All Saints' Day

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.
Our Daily Ministers are The People of St. Mark's
Rev. Carrie Hoff, Pastor

WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *" Divertissement "* by Gordon Young

**** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

✢ *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **No.** 422

" For All the Saints "

**** GREETING**

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

** **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

** CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from
all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our
God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me,
saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you
are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they
are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is
seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not
strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

We will read the Psalm responsively, starting with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: **Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.** *(Ps. 34:9)*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice. R
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles. R
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we
are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure.

** **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

** **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to
him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Carrie Hoff

** **HYMN OF THE DAY** No. 695

" As Saints of Old "

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

P Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, inspiring us to love and in anticipation of our an everlasting rest with them.

P Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
C **and you will find rest for your souls.**
P In the new Jerusalem there will be no need of sun or moon,
C **for the glory of God will be its light.**
P Before the lamb is a multitude from every nation,
C **and they worship God night and day.**
P Surely he is coming soon.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember before you now:

Buddy Barb	Harriett Moon
William Bingham	Charlie Moore
Pam Bush	Harlan Roy
Alan Cuppett	Betty Preston
Suzanne Ferrero	Carl Schoolcraft
Mary Jane Fike	Evan Schrock
James Flyzik	Betty Shaffer
Dennis Hall	Joanne Shahan
Mike Holler	Beck Sherrard
Carol Humberson	Beverly Sincell
Tom Kight	Dave Terlizzi
Barry Krewson	Eva Wilson
Candy Miller	Cheryl Wotherspoon

P Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

**** APOSTLES 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 INTERCESSION *(Please be seated)*

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors Buddy, William, Pam, Alan, Suzanne, Mary Jane, James, Dennis, Mike, Carol, Tom, Barry, Candy, Harriett, Charlie, Harlan, Carl, Evan, Betty, Joann, Beck, Beverly, David, Eva, and Cheryl. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM ***"*** *A Willing Heart* ***"***

**** OFFERTORY HYMN** No. 689

" *Praise and Thanksgiving* ***" v.1***

**** OFFERING PRAYER**
Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

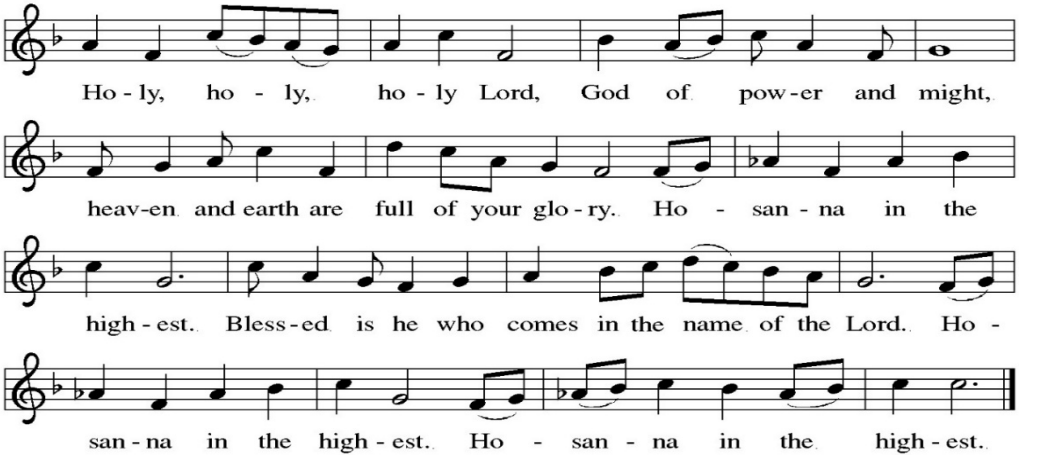
**** GREAT THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our 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.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



**** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

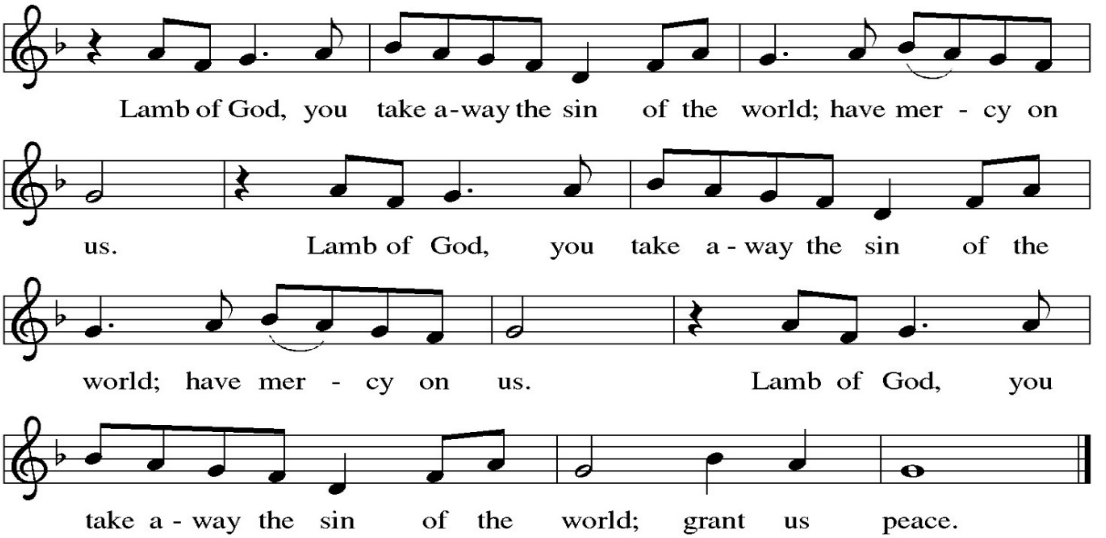
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**** LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

**** COMMUNION SONG**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord's table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

COMMUNION HYMNS No. 628

" Jerusalem, My Happy Home "

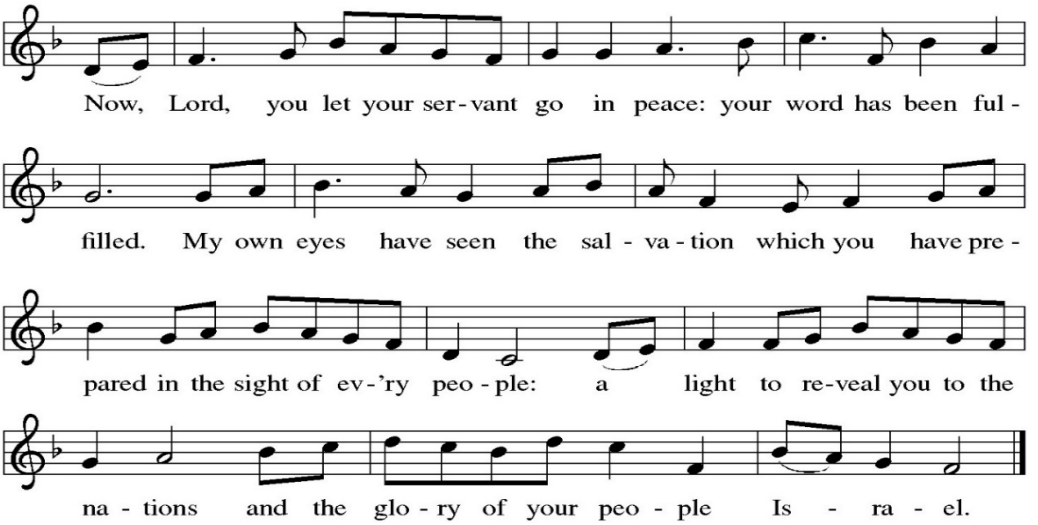
No. 423

" Shall We Gather at the River "

**** TABLE BLESSING**

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

** **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



** **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

** **BLESSING**

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN** *" O, When the Saints Go Marching In "*

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God. We WILL!

POSTLUDE *" Plein Jeu "* by Gordon Young

St. Mark's Mission Statement

"United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love."

Church Calendar November 1, 2026 – November 8, 2026

Today	-	**All Saints Sunday**
	-	Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
	-	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion
Tuesday	-	Yoga at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	-	Bells Choir at 6:30 p.m.
	-	Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Next Sunday	-	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Nicklaus Bennett
Lector:	Stephanie Berger
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Co-Directors of Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Recorder:	Nicole Bosley
Communion Clean-up:	Ken & Janis Bush
Safe Keeper:	Joyce Anderson
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Capt.
	Liz Lewis, Dave Hoff, Bob Dempsey

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at pastorcarrie@stmarksoakland.com or phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated to All Saints.
May their courage inspire us, and their love guide us.

Prayer Requests

Illness: Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Cheri Scheffel, Emelee DeWitt, Helen Ferrell, Valerie Minor, Philip, Lia Marie, Shirley, Margaret, Chip Lee, Doug Haller, Gary Price, Chuck & Valerie, Sam Howell, Mark, Michael Swift, Joe Cook, Jim, Leslie, Diane, Linda, Lois Tyson, Valerie, Marjorie Yellets, Erin Joy Kelly, Paul, Sam, Debbie, Fred, CJ & Charlene, Juanita Hudges, Hop Cassidy, Judy Cassiday, Lori McCain Taylor, Donna Lohman, Belva, Viola, Josh, Bernice, Forrest, Brian Sites, Wyatt, Jeff Moyer, Sarah Dahlen, Ron Junkins, Rayetta, Patty, Candy Miller, Gretchen, Dawn Lewis.

