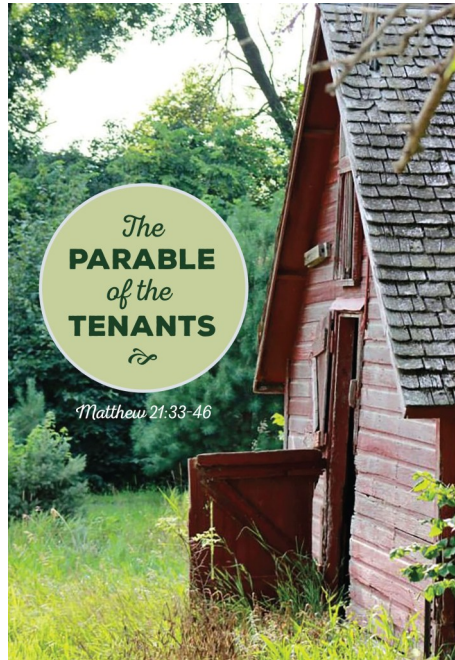




October 4, 2026

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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as able

Confession and forgiveness

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

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

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. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

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.

Canticle of Praise



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Prayer of the Day

Response: *Amen.*

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

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 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. And now, habitants 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!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

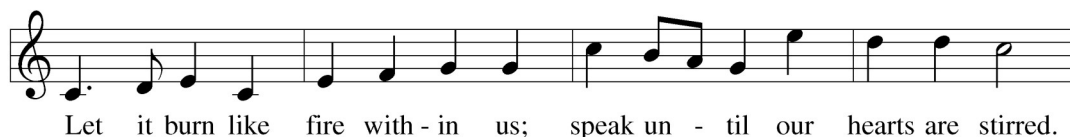
Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 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 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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 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. 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, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "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. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 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." 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'? "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Please be seated through the Offering

Homily

The Parable of the Tenants

Pastor Eli

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

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

*Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,...Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**
....through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those near you.

Offering

Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy

Offering Response





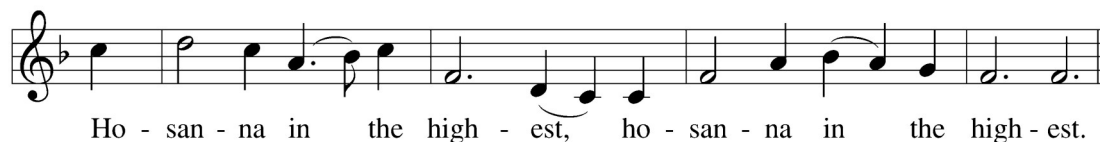
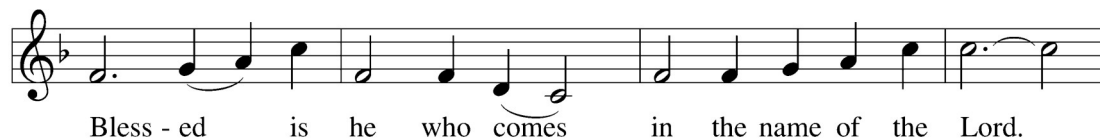
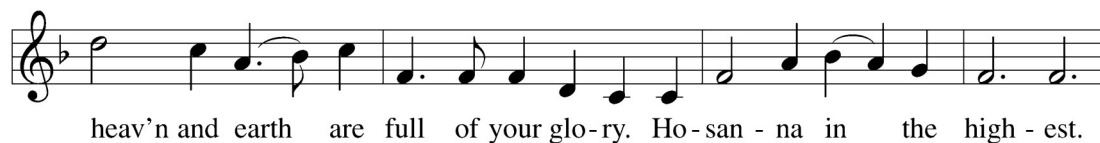
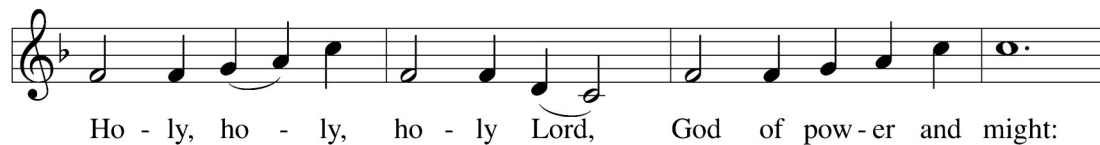
Offering Prayer

Meal

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 *...join their unending hymn.*



Please be seated

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Christ invites you to this table. **All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

Lamb of God

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray. |

Communion

Communion is being served at the altar rail.

