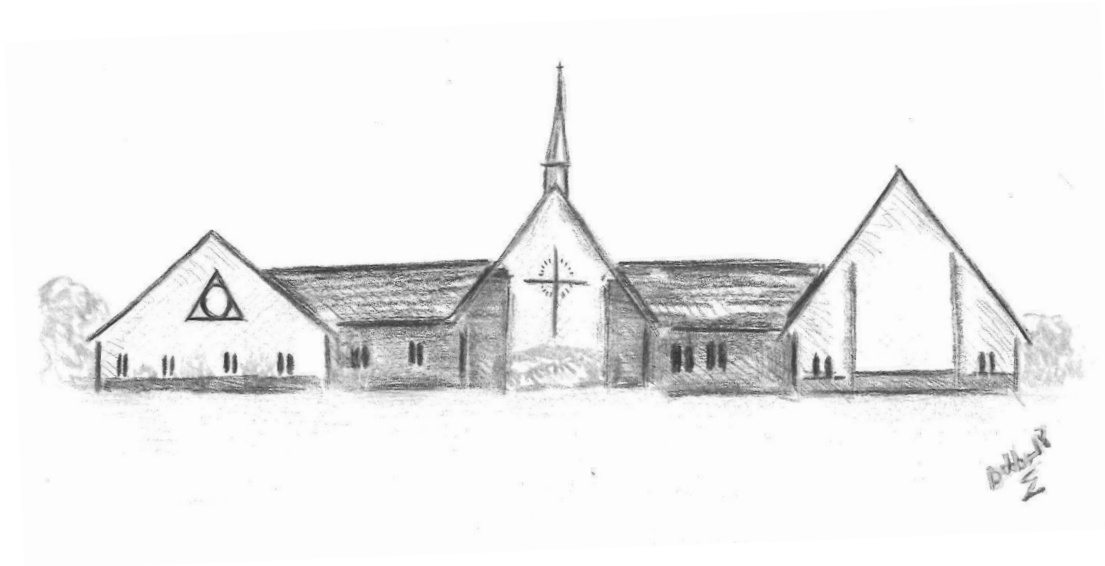


Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 27, 2026



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary by Lynn & David Chialastri.

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

W&P 113

113

Open our eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

ELW 692

We Are an Offering

692

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
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Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING
P M

GREETING

- P** 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- C** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

L ¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

C ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C ⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

L ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

L ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -

lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff contains 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.'. The third staff contains 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -'. The fourth staff contains 'lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, C/E, Gm7, C, C/Bb, F/A, Bb, C, Dm, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F/A, Bb, C, F, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³ 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?” ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ 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. ³² 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

You Are My All In All

Words and Music by
Dennis Jernigan

♩ = 80

VERSE

F

C

Dm Dm⁷

Am

1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

3

Gm⁷

F/C

C⁷

F

C⁷

F

C

seek. You are my all in all. Seek-ing You as a pre-cious
name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me

6

Dm Dm⁷

Am

Gm⁷

F/C

C⁷

B^b/F

F

CHORUS

F

C

jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

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10 Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ F C⁷

Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

13 F C Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ B^b/F F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

L Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joan & Florence.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Karen, Tom, Connie, Debbie, Ed, Emily, Susan, Tessa, Joe, Barry, John, Sharon, Park, Ike, Tony, Alyson, Jim, Gina, Jeff, Nate, Jack, Waine, Georgia, Jim, Leslie, Sally, Carol, Melissa, Julia, Barbara, Chris, Sarah, Steve, Michael, Peggy, Marita, Margie, Heather, Kathy, Natalie, Jolene, Fran, Michelle, Lou, Martha, & Kathy.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Maria, Christina, Justin, & Adam.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one:

The Sweeney Family upon the death of Bill's brother, Mark.

The Kline Family upon the death of Margaret's son-in-law, Barry.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Receive our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

♩=70 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F 7 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F B $\flat$ B $\flat^7$

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F 7 B $\flat$ Gm Gm/E $\flat$ F 1.B $\flat$ 2.E $\flat$ B $\flat$

