

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.**

***Please note that this service is livestreamed
and you may be recorded on video***

GATHERING

PRELUDES

IV. Netzach - Angel of Eternity (from Angelsong)

G. SHOCKER

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

H. WILLAN

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, Our songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise!
God makes the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.*

*God makes the clouds drop fatness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The Valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase;
And crowns the year with goodness, With plenty, and with peace.*

*Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all, for all.*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Steven Johnson

** You are invited to stand.*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*As music begins, please turn and face the Processional Cross.*

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

*GREETING

Pastor Susan Scott

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good.

**Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right,
 and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

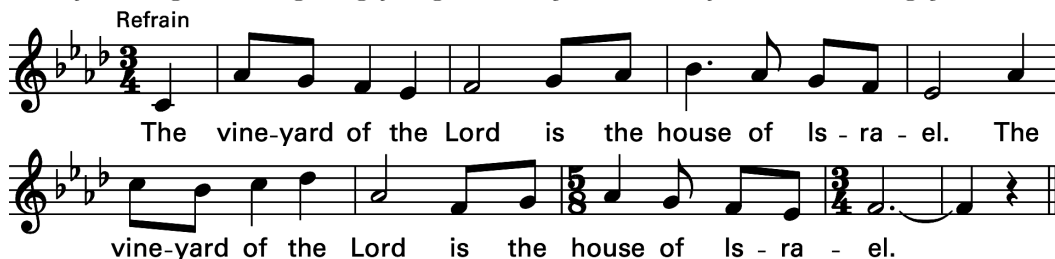
PSALM 80

The Vineyard of the Lord

K. KEIL

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.

Refrain



The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el. The
vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.

Verses A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. **Refrain**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
the boar from the forest lays its waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? **Refrain**

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made
strong. **Refrain**

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your
name. O Lord, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be
saved. **Refrain**

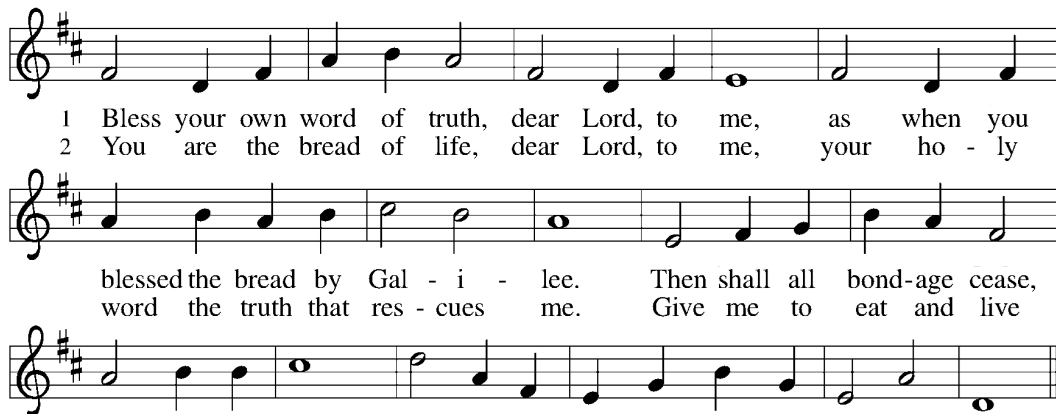
LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Break Now the Bread of Life*Verse 1*

1 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
2 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death,
revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Break Now the Bread of Life

See previous, verse 2

FIRST GLANCE

Jeremy Kaetzel

SERMON

Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to scan the QR codes located in the pews in front of you and leave an online offering, or you can leave any tithe, offering or connection cards in the collection plates as they are passed around, or any located near the exits.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Kelvingrose

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH

ARR. S. O'MEARA

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and 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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. All your works in heaven and on earth proclaim your glory.

You reveal your steadfast love throughout all generations. In covenant with our ancestors in Eden and in exile, in the Promised Land and throughout all lands, you demonstrate your abounding grace.

Long ago you spoke to us by your prophets, but now in these last days you have spoken to us by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh for our salvation.

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.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of your Son Jesus, whose coming again in glory we await.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed by your presence with us, among us, and within us.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Through your Spirit, we pray together as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

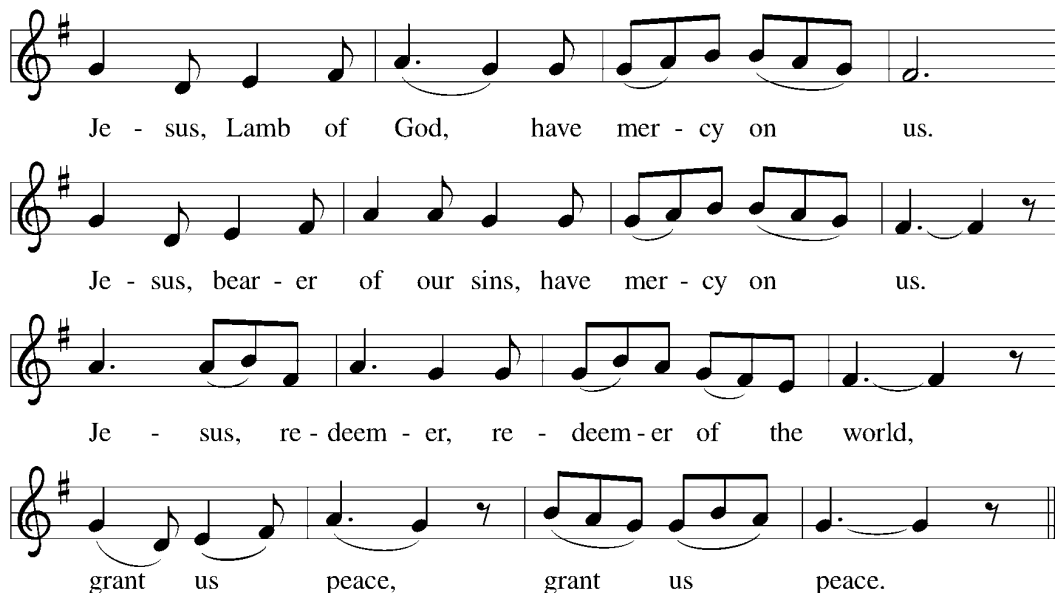
We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

