

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 27, 2026**

**Worship 10:30 AM**

***Gather***

**Prelude**

“Canon”

Giovanni Battista Martini

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Introit**

“Majesty” (*Renew* #63)

Jack W. Hayford

***Praise***

**Prepare for Call to Worship**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Caring Shepherd, you provide for us with tenderness and strength.

**People: We rejoice in God’s generous care for all.**

Leader: In the darkest valleys and at the welcoming banquet table,

**People: in the hard work of our days and in moments of rest and ease,**

Leader: in the ordinary rhythms of life and in the sacred times we set apart—

**People: like this time now, as we gather to worship, to listen, to pay attention—**

Leader: your goodness and mercy meet us here, nurturing and blessing us, enriching our souls.

**People: As we worship you and come to the table you have prepared for us, you restore us. You refresh us.**

**All: Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn (#409)**

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

***Prepare***

**Call to Confession** *Please be seated.*

**Prayer of Confession**

Table-Setting God, today we hear that the Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want. Yet too often we are consumed with wanting more. We imagine greener pastures than the ones you provide, and as a result the waters of our lives are not always still. Our souls still thirst. As we come to your table, let us feel your presence, your comfort, and your forgiveness anew.

Guide us back to your table, where mercy overflows and grace restores our souls. Like the woman who found welcome at Jesus’ feet, let us find our place in your presence. Shepherd us home and make us whole. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*\*Congregational Response**

“Spirit of the Living God” (Hymn #288)

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

### **\*\*Passing the Peace**

— The Peace of Christ be with you all! *And also with you.*

*Listen*

## **Children’s Message**

### **Anthem**

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Am. Folk Hymn  
arr. Andy Beck

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)*

### **Reflection Video**

*Psalm 23*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 7:36-50 (NRSVUE)*

### **Sermon**

“Come to the Table: Where Enemies Become Guests!”

*Respond*

### **\*\*Hymn** (#769 vss. 1,3,5)

“A Place at the Table”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

### **Offering** (*Please be seated.*)

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Hymn #609** (*Please remain seated.*) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## **Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Choral Benediction**

“Soon and Very Soon” (GTG #384)

Andraé Crouch

## **Benediction**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Improvisation on THAXTED”

Bruce Jeffries

***\*\*Please stand as you are comfortable and able.***

## **Leaders in and for Worship Today**

Preaching Today

Liturgist

Organist/Pianist

Director of Music

Audio-Visual Technicians

Greeter

Ushers

Rev. Ronnie Osborn

Amanda Fues

Rev. Bruce Jeffries

J. West

Larry Holder, Bill Kennedy, Karen Neely

Marge Veum

Ted Groshong, Seth Krause

## **Announcements**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for light refreshments and conversation with church friends.

### **Trinity Activities Coming Up This Week:**

#### **Today:**

11:45 a.m. – Nominating Committee (Rm. 12)

#### **Tuesday, September 29:**

1:00 p.m. – Session Retreat Planning Committee (Rm. 12)

#### **Wednesday, September 30:**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, October 1:**

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee (Zoom)

#### **Friday, October 2:**

1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Small Group (FH)