TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" -Paul Manz Prelude on "Thaxted" -setting John A. Behnke

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation "O God beyond All Praising" WOV 797

1. O God beyond all praising

We worship You today

And sing the love amazing

That songs cannot repay

For we can only wonder

At every gift You send

At blessings without number

And mercies without end

We lift our hearts before You

And wait upon Your word

We honor and adore You

Our great and mighty Lord

2. Then hear O gracious Savior

Accept the love we bring

That we who know Your favor

May serve You as our king

And whether our tomorrows

Be filled with good or ill

We'll triumph through our sorrows

And rise to bless You still

To marvel at Your beauty

And glory in Your ways

And make a joyful duty

Our sacrifice of praise

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 127:3-5; antiphon: v. 1a

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Unless the LORD | builds the house,*

those who build it la- | bor in vain.

Behold, children are a heritage | from the LORD,*

the fruit of the womb | a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*

are the children of one's youth.

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies | in the gate.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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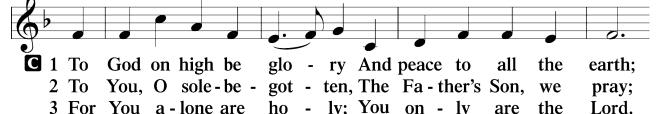
Pew Edition





C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Proper 22 (Year B)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Reading Genesis 2:18–25

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called

Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 1

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,* who walks | in his ways!

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You shall eat the fruit of the labor | of your hands;* you shall be blessed, and it shall be | well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house;*
your children will be like olive shoots around your | table.
Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed* who | fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from | Zion!*

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life!

May you see your children's | children!*

May you see your children's | children!*
Peace be upon | Israel!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,*
who walks | in his ways!

Epistle Hebrews 2:1–13

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting

that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 10:2–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

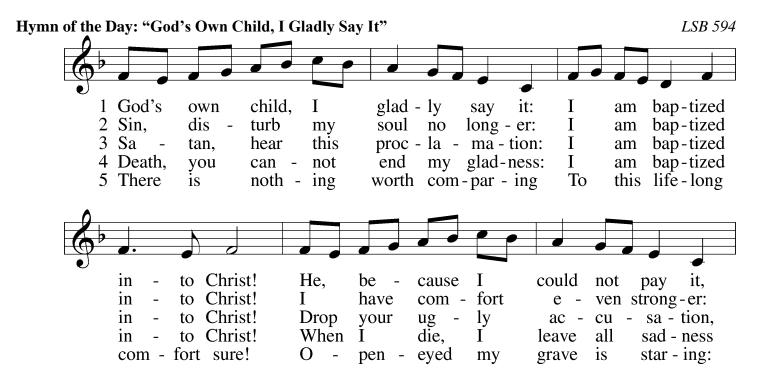
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

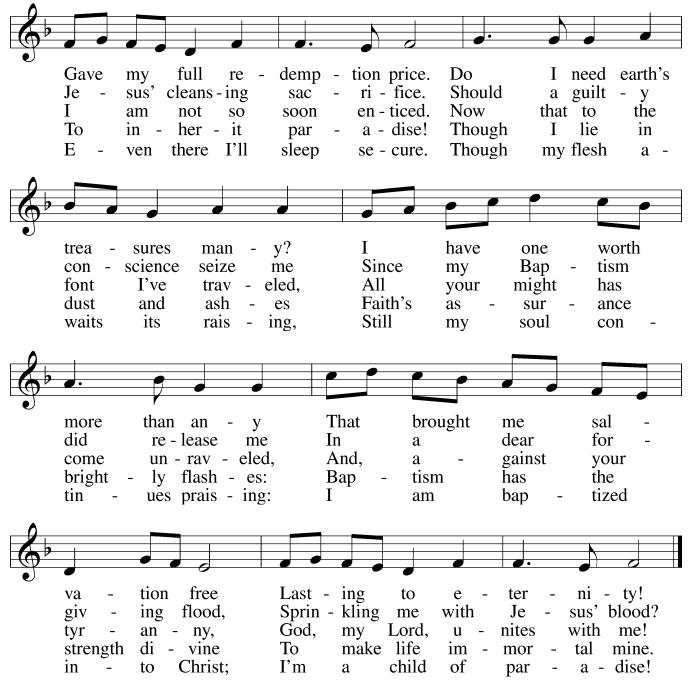
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.





