



COLOSSIANS

October 4: "Walking in Christ— A Life with Jesus"

October 11: "Rooted in Christ—Deepening the Foundation"

October 18: "Built Together—Growing as the Body"

October 25: "Established in Faith—Living the New Life"

November 1: "Abounding in Thanksgiving—A Fruitful Future"

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

**PRELUDE [5:00]
[10:45]**

“We All Believe in One True God”

Flor Peeters

“I AM Forever WHO I AM”

Richard Wiegmann

Kurt von Kampen

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” (sts. 1-4) *Hymn 540*
([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Leader: In the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Paul instructs the believers in Colossae, “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” (Col 3:5)

People: **“On account of these, the wrath of God is coming.”** (Col 3:6)

Pastor: “In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Col 3:7-10) In a moment of silence let us kneel and privately confess our sins to God.

(Please be seated or kneel, silently confess your sins.)

Pastor: Holy Lord,

People: **sometimes my sinful nature still rises up in me and makes itself known through sinful thoughts, words and actions. I am sorry for these, O Lord, and I sincerely repent of them. I know I deserve Your wrath and punishment, now and forever. For the sake of Jesus and His death on the cross in my place, please forgive me. Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to put on the new self which is being renewed in the image of You, my Creator. Lead me to walk in Your ways, be rooted in Your will and built up for Your purposes. Amen.**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, “In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh,

by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.” (Col 2:13-14)

People: **Amen. “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Col. 1:13-14)**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “All Glory Be to God Alone” (sts. 1-2, 5) *Hymn 948*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, keep us rooted in Christ, growing in faith, and built up in Him. Help us to walk each day in the hope, wisdom, and strength we have received through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and by Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Word and confident in the grace You have given us in Christ.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[10:45] BELL ANTHEM “If Thou But Trust in God”
(Trinity Bells)

Kenneth Lowenberg

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:15-20; 2:16-19

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that

in everything he might be preeminent.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross...¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 17:20-26

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“Praise Be to Christ”

Hymn 538

THE SERMON “Built Together—Growing as the Body” *Colossians 1:15-20; 2:16-19*

***CREED HYMN**

“We All Believe in One True God”

Hymn 953

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

***PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

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."

O God, we give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

*LORD'S PRAYER

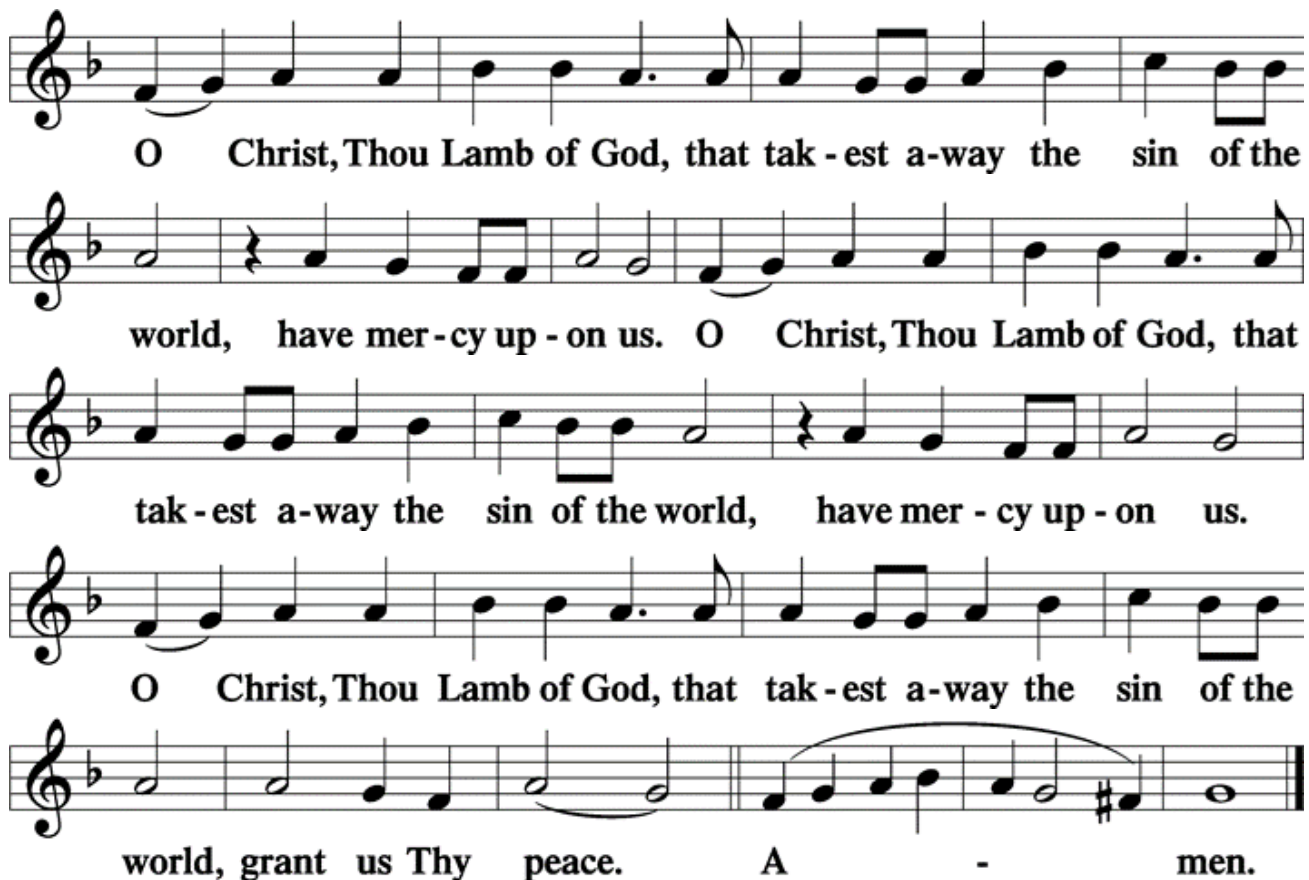
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

*PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”
“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

Hymn 691

Hymn 618

“Walking, Rooted, Built Up”
(Tune: O Morning Star, LSB 395)

Thomas Schulteis

**Walking, rooted, built up in Christ:
We give Him glory, thanks and praise
For His abundant mercy.
God, Creator, who made all things,
He sent His Son, redeeming us
From death to life eternal.
Thank Him! Praise Him!
For creating And sustaining Faith within us;
Lord, we give You all the glory!**

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD’S WORK

*THE BENEDICTION (*Colossians 3:15-17*)

Pastor: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

People: **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name ☩ of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”
Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Hymn 922

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Go, My Children”

William Bates

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Preacher	Vicar Harrison Hulse
Celebrant/Liturgist	The Rev. Steven M. Braun
Organist	Thomas Schulteis
Communion Deacons	Roger Walker, Jessica Wittcop
Lectors	Rodney Petersen, Jane Petersen
Usher/Greeter Team	Jim & Linda Campbell

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher	Vicar Harrison Hulse
Celebrant	The Rev. Steven M. Braun
Liturgist	The Rev. Tom Block
Organist/Bell Choir Director	Thomas Schulteis
Sound Technician	Rodney Steffen
Elder on Duty	Jennifer Smith
Communion Deacons	Ron Booth, Aleah Hearn, Martha Walker
Lectors	Rob Petersilge, Betsy Cleveland
Greeters	Lyle & Monique Stiefel
Crucifer	Chase Carbone
Acolyte	Nathaniel Groskopf
Ushers	Janice Graydon, Douglas Hall, Bonnie Petersilge, Rob Petersilge, Carl Rod, Larry Walker

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