



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,  
OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Our Father, Who Art in Heaven* J.S. BACH

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us,

**That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide  
all the nations upon earth.**

✠ HYMN *Come Thou Almighty King* UMH 61

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *Sweet Bye and Bye* ARR. MEYER

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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HYMN *I Am Thine O Lord* UMH 419

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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✠ SCRIPTURE                      *Acts 28:11-16, 30-31*  
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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE  
GREAT THANKSGIVING                                              UMH 13  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER  
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP  
✠ HYMN                              *A Charge to Keep I Have*                              UMH 413  
✠ BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE                              *O Help Me, Lord,*                              J.S. BACH  
                                             *to Praise Thee*

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| <b>COMMUNION SERVERS:</b><br>8:30<br>Emily Garner, Dr. Ann Pearson,<br>Dr. Kristen Wright,<br>Rev. Thomas Yow<br>11:00<br>Betty Stejskal, Doug Garner,<br>Kimberly McKeough, Carol Willis | <b>PREACHER:</b><br>(8:30) Rev. Michael Precht<br>(11:00) Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright<br><br><b>LITURGIST</b><br>(8:30) Steve Christensen<br>(11:00) Katie Turner<br><br><b>CHILDREN'S LESSON:</b><br>Betty Stejskal<br><br><b>STEPHEN MINISTERS:</b><br>(8:30) Suzan Christensen<br>(11:00) Ann Claunch | <b>USHER:</b><br>Head Usher, Mark Woodrow<br><br><b>MUSIC</b><br>Chancel Choir<br>Director, Tom Hood<br>Accompanist, John Richardson<br>Handbell Choir<br><br><b>MEDIA:</b><br>Colin Richardson<br>Toby Monckton |
| <b>ACOLYTES:</b><br>8:30<br>Juliette Jones                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

The flowers on the altar are given by Norma and Bud Walden to the glory of God and in honor of our 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, may there be many more.

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# THE GATHERING

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**Preaching:** Rev. Michael Precht

**Liturgist:** Miles Barnhardt

**Communion Servers:** Amy Boward, Peyton Boward, Anne & Lane Dorman

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

**Media and Sound:** Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

**Stephen Minister:** Kim Gibson

**Ushers:** Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

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*\*Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG *House of the Lord*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 67

SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Praise*

*Christ be Magnified*

*Do it Again*

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