

Service of Holy Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026



INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin to God.

The congregation sits or kneels. Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Freely receive this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Thy Word is a Lamp

W&P 144

(printed in back)

THE GREETING

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

C. And also with you.

KYRIE

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

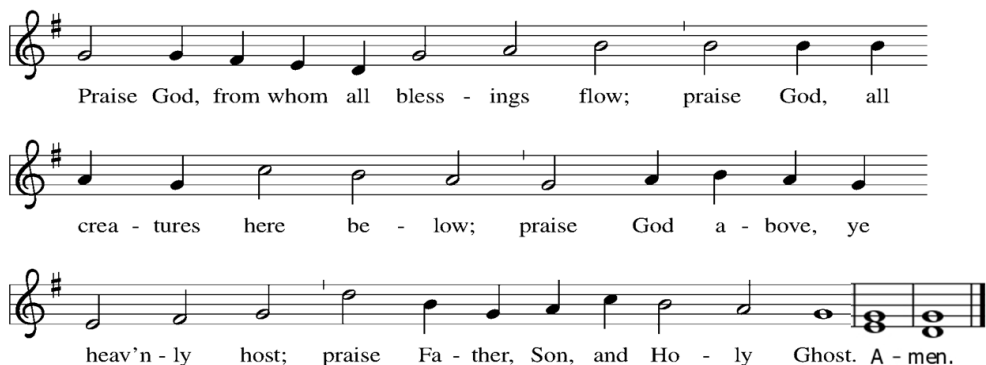
A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.**

Congregation is seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
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.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ 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?

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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!

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15 (*read responsively*)

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard

them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A. Word of God, word of life.

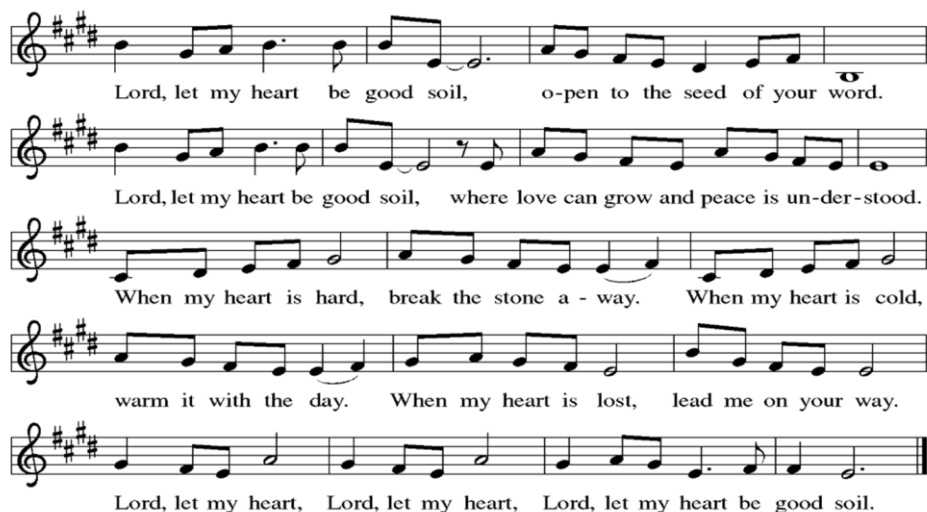
C. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Children & Youth are invited forward for a special sermon time with Pastor Peggy.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated

SERMON

Fruit of the Vine

Congregation stands

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I 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 to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world. *A brief silence.*

A. God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A. God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation, especially St. Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A. God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A. God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering especially... those we name aloud... and those we hold in our hearts... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A. God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith, especially in our Sunday School and Adult Education ministries. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A. God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Congregation is seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

Redeemed

Stone & Ferguson

MEAL

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Congregation stands

OFFERTORY SONG

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. 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.**

DIALOGUE & PREFACE OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

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 right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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: *(Sing 2x—English 1st time; Spanish 2nd time)*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Congregation is seated

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to Communion this morning. Please come forward, guided by the Ushers, to receive the bread and wine. Children are invited to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free and traditional wafers are available, please note this to Pastor Peggy when you come up. The bread is dairy and egg free. Grape juice is available in the second communion plate. As you return to your seat via the side aisles you can place your empty cup in the baskets on either side.

P. Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION SONG

Refrain

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Bass/Tenor) in G major (one sharp). The first system is the Refrain, consisting of two lines of music. The lyrics for the Refrain are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger." The second system consists of two lines of music. The lyrics for the second system are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and harmonic accompaniment.

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After all have received Communion the congregation stands.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. 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

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

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595

DISMISSAL

A. Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace.

