



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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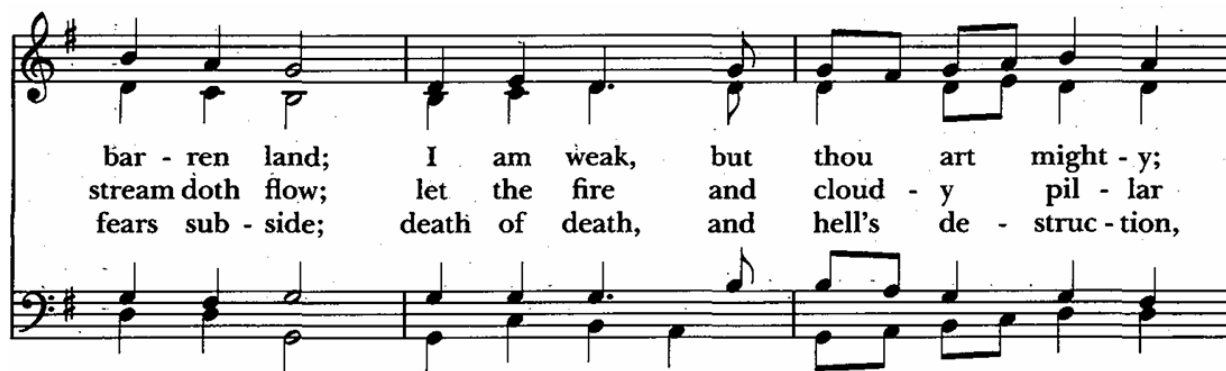
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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

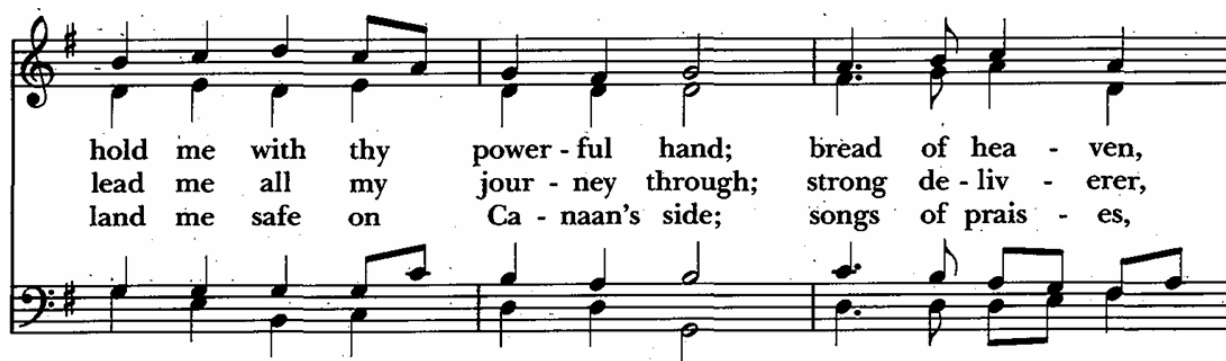
Prelude



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven; feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.

Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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THE WORD OF GOD

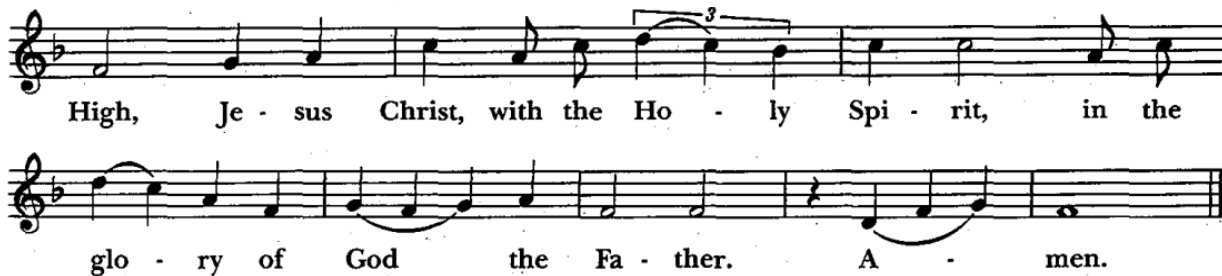
Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(Genesis 50:15-21)

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis:

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-13, 22

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

O bless the Lord, my heart and soul; O bless God's holy name.

