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Fruitfulness is Everywhere

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Summer has come, and here in the North Temperate Zone, the summer coincides Here in the North Temperate Zone our natural seasons seem to correspond perfectly with the seasons of the Liturgical Year. At this time both are looking forward to fruitfulness, to the coming harvest.

We love to see it...the tomatoes and squash, the pumpkins and grapes, the cabbage and corn. We look for the leaves to begin to change. And liturgically, we as Church are invited to look for the fruit of the Paschal Mystery beginning to show as the Sunday liturgy continues to form us and transform us. What should this mystery, the dying and rising of the Christ, be working in the gardens of our souls? What should be showing? The texts of the Sundays of September are pointing out what should be evident in our lives. We are disciples of the Word. Humbled, he continues his passion by bending down into the Bread. Such is love. But bread nourishes and transforms. It makes one thing into something more. We are being transformed into formators and transformers.

The Church at worship is being prepared to be the Church in the Marketplace. Like leaven, we are being formed to raise up the culture around us...the education, the healing, the leadership, the science. Each Sunday of this month will be pointing to something being formed in us by the Bread we become. The Word will be working in the humble soil of our humanness. Keep your eyes open and your ears ready... our mission is his mission; our task reconciliation as it was his; our forgiveness his; our obedience his. The texts are looking for fruitfulness and fruitfulness is everywhere.

It has been raining a lot...are you reigning a lot more too?

Have we been giving you what you are looking for? Have I?

Is the world a bit yours, our country a bit yours, are we a bit more yours?

Am I a bit more yours?

May that Fountain of Eternal Life that is your Spirit soak us...

may we flower and fruit into the salt, leaven, and light you so long for.

Come...feed us so we become what we eat.

Thank you to S. Pat Mapes for this month's reflections.

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Ezekiel 33: 7-9 | Romans 13: 8-10 | Matthew 18: 15-20

The readings for today, teaches us that faith is grown in community, through love and honesty. When dealing with conflict, we need to speak privately and find a peaceful resolution. We are called to care for one another with love and respect.

How do you deal with conflict? How does this help your faith grow deeper?

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sirach 27: 30-28:7 | Romans 14: 7-9 | Matthew 18: 21-35

Remember, above all else be kind and merciful. We are called to let go of anger and choose mercy and forgiveness. Sirach and Paul tell us that our lives are short and belong to God and so our daily lives should reflect patience, care and peace with others. In our Gospel, God shows forgiveness over and over. We too, need to let go of our grudges and show kindness. How do you let go of grudges and show kindness and forgiveness when it feels so hard to do?

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Isaiah 55:6-9 | Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a | Matthew 20: 1-6a

Today we hear how patient and kind our God is, and how God welcomes all at every stage of life. Isaiah urges us to come back while there is still time. Paul reminds us to live with faith and purpose no matter what lies ahead. This Sunday we are invited to trust in Gods' choices and calls us to respond with gratitude, humility and steady faith. How do you respond to others with gratitude and humility? What keeps your faith strong?

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18: 25-28 | Philippians 2: 1-11 |

Matthew 21: 28-32

Today's readings reminds us that God pays attention to what we do, not just what we say. Ezekiel tells us that people can change direction at any time. When we turn from wrong and choose good, God welcomes that change. Paul shows us Jesus as a model of humility and service. Today we are called to live our faith with honesty, effort and care for others. Reflect on how God has welcomed any changes you have made in your life.

