

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ring of the Church Bell

Welcome

Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

***Call to Worship - Read Responsively**

We gather with hope in our hearts.

For something that happens here that teaches us God is present.

We know this place is sacred.

For something happens here that teaches us God is our center.

We gather with joy and praise.

For something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Eternal one, Your breath gives life. Your hands paint the skies, Your love brings freedom, and Your kingdom will endure beyond all generations to the ends of the earth. Let our mouths proclaim Your praise and our hearts dwell on You alone, that we may shout Hallelujah to our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

***Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate God, **we confess to You all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In Your mercy, call us back to You. Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in Your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus says, "Come to me, you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

***Response: #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose life has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Moment for Children

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stone and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul the decrees of the Lord are sure making wise the simple;

8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-45

33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. 38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes? 43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Sermon

***Hymn #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

***The Apostle's Creed:** (page 35 in hymnal)

Quentin Markfort

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the Church

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and all those who live in it. Freely you have received, freely give.

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God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received
Offertory

*Responsive Hymn: #647 “Give Thanks”

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
2 And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #547 “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand in body or spirit.
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Quentin’s Office Days: Monday - Thursday
Tina’s Office Hours: Tue & Thur: 11 am- 2 pm, Fri: 8 am- 2pm

October Ushers: Head Usher: Shannon Sweetman
Usher: Nathan, Valerie & Claire Stephens, Tony, Molly & AJ Miller, Julie Rienstra

October Communion Servers (Oct. 11): Head Server: Nathan Stephens, Stephanie Klavetter, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Shannon Sweetman, Adrienne Danielson, Bruce Tiffany

October Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany
Today’s Greeter: Nick & Katherine Brozek

October Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Sonya Alexander
November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King
December Money Counters: Bob Alexander, Laura Kohler

Coat Drive ~ The Deacons are partnering with our local school district to help keep children and families warm this winter. We're collecting **new or gently used coats** (sizes 4T through adult small) **now through October 25!**. Donations can be dropped off in the large box in the south entryway of the church. Coats will be delivered to the elementary school on October 26 and shared with those in need.
Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community! ~ The Deacons

Weekend Food Bag Extras Needed ~ We are seeking donations of extra items for our Weekend Food Bag Program. Every other week, these bags are sent home with students at Redwood Valley Elementary School who may need a little extra food support over the weekend.

Suggested Items: Shells & Cheese, Uncle Ben's or Knorr Rice Pouches, Ramen Noodles (Beef or Chicken), Chocolate Chip Granola Bars, Applesauce Pouches or Cups, Fruit Cups, Individual Mac & Cheese Cups, Oatmeal Packets, Crackers and Peanut Butter Packs, Fruit Snacks, Goldfish Crackers, Breakfast Bars

Please leave donations on the pew in the hallway by the kitchen. Thank you for helping care for children and families in our community. Your generosity makes a difference, one bag at a time.

Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead	
Sunday, October 4:	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship
Monday, October 5:	3:00 pm: Bible Study 5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church
Wednesday, October 7:	Office Hours: 11 am-2 pm 9:00 am: Piecemakers 4-5:15 pm: Youth Club
Thursday, October 8:	Church Office Closed
Sunday, September 11:	9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Choir Practice 10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion Following Worship: Friendship Dinner/Session Meeting Packing Weekend Food Bags: Brozek Family

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...
Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

Pray for The Following

For Prayers: Please contact the Prayer Chain: Char Gilland @ 507- 640 - 0210

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

This week's Birthdays: 6th: Marlys Verdoes, 7th: Rosie Venable

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Jim Curtis, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister*

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.