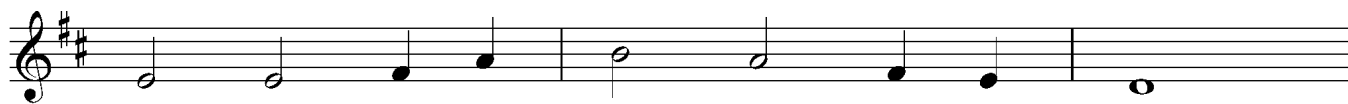


**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Nettleton* (H 686)

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



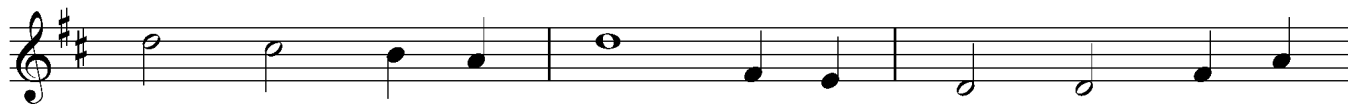
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Lector: *A reading from the book of Exodus*

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?”

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?”

So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me.”

The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, “Is the Lord really with us or not?”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

*We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>1</sup> Listen, my people, to my teaching;  
tilt your ears toward the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **I will open my mouth with a proverb.  
I’ll declare riddles from days long gone—**

<sup>3</sup> ones that we’ve heard and learned about,  
ones that our ancestors told us.

<sup>4</sup> **We won’t hide them from their descendants;  
we’ll tell the next generation  
all about the praise due the Lord and his strength—  
the wondrous works God has done.**

<sup>12</sup> But God performed wonders in their ancestors’ presence—  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

<sup>13</sup> **God split the sea and led them through,  
making the waters stand up like a wall.**

<sup>14</sup> God led them with the cloud by day;  
by the lightning all through the night.

<sup>15</sup> **God split rocks open in the wilderness,  
gave them plenty to drink—  
as if from the deep itself!**

<sup>16</sup> God made streams flow from the rock,  
made water run like rivers.

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

Lector: *A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.*

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,

he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

But he emptied himself

by taking the form of a slave

and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him

and gave him a name above all names,

so that at the name of Jesus everyone

in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

and every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

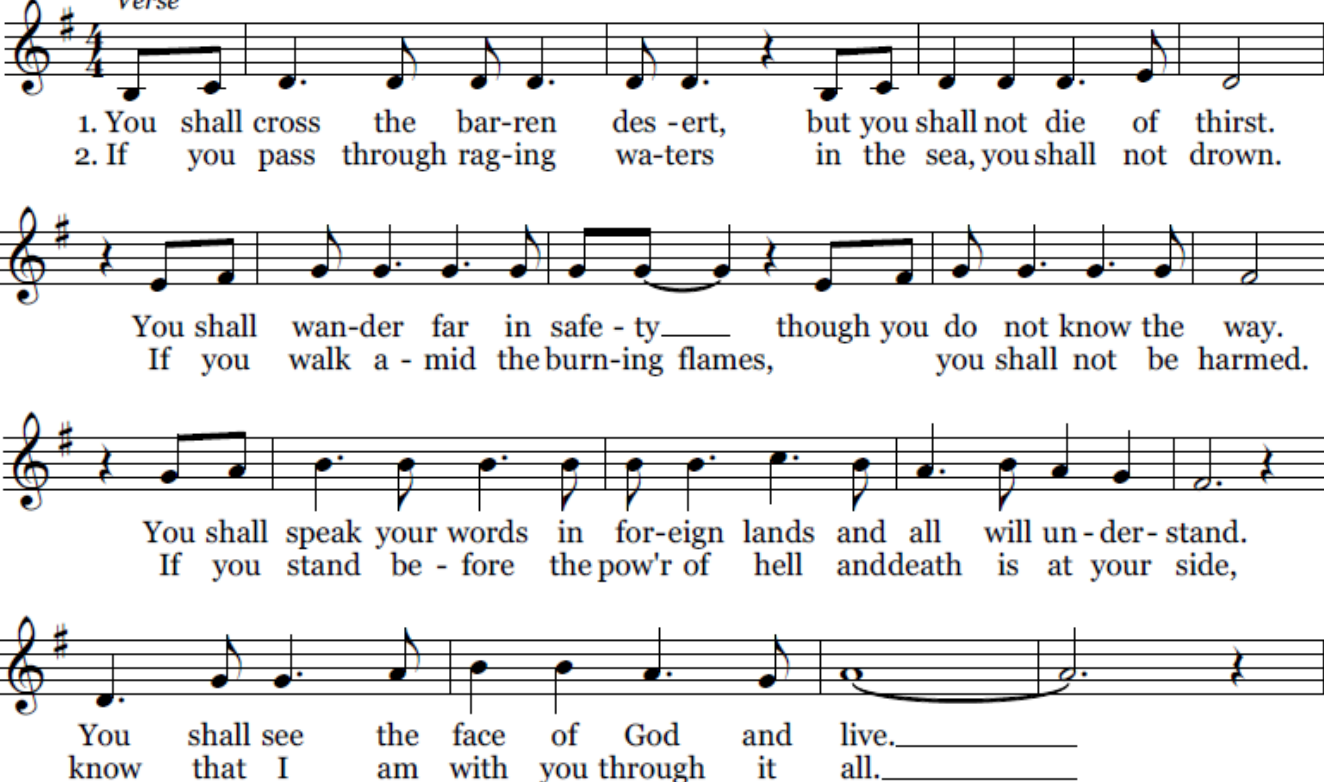
Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## SEQUENCE HYMN: "Be Not Afraid" Bob Dufford

