

October 5, 2025; 9:00 am
World Communion Sunday

We Gather Together

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

Prelude: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship. As the Light of Christ symbolically enters this worship space, we are reminded of God's presence in our lives, calling us to be a reflection of the light of Christ in all we do and say. The 9:00 a.m. bell toll reminds us of God's call to pause from our busy lives and turn our full attention to the joyful praise of God's glory.

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

Bless God's Holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget God's benefits,

who forgives all our iniquity,

who heals all our diseases,

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

who redeems our life,

who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

who satisfies us with good as long as we live

so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord.

*** Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, amen.

***Hymn: GTG 340 “This is My Song”**

***Call to Confession**

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus Christ came to save sinners. We confess in the sure and certain knowledge that God’s grace overflowed to us while we were yet sinners. In confidence let us confess our sins before God and one another:

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us, O Lord. **Forgive us for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***Sharing God’s Peace**

Hear these instructions from Ephesians 4:32: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close.)

***Hymn: GTG 647 "Give Thanks"**

We will sing it first in English, then in Spanish, then the chorus in English.

Recognition of 50-Year Members

Nancy H., Nancy P., and Kim S.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 37:1-9 (Common English Bible)

page 510 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 691 (CEB)

Don't get upset over evildoers;
don't be jealous of those who do wrong,
because they will fade fast, like grass;
they will wither like green vegetables.

**Trust the Lord and do good;
live in the land, and farm faithfulness.**

Enjoy the Lord,
and he will give what your heart asks.

**Commit your way to the Lord!
Trust him! He will act
and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
your justice like high noon.**

Be still before the Lord,
and wait for him.

**Don't get upset when someone gets ahead—
someone who invents evil schemes.**

Let go of anger and leave rage behind!
Don't get upset—it will only lead to evil.

**Because evildoers will be eliminated,
but those who hope in the Lord—
they will possess the land.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10 (Common English Bible)

page 80 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1274 (CEB)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

Children's Time

Sermon: "Authentic Faith"

***Hymn: GTG 298** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" – vs. 1, 4 & 5

We Respond to God's Word

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We 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 again to judge the living and the dead. We 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.

** The word "catholic" means "relating to the church universal"*

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: GTG 598 "Amen, We Praise Your Name"

We will sing this first in English, and then in Xhosa. The Xhosa translation is printed below the English lyrics in the hymnal.

***Offertory: TPH 593 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

On the Lord's Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church's table. This is the Lord's table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. Christ invites us: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37-38) All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

... Joining our voices with those from around the world, we pray as you taught us, saying...

The 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution)

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Salvation

Music during communion: "Were You There?" & "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross with In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

PRAYER OF THANKS

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Sending Song "He Reigns"**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

Postlude: “He Reigns”

Keep In Prayer

Arnold L.	Jesse F	Mike F
Avril N. *(Pretorius friend)	Joan S	Mike A. *(Kristina BIL)
Bill K	Jodi A	Paige T
Brian C	Joyce J	Pat D
Brian M. *	Liam A	Pat M. * (Bonnie H. sister)
Chastity G	Lindsay J. *(Bill/Mary daughter)	Paul W
Corinne C	Lynn K. *	Pete D
Dick S	Lynn M	Qualine S. *(Jodi A. mom)
Elias B. *(Laurie C grandson)	Marcie J. * (Carol S. friend)	Sherry M
Gib D	Mark M. * (Cheryl W BIL)	Steven B. *(Kevin B. nephew)
Jack K. * (Jolene's BIL)	Mary C-A*	Susan & Arnie R*(John C. sister/bil)
James P. *	Mike P	

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in pray.

Today’s Guest Musician: Kristina Arellano

Kristina Arellano was born and raised in Fond du Lac. She has a B.A. in Church Music from North Central University and an M.A. in Ethnomusicology, with an emphasis on global worship, from Bethel University. She owns a private teaching studio called Paige School of Music and is about to publish her own piano method called *The Dynamic Pianist*. Kristina has accompanied a variety of groups including churches, schools, weddings, choirs, and small ensembles.

While the Personnel Team is searching for our next Music and Worship Director, we are blessed to have several musicians filling in. Please welcome each one of them as we experience a variety of music leadership styles God is providing through them.

Thank you to the following people for leading worship today:

Liturgist: Carol W.

Cantor: Nancy P.

Pianist: Kristina A.

Drums: Dan B.

Guitar: Becky F.

Vocalists: Kristina A. Pedro A.

Becky F. Gerhard P. Elfrieda P.

Children's Moment: Jennifer Z.

Audio/Video: Deb C. & Kim B.

Designer: Deb C.

Communion Servers:

Deacon Judy D.

Deacon Kim M.

Deacon Jolene S.

Deacon Phyllis M.

Elder Joanne M.

Elder Todd H.

Elder Danielle P.

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help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Individuals in Person: 87

Zoom Households: 11

DATE	INCOME	NOTES
09/28/2025	\$ 909.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 140.00	Special Offerings
9/22-26/25	\$1200.00	Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings
	\$10.00	Vanco Special Offerings
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	\$2259.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

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11:30-12:30pm

6:00-7:30pm

October 5-World Communion Day

Worship-50 Year Member Celebration

Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussions-In the Parlor

Learning Team Meeting

Boy Scout Troop 702 mtg

Monday

11:00-12:30am

October 6

Staff Meeting in the Office

Tuesday

6:00-6:30pm

6:30-8:00pm

7:00-9:15pm

October 7

Nominating Committee

Deacon Meeting

South Shore Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

5:30-7:30pm

October 8

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Women in Faith

Thursday

5:15-6:00pm

6:00-8:00pm

October 9

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Grief Share-In the Parlor

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

6:00-7:30pm

October 12

Worship in the Sanctuary

Growing Connections-Spams & Scams (FdL Sheriff's Dep)

Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

Boy Scout Troop 702 mtg

Looking Ahead

Breast Cancer Awareness-Lisa Michels (APNP)

Bible Sunday

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 19

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Sunday, Oct. 26

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