C. Thanks be to God.

Announcements for October 4, 2026

***Welcome** to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church. May you experience the joy of God’s presence in our worship!*

*If today is your **first time** worshipping at Holy Counselor, please be sure to fill out the “Guest Book” on the table in the narthex and **take a welcome bag**. Please ask our ushers any questions you may have regarding worship this morning. **Large print bulletins are available.***

*The **Pray-ground** is a special place to help **support kids and families** in worshipping. We love the sound of kids in worship! God made kids wiggly and curious, and we celebrate that here. **Tips:** explain, participate, and move around together. Need to leave? No problem, but please come back!*

Worship is live streamed** to our church Facebook page, but the camera is pointed away during Communion and is not on the children when they come forward during A Time for the Child in Us All. **Anyone on the altar is on camera.

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***Altar flowers are in honor of James Abrea’s birthday,  
from Claire Speroni***

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Volunteers for Today’s Worship

Lay Asst.	Dawn McCormick
Ushers	Janet Beach & Jeanne Vonoesen
Comm. Asst.	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Tech	Fred Schoenagel
Tellers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Refreshments	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

Volunteers Scheduled for Next Sunday

Lay Asst.	Nancy Knecht
Ushers	-----

******* Join us for refreshments after worship*******

THIS WEEK AT HOLY COUNSELOR

Sunday, October 4: Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am

Worship w/Communion, 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal following worship

Stop the Bleed & AED Training, 11am

Tuesday, October 6: Pastor's Comm. Office Hours, Tuscan Café,

Warwick, 12:30-2:30pm

Blessing of the Animals, 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 7: Adult Ed, [Zoom](#), 10:00am

Thursday, October 8: Cluster Mental Health Study, [Zoom](#), 7-8pm

Saturday, October 10: Sisters in Prayer, [Zoom](#), 8:30am

Sunday, October 11: Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am

Worship w/Communion, 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal following worship

New Member Inquiry Class, 11:00am

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**Over the next several weeks our congregation will be focusing on financial stewardship for 2027.** We will reflect on the theme "Because of God's Love..." and the many ministries of Holy Counselor that are possible because of your generosity.

**On Generosity Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>,** each friend and member of HCLC will be **invited to submit an intent card** as we pray over our intentions for the coming year. As you hear people provide their Generosity Impact Moments during worship in the coming weeks, **we ask you to do two things:**

- **First,** to prayerfully discern either **making your first intent** to HCLC, **or** if you've done so in the past, to **increase your giving** by 1 or 2% of your household income.
- **Second,** consider **making your gifts using Tithely or Venmo** to help the church with sustained giving. We can help you set this up—just let the church office know!

**Every gift makes a difference in the life of the church and our ministry together! Because of God's Love...joy abounds and community thrives!**

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Stop The Bleed & AED Training: After worship **TODAY, Sunday, October 4th from 11am-12:30pm** we will have an AED training and Stop the Bleed class led by Claire Speroni's husband, Dale. He has been an EMT in Vernon for over 12 years and is graciously volunteering his time to offer this training for us. All are welcome, however **anyone who regularly cooks at church, works with kids, or is an active leader in the congregation (ushers, council members, etc.) is highly encouraged to attend.** Let's help keep everyone safe and healthy together!

Pastor's Community Office Hours: Pastor Peggy will be at **Tuscan Café** in Warwick, **THIS Tuesday, October 6th from 12:30-2:30pm**, as well as October 27th, for Community Office Hours. All are welcome to visit as she is present in the community.

Blessing of the Animals: Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be **THIS Tuesday, October 6th at 6pm on the church front lawn.** Invite anyone with a pet! Please bring your leashed or crated pet, or their picture for a blessing. **All are welcome** to join us for this brief gathering, even if you don't have an animal but want to spread God's love through pets and smiles.

Cluster-wide Mental Health Study-begins this week: Our cluster-wide study series resumes this fall with 4 sessions called: **Mental Health & Radical Hospitality.** The group will meet on **Zoom from 7-8pm on Thursdays, October 8th-29th.** All are welcome to participate. Reach out to Pastor Peggy with any questions.

New Member Inquiry Class: Pastor Peggy will be offering a New Members Inquiry class **NEXT Sunday, October 11th after worship at 11am.** **Anyone interested** in learning more about the church, how we work, and what we do is invited to attend. After attending the class, you can decide if joining as a member is right for you at this time. For those who are interested in being members we will pick a date to welcome all new members in worship on a Sunday. Please **let Pastor Peggy know by 10/4**, if

you are interested in the class even if you can't attend (pastorpeggy@hc-lutheranchurch.org).