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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" -Paul Manz

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - ...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

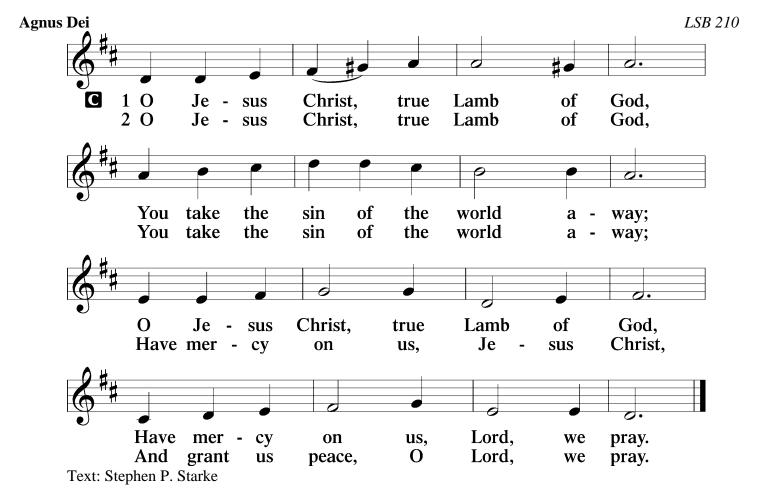
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

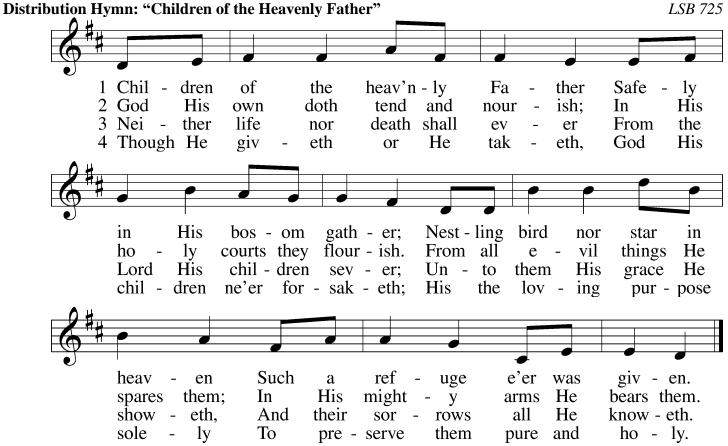


Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.

Special Music Bells by Jenny & Jenny



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Post-Communion Collect

- **A** Let us pray.
 - ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

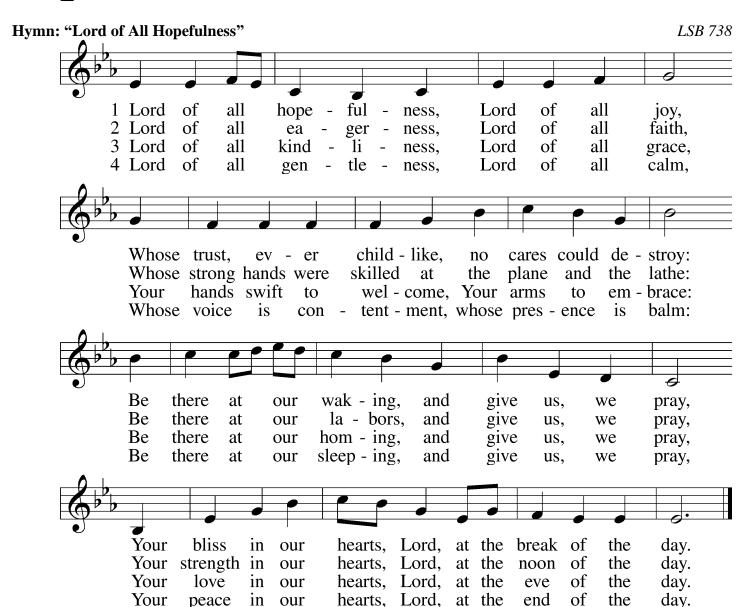
- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.



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Postlude "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness" -Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Mark 10:6 – "But from the beginning of creation ..." In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27 after the worship service.

FALL POTLUCK: Join us Oct. 27th after the service and Congregational Meeting. Bring your favorite Fall, Harvest, Halloween, or Octoberfest food dish. Feel free to drop off your dish in the kitchen before the service. We can keep it warm or cold. Can you help? Sign up in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP: We could still use helpers for Sunday School. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex on the table. Any questions talk to Naomi B or Todd P.

