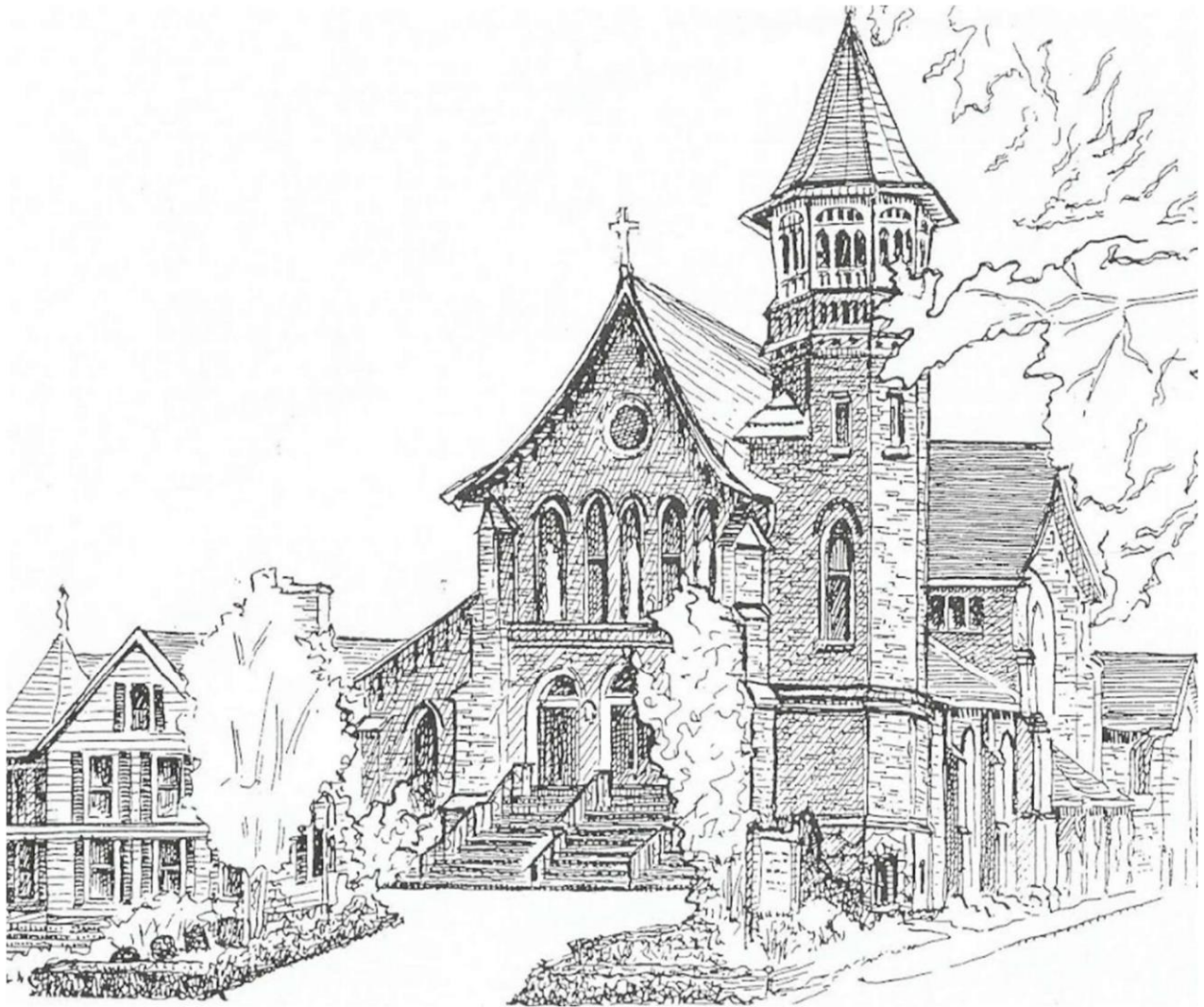


# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN [Please Stand]

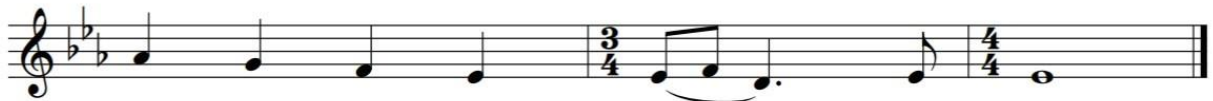
THE SERVANT SONG



1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time  
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; When you laugh I'll  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; We are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



Let you be my ser - vant, too.  
Walk the mile and bear the load.  
Speak the peace you long to hear.  
'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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Tune: Richard Gillard, b.1953; harm. by Betty Pulkingham, b.1929  
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# GLORY TO GOD

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Dan Schutte

**Refrain**

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -  
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain) to Verses Final Coda

**Verse 1**

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we  
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
to Verse 2 or Refrain  
1. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

**Verse 2**

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,  
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,  
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,  
to Verse 3 or Refrain  
2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

## GLORY TO GOD (CONT. 2)

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 3. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 3. Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

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### FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a,4-7 (138C)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10