O bless the Lord, my heart and soul, forget not all God's love and mercy. ***Antiphon***

The Lord forgives our sin and shame, and heals our broken lives.

Our days are crowned with endless love, like eagles high, our youth we know once more. ***Antiphon***

We see God's might, God's deeds and ways; yes, Moses saw them, too.

God's ways were shown to Israel, the Lord is ever near to all who call. ***Antiphon***

As heavens are high above the earth, so is the love of God.

As far as east is from the west, so far does God remove out sin and shame. ***Antiphon***

As parents love their very own, so God loves all who trust.

O bless the Lord, my heart and soul, in every place, forever bless the Lord. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(Romans 14:1-12)

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the

The Gospel

(Matthew 18:21-35)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon

Fr. Mathhew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2

**Asterisks indicate a variance from the Book of Common Prayer.*

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

***was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

***and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,**

***who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

***who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form V

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond: **Lord, have mercy.***

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Matthew, our own Bishop; for the Diocese of Wisconsin, as we discern our next bishop; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Wisconsin, the Mayor of Racine, and all those who are running for office, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, especially the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____] , we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who are sick or suffering, [especially: _____], we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, [especially: _____], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Priest adds the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

Minister and People

Most merciful God

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.

Amen

The Peace

All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Priest may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

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Offertory Voluntary

Priest All things come of Thee, O Lord

People **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Priest proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people may kneel or stand.

Then the Priest continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. . .

Therefore according to your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The musical notation is for a two-part setting. The first part, 'We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,' is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The second part, 'We await his coming in glory,' continues the melody on the same staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

The Priest continues

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical notation is for a three-part setting of 'Amen'. It is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Setting: McNeil Robinson (b. 1943)

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our

The musical notation is for a three-part setting of the Lord's Prayer. It is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual

10 10 with Refrain

Post-communion Prayer

Priest and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Priest May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

May God the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, . bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);
 harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Zar Telfeyan

ALTAR GUILD: Zar Telfeyan

FIRST READER: Brandon Campbell

SECOND READER: Hazel Dickfoss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Mick Burke

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

ORGANIST: Jim Sodke

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Cindy Ganzel

USHERS: Tricia Frost, Jessica MacPhail

COFFEE HOUR: Friendship Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine
Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin
Hospitality Center
Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center
Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, Elizabeth,
Gregory, Andrea, John, Marcos, Tory, Irene, Lois, Ron, Marvin, Bob, David, Rogelio,
Antonio, Brandon **Homebound**: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **Haiti Project**. Thank you for your generous support for this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Brandon Campbell to the glory of God.

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Kathie

Party on the Pavement

This Saturday, September 19th, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host an Open House during Racine's Party on the Pavement. Volunteers are needed from noon to 7pm (or earlier) to staff the church for visitors. It's also Brown Bag Lunch Day at noon, so guests will be invited to eat in Simpson Hall. Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Jessica MacPhail: 262-909-7323, jessica.macphail@gmail.com. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

A reminder that there are openings for our Sunday Altar flowers. Please check the flower chart in Simpson Hall, you can remember a loved one or a special occasion by this nice tribute. If you would like to include a dedication in the bulletin, please either call or email the church office or put your dedication in the collection plate no later than the Wednesday prior to the service. Thanks!

Episcopal Youth Collab

The Episcopal Youth Collab (EYC) is an Episcopal Youth Group open to all 6th through 12th graders. It's hosted by a number of Milwaukee area Episcopal Churches and meets on the third Sunday of each month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The first meeting will be at St. Mark's Church, [2618 N. Hackett Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211](#) on Sunday, September 20.

Dinner and a Show

On the first Sunday of the month at 5:00pm, St. Luke's will have "Dinner and a Show". We will watch *The Chosen*, a dramatization of the Gospels, and follow with a discussion over dinner. The first Dinner and a Show will be on Sunday, October 4.

Parish Worship and Picnic

Sunday, October 11th

10:30 am

St. John's Chapel at the DeKoven Center
Potluck Picnic Following in Assembly Hall

Combined worship led by clergy and people of St. Luke's, St. Michael's, and St. Matthew's. Please bring a dish to pass as you are able. These can be dropped off in the Assembly Hall prior to the service. St. Luke's is responsible for providing picnic beverages and helping to offset the cost of the meat. St. Michael's is providing- donations are welcome! Reminder that there will be **NO** worship service at St. Luke's on that day.

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