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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"But Now I See"	Organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Mission Minute	Annual Fund	Anthony Wittmer
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"	ELW 597
	(verses 1-3)	
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7	
Second Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14	
Children's Hymn	"All Things Bright & Beautiful"	on screen
Children's Word	Good Grapes	
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46	
Sermon	Form Follows Function	
Hymn of the Day	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	ELW 803
	(verses 1,2,4)	
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 145
Distribution		
Post-Communion Blessing		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Will You Come and Follow Me"	ELW 798
	(verses 1,4,5)	
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Trumpet Tune"	Organ



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Call to Worship	"The Hippo Song"	Sunday School Choir
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"	ELW 597
	(verses 1-3)	
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Musical Offering	"My Worth is Not In What I Own"	Chancel Choir
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Apostles' Creed		
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Gathering of Gifts	"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"	Bethel Ringers
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 146
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BAPTISM

- Sunday, October 4th -

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CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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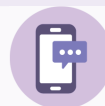
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