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

- P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

⁶ Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

¹¹ F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

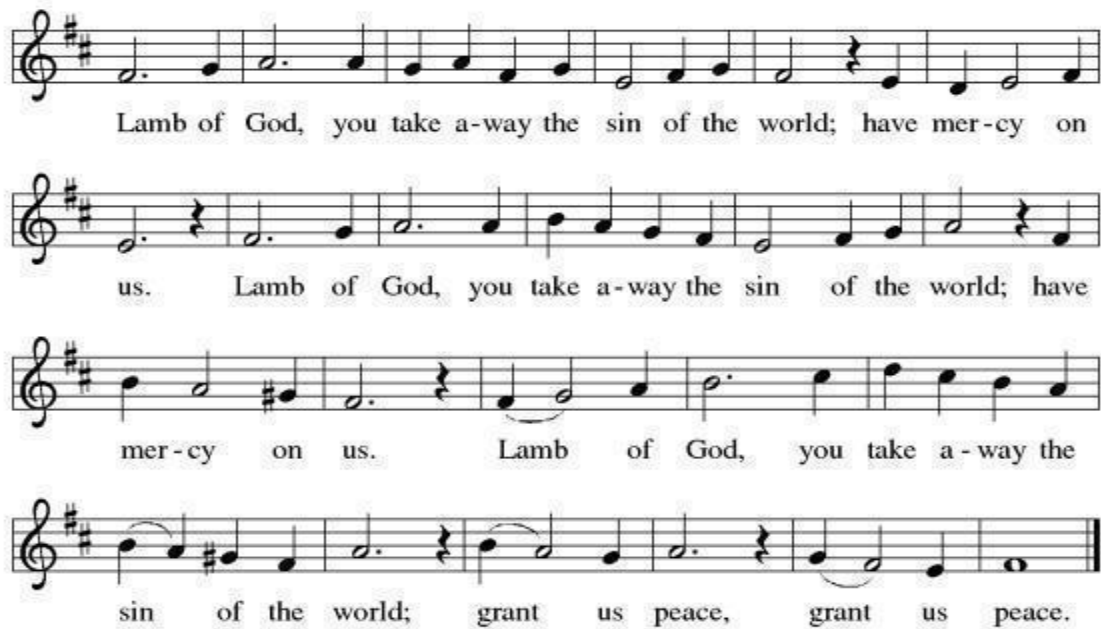
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

UKULELE

FIRST NOTE



YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

WORDS AND MUSIC BY MATT MAHER

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VERSE:

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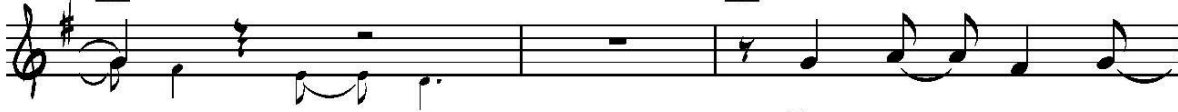


1. GREAT IS ____ YOUR FAITH - FUL - NESS, ____ O GOD. _
2. GREAT IS ____ YOUR LOVE ____ AND JUS - TICE, GOD _

C



3



____ OF JA - COB. You WRES - TLE WITH _
____ You USE ____ THE WEAK _

C



6



____ THE SIN - NER'S REST - LESS HEART. _
____ TO LEAD ____ THE STRONG. _

G



9



You LEAD ____ US BY ____ STILL WA - TERS IN -
You LEAD ____ US IN ____ THE SONG ____ OF YOUR _

C



11



____ TO MER - CY, AND NOTH - ING CAN _
____ SAL - VA - TION, AND ALL ____ YOUR PEO -

Em7



2

14

D C

KEEP US A - PART. } SO RE -
 - PLE SING A - LONG. }

PRE-CHORUS:

17

Am7 G C

MEM - BER YOUR PEO - PLE, RE - MEM - BER YOUR

20

D Em7 D G C

CHIL - DREN, RE - MEM - BER YOUR PROM - ISE, O GOD.

CHORUS:

24

G D Em7

YOUR GRACE IS E - NOUGH, YOUR GRACE IS E - NOUGH, -

To CODA

28

C G D C

YOUR GRACE IS E - NOUGH FOR ME.

32

1. 2. D.S. AL CODA

YOUR

CODA

34

G

FOR ME.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
C Thanks be to God.



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This Week at Trinity

Wednesday September 30

Evening Prayer on Zoom at 7 pm

Thursday October 1

TAG Game Group at 1 pm

Looking Ahead

Saturday October 3

Trinity Health Fair from 9 am to 1 pm

Sunday October 4

Adult Faith Formation in Room 106 at 11:15 am

Tuesday October 6

TAG Book Group meets at 11 am

Wednesday October 7

Juliet's Luncheon at 12 noon. Contact Brenda Aslin to RSVP

Sunday October 11

Special Coffee Hour hosted by Stewardship and Hospitality Committees after worship

Tuesday October 13

- Craftivism Project at 10 am Room 106. Contact Judy Flanigan to RSVP.
- PB & J sandwich making at noon. Bring a loaf of bread.



Serving Sunday 9/27	
Lector	Drina Ditzler
Greeter	Lori Peltier
Communion Assistants	Marilou Doughty & Jen Castor
Ushers	John & Alma Nowmos
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith/Nancy Klein
Building Opener	Alma Nowmos
Altar Guild	Trish Graves
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Lori Peliter, Meg Smith
Serving Sunday 10/4	
Lector	Peter Schell
Greeter	Lynne Schell
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Francesca Burnett
Ushers	Leslie Askonas & Rick Cole
Coffee Hour	Lynn Chialastri & Anne Meibohm
Building Opener	Karl Schafer
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole

