



3rd Sunday of Stewardship

I Will Serve!

September 27, 2026 9:30AM

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Prelude

Katie Walda

Welcome

Gathering Song

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

C: **You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.**

P: Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God,
and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Give us courage to follow your call and join your mission for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

Stewardship Song

Mary's Song-Magnificat

See insert

A Reading from Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

L: Be with us in our serving, God,

C: **Fill our hearts with joy and praise!**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW 169

A Reading from Luke 1:26-38

P: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the

child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

L: Be with us in our serving, God,

C: **Fill our hearts with joy and praise!**

Sermon

Pr. Bridget Misare

Song of the Day

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows,
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be - done.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us , O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Recitation of our Vision, Mission and Verse

Vision

We are an inclusive community following Jesus, worshiping God, striving side by side, and mending the broken places in all creation.

Mission

Embrace: create a culture where everyone feels welcome

Engage: develop quality relationships with partners in a changing community

Enhance: provide numerous ways to live into God's call

Explore: cultivate abundant opportunities to grow in faith

Verse

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Special Music

Offering

Offering Prayer

- P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
- C: **Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

- P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise,
call us to your table, grant us your life.
- C: **When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.**
- P: Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
- C: **You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.**
- P: 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.
- P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
- C: **O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life, life in you, 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

P: Come to the table of grace and be nourished to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

C: Amen.

Distribution of Communion

We will be communing at the altar rail today. Please come to the front as the ushers direct you. Once you've taken your place at the altar rail, you can stand or kneel. The pastors will distribute the bread (gluten free wafers available) and the communion assistants will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Once you are finished with communion, please use the side aisles to return to your seats and place your cups in the silver baskets. All are welcome to the table!

Communion Song I	<i>We Are An Offering</i>	ELW 692
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Communion Song II	<i>Jesus Take All of Me/Just As I Am</i>	Brenton Brown
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Blessing after Communion

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

C: **By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: May God, the Creator of all things, renew your strength.
May Jesus, who washed the feet of his disciples, guide your hands for service.
May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with love for the marginalized and the needy.
Go forth now into the world to love God and serve your neighbor.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

We Praise You O God

ELW 870

Dismissal

P: Fed and nourished, we are sent into the world.

C: **We will serve! Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Amanda Flanery in memory
of Herbert and Wanda Zickwolf.**

Assisting in Worship

Senior Pastor	Pastor Bridget Misare
Pastor of Care	Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett
Preacher	Pastor Bridget Misare
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As we gather our offering today, we remember that God gives the fruitful vineyards and abundant fields. In gratitude, we share a portion that we have received for the church's mission and ministry. Whether we share through the offering plate, automated giving, or using the QR code, all is done as a grateful response to God's generosity.