*Ushers will direct you to come forward **after** the Lamb of God to receive communion at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive. When receiving the host, place hands on top of*

each other, palms up, and Pastor will place a host in your open palm. If you are gluten intolerant, please let Pastor know; we have gluten free host. After you have received the host, the communion assistant will offer you the cup (wine or white grape juice). We practice open communion, therefore anyone who is baptized and believes in Jesus as Savior is welcome to communion.

Prayer after Communion

Response: *Amen*

Sending

Blessing

Response: *Amen.*

Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596

Dismissal Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Celebrant

Rev. Eli Klingensmith

Lector

Anne Fahrner

Greeter

Nancy Miller

Ushers

Gary & Linda Miller

Main Camera/Production

Carl & Anne Fahrner

Organist/Pianist

Pat Hoffman/Linda Miller

*Today's altar flowers are given by
Julie Lautenschlager to the glory
of God and*

Save the Date!

Wednesday, October 14th

**Trip to Hillcrest Orchard, Lunch and Miller's
Bakery**

We will meet at the church and carpool for a leisurely afternoon trip to the orchard, bakery and lunch (not necessarily in that order). You may even want to call Miller's bakery ahead **330-893-3002** to order some goodies for pickup!



**Pastor Eli's Fall Bible Study
Continues**

Tuesdays at 10am

October 6th, 13th and 20th

Topic: Angels

October's Concern of the Month

Monetary Donations for Oesterlen Youth Services

Founded as an orphanage in 1903 by the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod, today Oesterlen is a Lutheran Nonprofit Foundation that awards grants to support programs that help children and families across Ohio.

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Worship

Assistants



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
10/4	Gary & Linda Miller	Anne Fahrner	Nancy Miller	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Miller
10/11	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Jen Lowry	Jan Carlson	Kathy Schmidt	Pat Long	Burgess
10/18	Annick Schrader/Pat Hoffman	Gary Miller	Carolyn Chellinsky	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Robinson
10/25	Judy & Wil Baum	Neil Carlson	Karen Pressler	Jill & Bill Toy	Pat Long	Davenport
11/1	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Judy Flading	Wil Baum	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Miller
11/8	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	TJ Miller	Linda Burgess	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
11/15	Judy Flading/Rod Swartz	Pat Long	Cindy Leasure	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
11/22	Nancy & TJ Miller	Shirley Dobry	Pat Long	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
11/29	Connie Hausenfleck/Jill Toy	Gale Nagel	Gloria Kohl	Karen Pressler	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman
12/6	Judy & Wil Baum	Shirley Dobry	Lee Deem	Karen Pressler	Linda Burgess	Miller
12/13	Linda Burgess/Annick Schrader	Cindy Leasure	Linda Lautenschlager	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Burgess
12/20	Linda & Gary Miller	Jen Lowry	Donna Jakmides	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Robinson
12/24	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Anne Fahrner	Nancy Miller	None	Linda Burgess	Hoffman
12/27	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Nancy Miller	Connie Hausenfleck	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Burgess	Davenport

October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga 10a	2 Quilting & Crafts 10a	3
4 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30	5	6 Bible Study 10a Dominoes 7p	7 AA 7p	8 Yoga 10a	9 Crafts 10a	10
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25 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Fellowship Hour	26	27 Dominoes 7p	28 AA 7p	29 Yoga 10a	30	31