



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Paul Koptak*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “In Christ There Is No East or West” *Dale Wood*
Diane Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsive*
Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
The Blessed One is near
Welcoming you, welcoming all.
People: May your grace be known
May your salvation be known
May your ways be known
and embraced throughout the earth.
All: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you

- *OPENING HYMN “Sing Glory to the Name of God” #10
1. Sing glory to the name of God,
Whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves,
The God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 2. The name of God is full of might:
Resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 3. The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still changed by the temple choir.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 4. May God forever be our peace;
May hymns of glory never cease. Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
Sing praise to God, the Three-in-One.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*
Lord, you whose Son did pray that all your children might be one, we come with repentance for the sin of useless division and for the secret vice of pride. We beg forgiveness for harsh judgment, for prejudice nourished as a virtue, for self-will, for scorn of others. Heal us of the sin which keeps us apart. Teach us what it means to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. For all the everyday work of discovering your way and your will for your church, endow us with necessary grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI
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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *from “A Brief Statement of Faith”*
In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Thanks be to God!

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::
And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s command to love and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM “One World, One Communion” *Pepper Choplin*
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-6 *Dave Crane*

SECOND SCRIPTURE
John 13:4-5; 15:5, 8, 14-17; 17:1, 20-23

SERMON “Take Words” Hosea 14:1-9
Rev. Dr. Paul Koptak

HYMN OF PREPARATION (seated) “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name” #510

1. We gather here in Jesus’ name;
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
Come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.
2. He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
Come, share the Lord.
We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.
3. We’ll gather soon where angels sing;
We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
Come, share the Lord.



:: HOLY COMMUNION ::

CALL TO COMMUNION
From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.
All: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.
We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.
All: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.
From the continent of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—
All: We come as one people, gathered in Christ.
Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.
All: Christ welcomes us all.
Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.
All: Christ welcomes us all.
Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.
All: At Christ’s table, there is room for all.
Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.
All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Life up your hearts;
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER, sung
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the king-
dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please come forward to receive the bread and the cup as directed.
The communion bread is gluten-free.*

COMMUNION HYMN, seated From the hymnal, #521
“In Remembrance of Me”

COMMUNION PRAYER
Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Larry Sue
Chimes Quartet

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
***CLOSING HYMN** #317: Vs. 1, 2, and 4
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

1. In Christ there is no east or west
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere,
their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
close binding human kind.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west;
In him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.



***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
“Go In the Grace of the Lord” James Barnard

Go in the Grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
And believe in your heart they are true.
Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

***POSTLUDE** “I Come With Joy” Matthew Corl
Diane Combs

** Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.*



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REV. DR. PAUL KOPTAK – GUEST PREACHER

If you are visiting today, we’re delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for
our Quarterly
COVERED DISH LUNCHEON.