ELW HYMN 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Rhosymedre (or "Lovely")

R. VAUGHN WILLIAMS

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.*

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Here must I stay and sing, no story so divine!

Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.

This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

I all my days could gladly spend!

I all my days could gladly spend!

The Church's One Foundation

ELW HYMN 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN

SICILIAN MARINERS

ELW HYMN 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



Christ is made _ the _ sure foun-da - tion, Christ, our head and _ cor - ner-stone,
To this tem - ple, _ where we call _ you, come, O Lord of _ hosts, and stay;
Here be - stow _ on _ all your ser - vants what they seek from _ you to gain;
Praise and hon - or _ to the Fa - ther, praise and hon-or _ to the Son,

cho - sen of _ the _ Lord and pre - cious, bind-ing all the _ church in one;
come with all _ your _ lov - ing kind-ness, hear your peo - ple _ as they pray;
what they gain _ from _ you, for - e - ver with the bless-ed _ to re - tain;
praise and hon - or _ to the Spir - it, ev - er three and _ ev - er one:

ho - ly _ Zi - on's help _ for - ev - er and _ our _ con - fi - dence a-lone.
and _ your _ full - est be - ne - dic-tion shed _ with - in _ these _ walls to - day.
and _ here - af - ter in _ your _ glo - ry ev - er - more _ with _ you to reign.
one _ in _ might and one _ in _ glo - ry while _ un - end - ing _ a - ges run!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor (BWV 558b)

J. S. BACH

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

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Helen Disho, Lauren Kelley, Lora Rodriguez

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Announcements	Steven Johnson
Presider	Pastor Susan Scott
Preacher	Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen
Assisting Minister	Ross Thompson
Lector	Ingrid Garland
First Glance	Jeremy Kaetzel
Organ	Elie Wu
Piano	Steven Johnson
Harp	Dr. Jacquelyn Venter
Flute	Bill Damian
Choirs of St. John's	
Cantors in Rotation	Alice Anderson, Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Alex Mallari, Eric Malme, Taylor Metts-Houston, Heather Mercer, Kitty Oppliger, Eliseo Paniagua, Rob Sawyer, Jessica Vargas
Accompaniers	K.D. Farrell
Altar Guild	Anne Smith, Jennifer Ehrhardt
Eucharistic Servers	Gregory Favre, Ingrid Garland, Lynne Gilbertson
Greeters	Mark Carlson, Anne Smith
Ushers	Linda Baldwin, Terry & Barbara Battnberg
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Melody Struckmann
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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October Young Adult Pumpkin Carving & Decorating
Thursday, October 8th | 6 p.m. | Oehler Hall

Young Adults in their 20s and 30s will gather in Oehler Hall at St. John's for fall festivities! Come watch a fun Halloween movie and carve or paint pumpkins. Bring a fun fall treat to share, kids always welcome!

- Truth Matters: How a Bible Mistranslation Shifted a Culture
Saturday, October 10th | Carmichael Presbyterian Church

LGBTQ+ advocate and author Kathy Baldock will lead a day of learning and discussion about how the term "homosexuality" was incorrectly included in a Bible translation, and how that single decision reshaped church teaching, family relationships and countless communities across multiple generations. RSVP online!

- October LLL Book Club
Thursday, October 15th | 11 a.m. | St. John's Library

Come gather with the LLL Book Club to discuss *This Changes Everything: A Surprisingly Funny Story About Race, Cancer, Faith, and Other Things We Don't Talk About* by Tyler Merritt.

- 3rd Annual Community Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 24th | 4-7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church

A family-friendly festival with live music and remarkable Sacramento vendors - admission is free, food and drinks (non-alcoholic included) will be available for purchase.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Sunday School season is here! Youth ages 3 - 18 are invited to gather in various classrooms throughout campus for age-specific Sunday School. Not sure what classroom your child(ren) belongs in? Connect with Jeremy Kaetzel!

- November Ballot Propositions Class | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Election season is right around the corner, and we're fortunate to welcome Regina Banks, Executive Director of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California to talk Propositions! Regina will review Propositions that will show up on our ballot, from a faith perspective.

- Direct Services & Order of St. John's Trainings | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall/Youth Room

This training is for volunteers who currently serve—or are interested in getting involved—in the Pilgrimage Meal, Tuesday Midtown HART Respite, Afternoon Snack Stop, or Community Thanksgiving Meal. Additionally, middle and high schoolers are welcome to attend this Order of St. John training! Lunch will be provided at both trainings.