Praise — the Lord, my soul! Praise — the Lord, my soul!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,  
 Secures justice for the oppressed,  
 Gives food to the hungry.  
 The LORD sets captives free. R

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
 the LORD raises up those who were  
 bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;  
 the LORD protects strangers. R

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
 but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
 The LORD shall reign forever;  
 your God, O Zion, through all  
 generations. Alleluia. R

### SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Please stand]



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Verse: Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich. R

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16: 19-31

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

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# THE SUMMONS

Text: John L. Bell  
and Graham Maule

Tune: KELVINGROVE  
Scottish trad., arr. John L. Bell

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't  
call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you  
kind And nev - er be the same? Will you  
free And nev - er be the same? Will you  
side And nev - er be the same? Will you  
you And nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, Will you let my  
risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -  
kiss the lep - er clean And do such as  
use the faith you've found To re - shape the  
com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

name be known, Will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, Through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in me?  
prayer In you and you in me?  
mean In you and you in me?  
sound In you and you in me?  
grow In you and you in me.

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# SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
 earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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# MYSTERY OF FAITH

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
 Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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# GREAT AMEN

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

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## LAMB OF GOD



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## ~COMMUNION RITE~

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

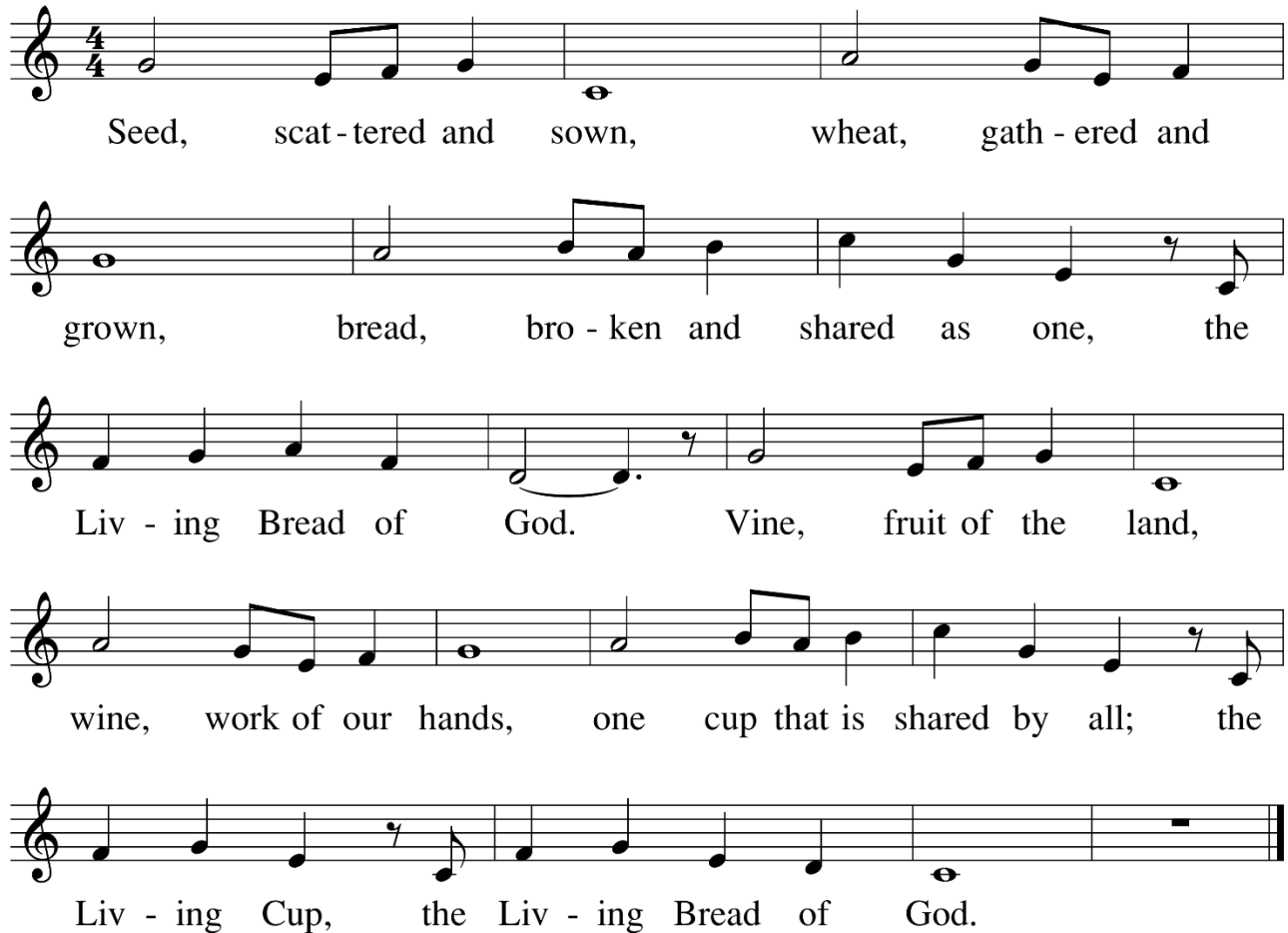
- V. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lord.
- R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

(For the communion procession, we ask that you form two lines in the center aisle, starting from the front, one row at a time, and then return to your pew by the side aisles. All are welcome to join in the communion procession. If you are not Catholic, or for spiritual, medical, or other reasons receiving Communion is not the right choice for you today, you can still come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you approach the priest or deacon.)

