Confession

The greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself. All the law hangs on these two commandments. Because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sin to God, trusting in Christ as our Savior.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, your law is good, trustworthy, and just. You have instructed us in how we should live and yet so often we think we know better. We don’t follow your ways or honor you with our thoughts, words, and actions. We don’t live in loving relationship with you and others. Too often we think so highly of ourselves that we overlook sin in our lives. Open our eyes that we might repent and be made right with you. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, free us from the bondage of sin. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.**

\*The Hymn This is the Feast of Victory 594

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response Go with Us, Lord 535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude All For Jesus Archer

\* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

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**Liturgist :** Peggy Donaldson  
**Greeter:** Karen Kalina  
**Ushers:** Patty Donahue and Randy Wierda  
**Communion Servers:** Karen Kalina, Samantha Engel, Ginny and Pete Brucker  
**Fellowship Hour Host:** Sandra Rease

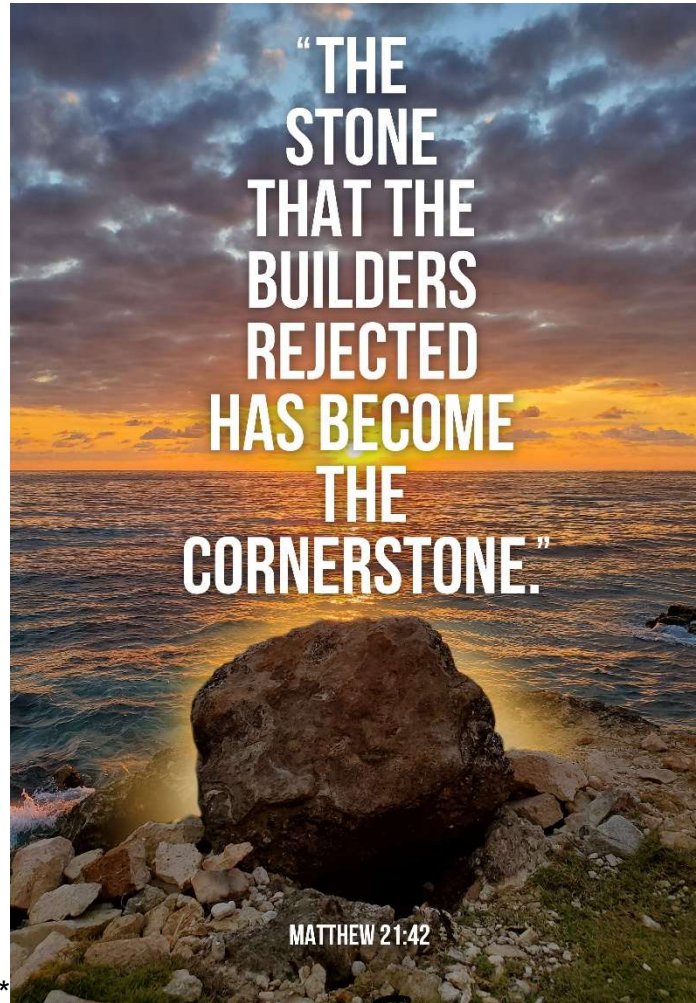
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Our Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Sue Shepherd, who passed away on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Sue’s memorial service will be at the church on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM, visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

The Prelude covered by BWV 654.

The Florence Gilmour Circle will meet Wednesday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30



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*Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians*

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# The Word of God

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The Gospel Reading      Matthew 21: 33-46      page 1407

The Sermon Rev. Michael Hahn

## Our Response to Serve

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| *The Hymn | I Come with Joy | 507 |
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## The Morning Prayers

## The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory                      Here at Thy Table, Lord

### \*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him  
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host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy and right it is...

...We worship and adore your glorious name, saying together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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Most righteous God...

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died.**

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Send your Holy Spirit...

...We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

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**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
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Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

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