Confession and Forgiveness

P : We confess our sins before God and one another

Pause

P : Creating and renewing God

C : You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

P: The God whose love outpoured caused the world to continue to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name.

C: Amen

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SEP. 27, 2026

PRELUDE AND WELCOME		
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		
GATHERING SONG	***"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" (v.1-4)***	ELW # 314
GREETING		
KYRIE		ELW pg. 138
CANTICLE OF PRAISE		ELW pg. 140
PRAYER OF THE DAY		Reader
FIRST READING	**Genesis 39:1-23**	Reader
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		ELW pg. 142
GOSPEL	***Matthew 5:11-12***	Pastor Cynthia
SERMON	***"Joseph's Story"***	Pastor Cynthia
HYMN OF THE DAY	***"Canticle of the Turning" (v.1-4)***	ELW # 723
APOSTLES CREED		ELW pg. 105
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		Reader
PEACE		ELW pg. 143
OFFERING	***"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"***	ELW # 182
OFFERING PRAYER		
DIALOGUE/ PREFACE		ELW pg. 144
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY		ELW pg. 144
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE		ELW pg. 145
LORD'S PRAYER		ELW pg. 145

COMMUNION		ELW pg. 146
COMMUNION SONG		ELW pg. 146
	"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"	
SONG AFTER COMMUNION	***(v.1)***	ELW # 721
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		ELW pg. 146
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
BLESSING		
SENDING SONG	***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (v.1-3)***	ELW # 733

Sunday Servants — Sunday 9/27/2026

Pastor Pastor Cynthia Schnaath **Pianist/Organist** Susan Campagna
Altar Guild Joyce Acton & Connie Royal **Communion Assistant** Grace Holmen
Reader Grace Holmen
Usher Cliff Schuette **Refreshments** Denise Proctor & Lori Harvey

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Worship Attendance 9-20-26: 42

The altar flowers are given by Carol and Terry Noland in thankfulness for God's blessings on this world as it rotates through the seasons.

Be sure to attend Adult Education this Sunday after worship:
"Memory: Types, Issues and Concerns."

Another interesting class is coming up on October 4, led by Pastor Chad Langdon.
Join us for his presentation, "Bible Translation"

CROP Walk 2026 – Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. at St. James | Sponsor a Walker – Make checks payable to CWS/CROP or donate online.

God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work, Our Hands on October 18. We will begin at 10 AM with a project making care packages for people in the ICE detention center in Leavenworth. Prior to that date we are collecting items to make care packages - please bring in advance: Cups of noodles, Sleep Masks, Ear plugs, Loofahs, and Lotion (travel size). Following this project we will be having the Chili Cook-off contest. Sample all the offerings and vote for your favorite - there's a trophy for the winner! Then enjoy a bowl of chili while you peruse the tables of our local artists. What do you create with your God Given Talents? We would like to showcase the many talents we have in our community. Painters, quilters, woodworkers, bakers, jewelry makers, candlestick makers! We want to see it. Some items will be for viewing only, others for sale, so think early Christmas Shopping while you are here. We will wrap up by noon so everyone is home in time for the Chiefs game. The box for donated items for care packages is by the office and the sign-up list for participating in the artist showcase and the chili contest are in St. Timothy. If you need more than one table, or have additional questions, please contact Denise Proctor or Sara Boyd.

A new Men's Bible study will be starting in October. The group will be meeting on either the second or third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings will be via Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about the bible in general, this may be a good group for you. If you have a specific area of interest, e.g., Old Testament, the Psalms, New Testament, Paul's letters, etc. let me know as a specific topic has not yet been selected. My contact information is: Doug Robker (facilitator), email: derobker@gmail.com, phone number: 816-490-1397. I've also posted a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at church. I hope that you will consider joining us.

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