vs. 1 will be sung before the Gospel, vs. 2 will be sung after the Gospel.

*Verse*



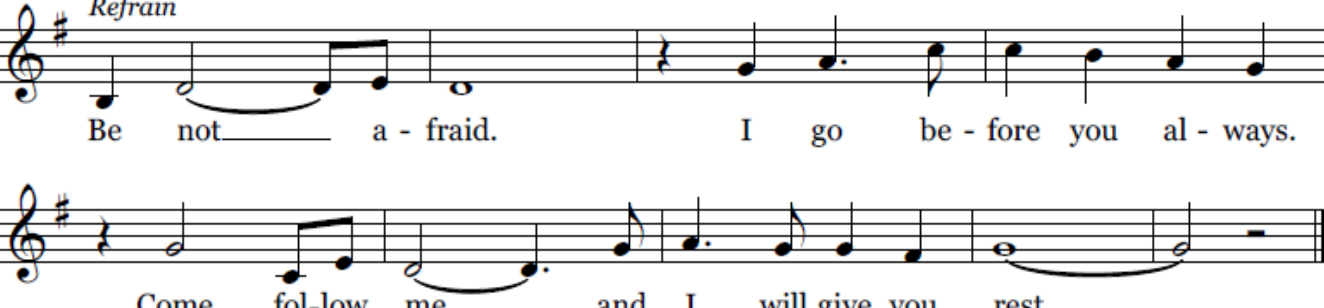
1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown.

You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way.  
If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed.

You shall speak your words in for-earn lands and all will un-der-stand.  
If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

You shall see the face of God and live.  
know that I am with you through it all.

*Refrain*



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways.

Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?"

They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." Then they replied, "We don't know."

Jesus also said to them, “Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

“‘No, I don’t want to,’ he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

“The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, ‘Yes, sir.’ But he didn’t go.

“Which one of these two did his father’s will?”

They said, “The first one.”

Jesus said to them, “I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God’s kingdom ahead of you. For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn’t believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn’t change your hearts and lives and you didn’t believe him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

#### OFFERTORY HYMN: “One Lord” Lori True

*Refrain:*

One Lord, one faith, one call to serve each other.

One heart, one mind, one common ground; we stand all as one.

**SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”** *Mass for the Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson*

(Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly) Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly (Lord\_ God of hosts.)\_ Lord God of hosts,  
 (Heav - en and earth)\_ Hea-ven and earth (are full\_ of your glo - ry.) are full\_ of your glo - ry. (Ho-  
 san na in the high - est!)\_ (Ho - san na in the high - est!)\_ Ho-san-na in the high-est!  
 (Blessed is he who comes) Blessed is he who comes, (in the name of the Lord.) in the name of the Lord, (Ho  
 san-na in the high-est!)\_ (Ho - san-na in the high-est!)\_ Ho-san na in the high est! Ho-san-na in the high est!