Special Needs: Chase, Steph & Sarah, Terry, Sharron, Elaine, Cayce, Bill, Tom, Sharon, Wes, Griffith, Sylvia, Bridget, Jay, John, Aaron, Izzy, Steve Sines, Pete Savage, Ben, Erina, Abraham Worrell.

Upcoming Events

Today	All Saints Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 8	Healing Service
Sunday, November 15	Congregational Council Meeting Mistle Mark-et with Coffee Hour after worship
Sunday, November 22	Christ the King Sunday Deck the Hall after worship

Announcements

Healing Service

After worship Sunday, November 8. Next Sunday following our morning worship, we will share in a Service of Healing. This is a time set aside to bring our whole selves—*body, mind, and spirit*—before God. Through prayer, scripture, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil, we gather to seek God's comfort, strength, and peace. This service is not only for those experiencing illness or physical pain. It is for anyone carrying worry, grief, stress, fatigue, or hopes for renewed wholeness in any part of life. You are invited to receive anointing for yourself, for someone you love, or as a prayer for healing in our community and world. All are welcome. Come as you are, trusting in God's promise to meet us in our need and surround us with healing grace.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational meeting has been scheduled after worship service on Sunday November 15 to secure approval for the following matters:

- Review and agreement by the Congregation for St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2027 Unified Budget. Council Treasurer Jim Murray will present a summary of this Finance Committee and Congregational Council recommended budget.

- Approval by the Congregation to nominate Sherry Beach, Seamus Welsh, and Marianna Herpel to serve on Church Council for a three (3) term commencing January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029.

- Approval by the Congregation to reappoint Liz Lewis to serve on Church Council for a three (3) term commencing January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029.

Jesus is . . .

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Find the words below that describe Jesus.

Lord, King, Savior, Loving, Kind, Teacher,
Healer, Friend, Helper, God's Son, Fabulous,
Amazing, Wonderful, Gentle

Celebrate Jesus' life by caring for those in need. Shop for the food shelf. Sort through your closets for clothes you can give to a clothing drive.

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Here are a few things to help you feel comfortable in our space and more fully participate in worship. If you have questions at any time, our ushers will be happy to help.

Restrooms

- A first-floor restroom is available. Facing the pulpit, use the door to the left, enter the church office, and the restroom is located on the right.
- Restrooms and water fountains are also available downstairs. From the back of the sanctuary (narthex), take the steps downstairs, turn right into Fellowship Hall, restrooms are on the right and the water fountain is on the left.

Accessibility & Comfort

- Our bulletins contain the order of worship so you can easily follow along. You are invited to participate in the liturgy in areas indicated in bold and hymns can be found in the red hymnal.
- If standing during worship is uncomfortable, please feel free to remain seated.
- Hearing assistance devices and large-print bulletins are available—please ask an usher.

Visitors

- If you are visiting, we invite you to sign the guest registry located on the stand near the front doors or fill out a visitor envelope found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate.
- If you or someone you know is in need of an extra prayer, please fill out a card in the pew back in front of you, and an usher will be by during the prelude to collect it.

Children

- Children's worship bags are available in the narthex. You are welcome to pick one up for your child(ren).

Electronics

- Please silence or turn off cell phones and electronic devices so that all may focus on worship.

Holy Communion

- If Holy Communion is celebrated today, please know that all are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available on the side tables and wine will be poured from the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you for worshiping with us today—we are glad you are here.

GOD'S STORY OUR STORY™
CLERGY STUFF
Family Take-home Devotions

October 4, 2026, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:33-46

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful God, you desire faithful followers who produce the fruits of your kingdom. May we be your trustworthy stewards, that the world might know your love through us. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

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'?" **(Matthew 21:42)**

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Pharisees were pressing Jesus but not hearing him. Perhaps they will see themselves in Jesus' parable about wicked tenants who killed for their own gain—even the landowner's own son!

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **What are your top four values, the cornerstones of your moral compass? (If you're not sure, do an online search for "list of values" to browse your options.) How do your values shape your decisions?**
- **For the littles: How high can you build a block tower?**

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May Jesus remain your cornerstone. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Build a house of cards. See how high you can make one. Then remove one of the foundational cards. Consider the metaphor. If Jesus is the cornerstone (or foundational card), what happens to humanity if we reject him?

Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10
Tuesday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deut. 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Wednesday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57
Thursday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
Friday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10
Saturday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22