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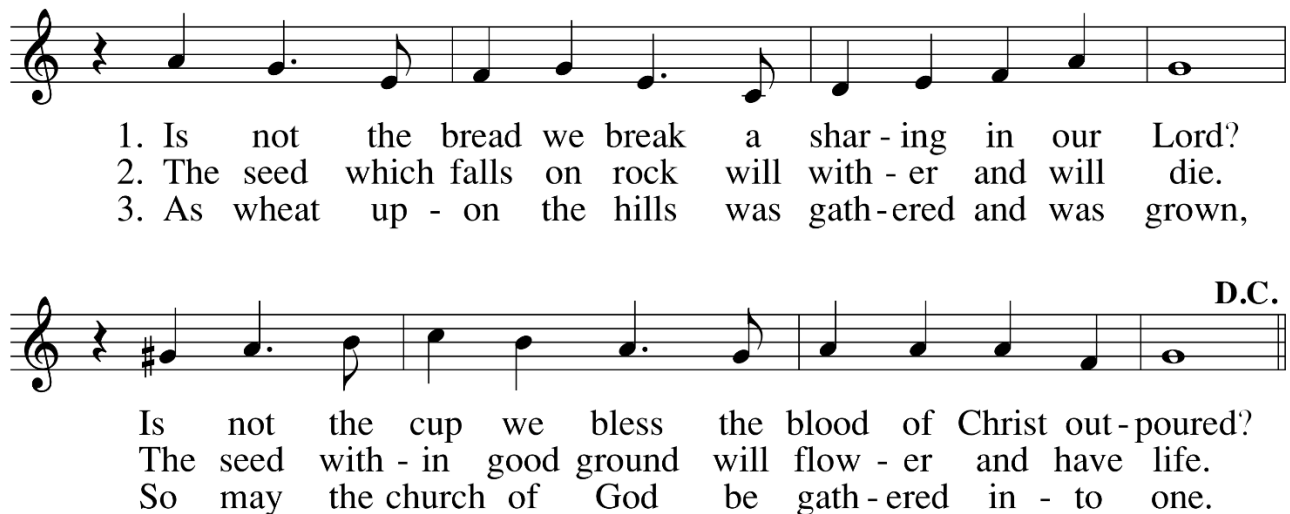
# Seed, Scattered and Sown

## Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and  
grown, bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the  
Liv-ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land,  
wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the  
Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

## Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?  
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.  
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,  
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?  
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.  
So may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

Text: *Didache* 9, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Mark 4:3-6; Dan Feiten  
Tune: Dan Feiten; keyboard arr. by Eric Gunnison, R.J. Miller  
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

# Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
 2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
 4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,  
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -  
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard,  
 trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,  
 earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,  
 pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly give.  
 love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend,



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -  
 Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er  
 Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your  
 May your care and mer - cy lead us To a  
 And, a - mid the cares that claim us, Hold in



newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
 in com - mun - i - ty;  
 chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -  
 just so - ci - e - ty;  
 mind e - ter - ni - ty;



power us For the work of min - is - try.

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September 27 & 28

## **Why go to church?**

Answered by: Deacon Steven Young

Your Questions Addressed

At one of my last parishes I was assigned to, I served as High School Youth Minister. It was a position I held for many years and I found it both rewarding and challenging. Not challenging in the typical way – being around noisy, rambunctious, energetic students – as I find that very rewarding. But, in the way that we can be challenged by others, in what we believe as Catholics and why we believe in what we do.

On many occasions I would find myself in a discussion with a student who would ask the question: *"Why go to church?"* Their questioning would commonly follow a similar format, one that I believe many of us can relate to.

They might start the conversation/argument by saying something like, "Why do I need to go to Mass? I like to pray outside, on a walk, down at the lake. I don't need to be in a building to do that." My response would be one of compassion and validation. I too enjoy praying in nature. I find it a great time to really listen to God, to slow my mind down, block out the noise and just listen. I might then ask them a follow up question: "What do you think God is speaking to you about?"

Most of the time, they wouldn't answer the question directly, but instead switch tactics. "Why go to church – most of the people there are hypocrites! My friend's dad got drunk and got in a fight (or some other variation of a disturbing act), but he was at church this morning, acting like nothing happened." My response would often be one of concern and to acknowledge that it must have been scary for their friend and the friend is lucky to have someone like them to talk to.

They might respond also, "My parents are forcing me to go to church, and I don't want to be here." Most of us understand this emotion. Who among us doesn't rebel against being forced to do something, to do something we don't feel in control of, even if it is good for us. My feeble attempt to answer them, or even myself, would be by asking a series of questions: do your parents force you to attend school, make you eat properly, go to the dentist, get enough sleep?

I wish I had all the answers, but I don't. I do know that we can be our own worst enemy and I can't do this alone. The only real answer for me is that I need to be in communion with all of God's children.

Why do you go to church?