**FRACTION HYMN: “Lamb of God”** *Mass for the Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins\_ of the  
 world,\_ have\_ mer - cy on us. *Repeat*  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins\_ of the  
 world,\_ grant\_ us peace.

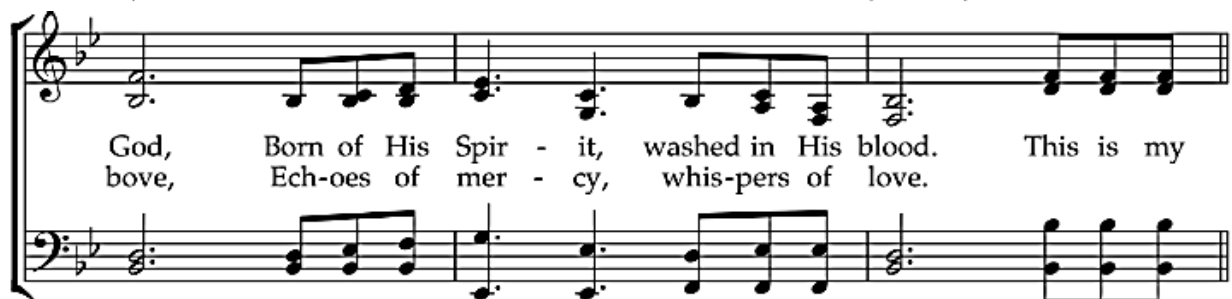
RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" F. Crosby/P.Knapp (LEVAS 184)



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -



God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. This is my  
 bove, Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.



sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long! This is my



sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long!

# Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of September 27, 2026

## *Upcoming Events*

- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Centering Prayer 12:00 pm
- October 1<sup>st</sup> - Preschool Board Meeting 12:30 pm
- October 1<sup>st</sup> - Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dotty Eisenhower Funeral 11:00 am
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service 10:00 am
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - 30 Good Minutes 11:15 am
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Families at 4:00 service 4:00 pm

### **Loudoun Hunger Relief: Hunger Action Month**

September is Hunger Action Month: a time when communities across the country unite to fight hunger and stand with our neighbors in need. Loudoun Hunger Relief provides free emergency groceries to more than 14,000 neighbors each year. Together, we can take action against hunger. Throughout September, we are sharing 30 Days of Action—highlighting simple, practical ways you can get involved. Follow along on our website: <https://loudounhunger.org/> all month long to help ensure no one in Loudoun goes hungry.

### **Sunday Session: Youth Music Hang**

A relaxed, drop-in space for teens ages 12 - 18 to play, sing, and create together - no experience needed. Bring an instrument, a friend, or just yourself and jump into a mix of sacred and secular songs with other music lovers. We'll meet on the **third Sunday of the month; next meeting will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**. Questions or want to get involved? Contact Ginny at [music@sdlife.org](mailto:music@sdlife.org).

## **Families at 4 Worship Service**

Family friendly worship is important. Children are part of our community and are welcome at all the services at St. David's. The Families at 4 service will be held on the first Sunday of each month, the next one to be held **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**. There will be music and movement, liturgy and lessons, storytelling, and songs, fellowship, food and fun. Questions? Please contact Rev. Maureen [mcarey@sdlife.org](mailto:mcarey@sdlife.org)

### **2026 Family Service Schedule:**

October 4<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the Animals

November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints

December 6<sup>th</sup> - School Christmas Tree Lighting

### **Baking with the Bible**

Baking with the Bible takes place the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4pm via St. David's Face Book Live. Each month we explore a bible story with hands on learning through baking, always making enough to share with your neighbors, always remembering to love one another as Jesus loves us. You can also access the link on the website [www.sdlife.org](http://www.sdlife.org) and on You Tube. The first story will take place on September 30th, and we'll be baking M&M Cookies and talking about Sharing with Others

*"And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

*Hebrews 13:16.*

Reading the book: God's Love is a Warm Cookie by Susan Jones

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## ***Prayer List***

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for the deceased, and our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children. Loving God, we pray for all those who continue to be affected by civil unrest and natural disasters in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.