

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 18
HOLY COMMUNION | SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: What happens when relationships within the community of faith become strained or broken? This Sunday, Jesus teaches us how to approach one another with honesty, humility, and a desire for reconciliation - and reminds us that whenever we gather in His name, Christ is present among us.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Hymn # 643** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

Call to Worship (Stand):

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

For now is the moment to awake from slumber.

We make ready for the journey from death to life eternal.

For the blood of the Lamb has spared us from the plague of death.

Sing to our victorious God!

Offer the living LORD the symphony of your hearts.

Our Common Gound is our risen Lord,

Who has purchased our salvation.

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***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith # 392 "We're Marching to Zion" MARCHING TO ZION

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Matthew 18:15-20

***Responsorial # 419** "Jesus Calls Us"

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***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (No Children's Church on Communion Sundays)

Announcements, Prayers of the People, and Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings – Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23, 24). Let us share our gifts freely and lovingly.

Offertory and *Doxology # 668 (Stand)

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Table of the Lord† (Servers Prepare)

***Communion Song # 354** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
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Words of Institution and The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn (Stand) # 446** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" ASSURANCE

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude

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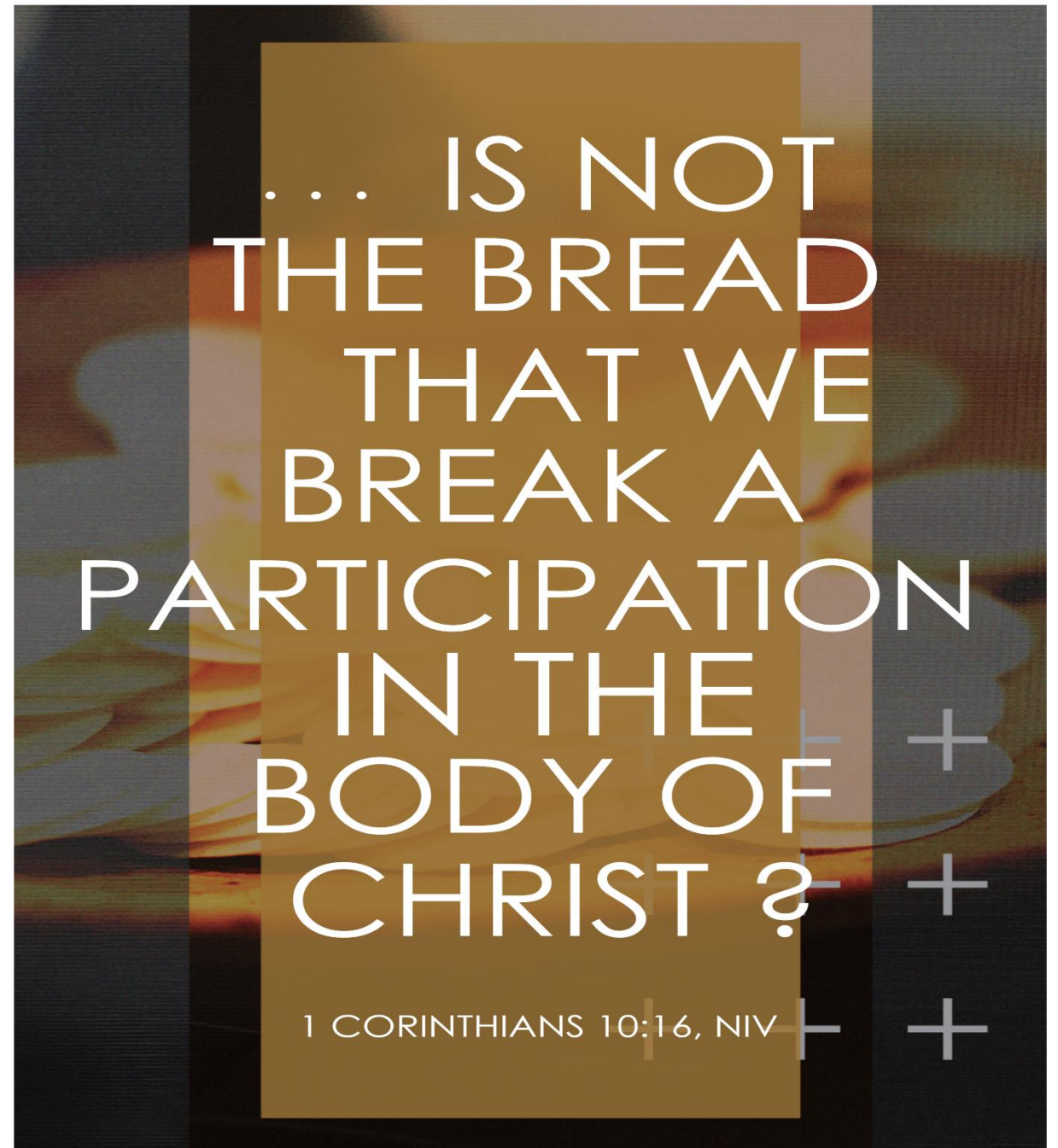
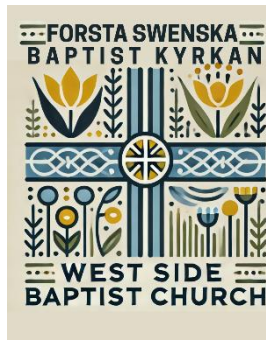
Jessamine Greuter

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OPEN COMMUNION | THE LORD'S SUPPER – *All people who love God with an undying love are welcome to feast at the Lord's Table!* We practice ***open communion***, which means all baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of this church or denomination to partake of this memorial meal. Our Ordained Ministers, Deacons, and Communion Servers will prepare and serve the Lord's Supper. After the prayers and words of invitation and consecration, the Bread and then the Cups will be distributed to worshippers. ***We ask everyone to hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast as one community.***

- ▶ **Gluten-Free Wafers** are also available upon request.
- ▶ **Non-Alcoholic Grape Juice:** To stand in solidarity with those who may be struggling, we use non-alcoholic grape juice for communion.
- ▶ **Home and Hospital Delivery** is Available upon Request by Calling the Church Office.

OUR MISSION – We love God, and we love People, by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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