Church Road Clean-up: As part of the Clean Communities Project, the Vernon Twp DPW will pay HCLC to pick up garbage on Sand Hill and McPeck roads. **Volunteer** to help with the Road Cleanup on **Sunday, October 18th from 11am-2pm** (any time available during those hours is appreciated). Please see Diane Rossi if you are available to help!

Auction of the Gifts & Oktoberfest Dinner: **Do you have a special gift or talent?** Maybe you sew, organize well, or are a talented photographer. Or maybe you love to cook, have a vacation house to lend, or have another idea altogether! It is time to start thinking and share your gift for the Auction of the Gifts & Oktoberfest Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 24th from 5-8pm**. **Here's how it works:** you donate your gift and then the item is auctioned off to the highest bidder while we all enjoy dinner, community, and laughter. **Come to dinner** and have a fun evening regardless of if you're bidding or not. Contact Diane Rossi to donate your gifts today!

Trick or Trail: We will be **hosting a church table** at Vernon's Halloween Trick or Trail at Maple Grange on **Friday, October 30th**. Set up is between 2pm-3:30pm and the last group comes through at 7pm. If you'd like to **help with set up and/or dressing up and handing out popcorn** please email Pastor Peggy. We are also looking for **6 large boxes of microwave popcorn** to be **donated**. Please bring your popcorn donation to church by Sunday, October 18th and place it in the church kitchen by the microwave.

RaiseRight Gift Cards for Shopping/Gifts/Holidays: As you are preparing gifts for the upcoming holidays, we want to remind you of our ongoing program RaiseRight! You can **purchase gift cards** to be sent to others **as gifts** or you can get gifts cards **for the places you are buying from** during this season. As well as for anytime you shop all year long! There are **2 ways to get cards:** You can do this **via the RaiseRight app** on your phone or via the order forms with a selection of cards that can be ordered through HCLC. The **Raiseright book is in the Narthex**. Share the forms with your family and friends too. **It works by** simply buying gift cards to stores where you already shop, you get the full value, and then the church gets a percentage back. **Download the RaiseRight app** & link to the church with **enrollment code:** 53EB2E84IL3275 – our RaiseRight ID number. Speak with John Heeren for more information.

Food Pantry: **Food items to help restock:** 4-pack toilet paper, canned tuna, canned chili, canned corn, canned soup, canned green beans, canned fruit, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, tuna helper, peanut butter, jelly, children's juice boxes or pouches, kid's snacks, toothpaste, shampoo. You can always bring donations of canned goods, paper goods, and hygiene products. All donations can be **placed in the blue bin** by the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

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MENTAL HEALTH & RADICAL HOSPITALITY



**Thursdays from 7-8pm
October 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
on Zoom**

Weekly Topics:

- Oct. 8 - The Church, Mental Health & the Image of God
- Oct. 15 - A Path to Healing
- Oct. 22 - From Stigma to Belonging
- Oct. 29 - A Community of Belonging, Healing, and Hope

Join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83487034426?pwd=PfJNV7AKKGggwuEHaaL0na19BeLPbf.1>

About our Presenter/Facilitator:

The **Rev. Dr. Julie Haspel** has been an ordained pastor for thirty-five years and currently serves as the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Mendham, NJ. She has many passions for ministry, including preaching, teaching, youth, justice, and mental health.

Her recent dissertation, *Mental Health in the Church: From the Gurney in the Hall to the Relational Kingdom of God*, will be the foundation of this study.



For God's Children of all ages!

Worship Notes

Sunday's Date: _____



My Favorite
Song:



This week, I'm praying for:

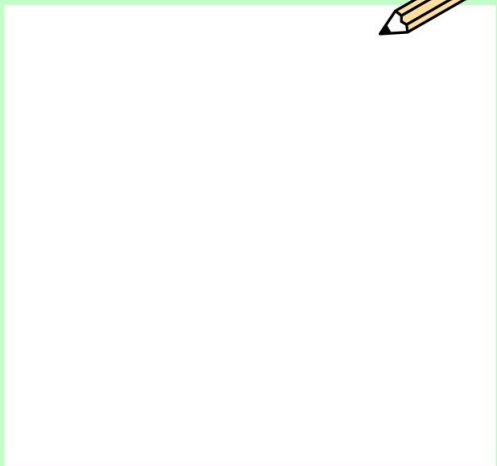


I'm curious or have a
question about:



Today's Focus Scripture: _____

I would draw it like:



Word Count

How many times did you hear each
of these words today? Make a tally.

grace: _____

joy: _____

peace: _____

love: _____

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Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.



2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



I will love you to the end.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda Φ



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



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