

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026 9:00AM

Order of Worship

Worship For Life liturgy

(Worship For Life music folders are in the basket next to the bulletins in the Narthex)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #531 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day-

Gracious God,

Splashed with promise, we know the value of water and the life-giving identity you give us in Holy Baptism. Water is a sign of the kingdom, of cleansing and rebirth. As we listen and learn from your Word this day, as we celebrate the gift of Holy Baptism and the promise it provides for the foundation of our lives, please bless our growing and becoming. Amen.

Baptism of Crew Christopher Bennett

Crew's Parents are Chris and Chrissa Bennett

Crew's Sponsors/Godparents are Ria and Ernest Anunciacion



Hymn of Praise- Rise Up With Him (Worship For Life folder)

Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Special Music- Beach Spring arr. by C. Anderson Jan Rutkowski, Handbell Solo

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW #725 When the Poor Ones

Blessing of the Quilts

Prayers of the People- (response to 'Lord, in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer.')

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Response- I Will Give Thanks to the Lord (Worship For Life folder)

P: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer- **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- This Do in Remembrance of Me (Worship For Life folder)

Communion Music- Let Us Break Bread Together Jan Rutkowski, Handbell Solo

Post Communion- You Are Lord (Worship For Life folder)

Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today. Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today to bring truth and love to ev'ry nation. *(repeat)*

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving us today:

Sherry Johnson- Pianist

Bonnie Shucha- Song Leader

Jan Rutkowski, Handbell Soloist

Greeter: Jude Larson

Ushers: Kevin Arvold, Mike Smith, Byron Dennison, Dave Taylor

Communion Assistants: Kristina Luedtke, Shawn Bogdanske, Jan Dennison

Sunday AM Hospitality Time: Shawn and John Bogdanske

Audio/Visual Team: Lewis Walke & Michael Martinelli

Bread Bakers: Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson

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