FALL & CHRISTMAS DECORATION SALE: Emmaus will be having a Fall and Christmas decoration sale running from 11/3 to 11/24. This will be free-will donation and all proceeds will benefit the church. This sale will be located on the back tables in the Social Hall. If you are interested in contributing items, please contact either Chris G or Jean G. Thank you!

RACHEL F. has an opportunity to go on an international choir tour to Germany with Concordia University Wisconsin's top choir, Kammerchor. She needs to raise about \$3,500 for this trip. If you would like to support Rachel, please donate to her choir using the letter found on the bulletin board by the office. Donations need to be received by the end of December.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Difficult People" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life. (Genesis 31:6-7)

LWML MITES: We will have our Mite collection on Sunday, October 27. Where do your LWML Mites go? Serving God's Children with Special Needs: Journeys Lutheran School | \$100,000. Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee is Serving God's Children with Special Needs by providing educational opportunities in a specialized setting. The vans purchased with grant funds will be used to transport the children to and from events, internships, and other activities. To learn more, visit lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-3.

MOBILE GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Keep in mind that you can make your stewardship contribution through Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement! Vanco's mobile giving app enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. If you need to make changes, simply delete your recurring gift and set up a new one. Questions – contact Nancy W. We hope you enjoy this convenient way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

STOCK DONATIONS: Emmaus is able to accept stock donations through an account with Charles Schwab. Our account number is 3785-7513. Members wishing to make contributions of stocks should initiate the transaction through their own brokerage account. Please tell Nancy W, Co-Financial Secretary, if you will be donating stock so that it can be correctly noted on your giving statement.

FALL CRAFT DAY: St. Stephanus Parish Life Committee is hosting a morning of fellowship and creativity on Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 9:00-noon. You will have the opportunity to learn Zentangle (an easy to learn method to create beautiful designs by drawing structured patterns) and make a holiday ornament. There will be a session teaching the basics of watercolor painting. We will have a table stocked with pre-cut card making supplies and sample greeting cards that you can make and take home. There will be a knitting table with yarn, needles and DIY instructions and an opportunity to work on fleece tied blankets to be donated to Safe Haven Foster Shoppe. We hope to have something for everyone. This is NOT a women-only event. Gentlemen, you are also invited to join us. Consider inviting a friend or family member. There is no charge, however, for planning purposes please let Lynne H know if you will be crafting with us. There will be a light breakfast at 9:00 and sessions starting at 9:30.

BEAR BUDDIES: Opportunity to connect to International Students! SPOC Partner CSP (Concordia St. Paul) invites you to be friend an international student by becoming a "bear buddy" this year. Be paired with an incoming international student at CSP. Foster lasting friendship by sharing meals, exploring state parks, and attending festivals together. Share your life and the love of Jesus with them as you support their adjustment to MN. Ready to connect? SIGN UP! the hospitality center.org/volunteer-signup. Contact Ministry Associate Anna Gruen (gruen@csp.edu) for more info.

CHAI DOSTI (TEA & FRIENDSHIP): Chai Dosti is a program of conversation and fellowship with international students at Concordia University, St. Paul. The group meets two Wednesdays a month during the academic year. Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet students and be a welcoming presence during their time in the US. Meet on CSP's campus in the Buenger Education Center (BEC) at 4:30pm or sometimes outdoors on the Knoll. The upcoming dates are 10/9 & 10/23. Contact Anna Gruen (gruen@csp.edu) with questions or visit the CSP hospitality website for more details: www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events.

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Tues: 10:30 a.m. Worship Meeting

6 p.m. Spiritual Life Meeting

7 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed: 9 a.m. Bulletin Deadline

1:30 p.m. Bible Study (SH)

TBA Confirmation Class

Thurs: Office closed

1-4 p.m. Emmaus Quilters (SH) 4-9 p.m. Quilting Queens (SH) 6:30–8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi ALTAR GUILD: Donna H

ORGANIST: Barb B SOUND TECH: Monte S VIDEO TECH: Don V

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Mark G USHERS: Gary B, Greg W, Ken K COUNTERS: Gary B, Roxann M

LECTOR: Jeena V GREETER: Jan N

ACOLYTE: Elizabeth G