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 our duty, our joy and our delight to give thanks and praise to you our heavenly Father who sent your Son into the world to live for us and to set an example of how to live for and to serve other people. We give you thanks for the life that Jesus lived. We also give you thanks for Jesus' willingness to go to the cross for us to forgive us of those times when we fail to live as you have called us to live. We know that Jesus did not stay in the grave. He rose from the dead to overcome every enemy of this life. Through his resurrection, we are ensured that one day we will live in your presence. Trusting in this promise, we join in this meal that gives us a foretaste of the great feast to come.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer:
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.

Invitation to Communion:
P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: ***O Jesus, I Have Promised*** **ELW #810**

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer:
P: Let us pray.
C: 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.

Blessing
P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
C: Amen
P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
C: Amen
P: The God of grace ✢ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: ***The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*** **ELW #538**

Dismissal
P: Go out in joy. Share the Good News of Jesus with everyone you meet!
C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, October 18th, 2026; 9:30 am Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness
P: We come before our God as children who have been named and claimed in the waters of baptism in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: We come as broken people. We are wounded. We are hurting. God promises to give us full forgiveness and restoration through his Son. Trusting in this promise, we confess our sins to God.
(Silence for self-reflection)
P: Merciful God,
C: We have not lived the lives you have created and called us to live. When other people have been hurting, we have ignored their cries for help. When other people need love, we have judged them just as harshly as anyone else in the world has judged them. When other people have needed us, we have turned our backs hoping someone else would reach out to give them what we need. We ask you to forgive our failures. We ask you to forgive our sins. We ask you to help us to live the lives you have created and called us to live. We do not ask this on our own. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
P: God has heard your cry for mercy and forgiveness. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins have been completely forgiven. You are washed clean and made new every day through the waters of baptism. Live in this good news!
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ***Beautiful Savior*** **ELW #838**

Blessing:
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Call to Worship **Psalm 99**
P: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
C: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
P: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
C: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

P: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
C: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
P: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.
C: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
P: the stock that your right hand planted.

Prayer of the Day:
P: Let us pray.
C: God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-15 Susan Johannsen

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the
officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the
Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the
Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through
all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave
Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 Then I sent Moses and
Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. 6 When I brought your
ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and
horsemen to the Red Sea.[a] 7 When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and
made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the
wilderness a long time. 8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the
Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I
destroyed them before you. 9 Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and
invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I
rescued you out of his hand. 11 When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought
against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and
the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. 12 I sent swarms of hornets[b] ahead of you that drove out before you
the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you had
not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards
that you did not plant. 14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away
the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling
to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region
beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we
will serve the Lord."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our
Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired from the Holy
Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord
has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become
known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among
you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Change My Heart, O God*** **ELW #801**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:8-10

(After the reading is announced: ***C: Glory to you, O Lord.)***

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their
glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus
said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the *Lord.* ***C: Praise to you, O Christ.)***

Children's Message **Pastor Josh Schunk**

Sermon **Pastor Josh Schunk**

Hymn of the Day: ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** **ELW #733**

Nicene Creed:
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: ***Take My Life, That I May Be*** **ELW #685**

Offertory Prayer:
P: Let us pray.
C: Generous God, you shower us with blessings every single day of our lives. When we think we are in need, you give us more than we could ever expect or desire. Help us to be as generous as you in sharing what you have given to us with the church and with the world in order to give praise and glory to you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion:
P: The Lord be with you.