

Anthony Community Methodist Church
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

Call to Worship Liturgist: Marilyn Hladik

Leader: Come, all who are weary from wandering.

People: We come seeking a place to belong.

Leader: Come, all whose hearts are restless and searching.

People: We come longing for the presence of God.

Leader: Come, all who have gone far from home.

People: We come trusting that God is still calling us home.

Leader: Come, for the God who waits for us is already running toward us.

People: We are God's beloved children. We have a home in God's love.

All: Let us worship the God who finds us, welcomes us, and brings us home.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, our hearts are often restless. We search for home in people, possessions, success, approval, and places, yet still find ourselves longing for something more. Meet us here today. Find us in our wandering. Meet us in our loneliness. Receive us in our repentance. Remind us that we are not forgotten and never beyond your love. Open our hearts to hear your invitation: Come home. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our home. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Psalm 42:1-5

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22

Hymn of Preparation "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH #340

Gospel Reading

Luke 15: 11-24

Message

A Homeless Heart

Erin Baird

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Hymn of Communion "In Remembrance of Me"

TFWS #2254

The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion

UMH #9

Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, with thankful hearts, we dedicate these gifts to You. Use our tithes and offerings to share Your love, to meet the needs of others, and to strengthen the work of Your Church. May all that we give—and all that we do—bring hope, healing, and glory to Your name. Amen.

Closing Hymn "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

TFWS #2130

Sing through 2 times

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Marilyn Hladik

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our President, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed & Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen & Family, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Evelyn & Larry Dicks, Lyle & Sally Schram, Betty Nelson, Mark Nelson, Barb Madsen, Brad Harbaugh, and the Family of Roger Nelson.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11: PRAISE IN THE PASTURE! Holly View Acres hosting praise & worship in the pasture at sunset. Admission is FREE. Bring lawn chairs and Friends & Family. Starts at 6pm – 7pm. Check out flyer in fellowship hall.

Oct. 14-Nov.18: St. John Kids Klub. All area k-6th grades to St. John Lutheran Church in Cushing on Wednesdays after school for six weeks, we provide supper, program, supplies. See Flyer in fellowship hall.

October Liturgists: Oct. 11-JoLynne Reimert; Oct. 18-Erin Baird; Oct. 25-Duane Brandt

Missions: We are collecting new or gently used blankets for the Warming Shelter and Gospel Mission. If you don't have time to shop, you can give your money to Marilyn and she will do the shopping for you.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Whitney Steinhoff ; Eileen Klindt 5, Cory Brown 8

October Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform...past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You! If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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