

Holy Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026 Sermon Outline

Message: “Leadership”

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8

(please note that this is a different scripture than what is on the preaching schedule)

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 10:17

Hymn We Are the Church (Insert) (No Trinity Singers)

Hymn # 748 Let Us Break Bread Together

Communion Meditation (#746 in hymnal)

Holy Communion

Hymn: 721 Showers of Blessings

Contemporary: El Shaddai; The revival Anthem; Old Church Choir;
What a Beautiful Name

Purpose Statement:

People with the spiritual gift of leadership can lead effectively. Paul gives Timothy some common sense related to recruiting leadership. God empowered leaders can elicit trust easily. They can use their leadership energies and skills for the good of the group, organization or community. They are goal setters and can communicate the desired results and help people move in that direction. What are some examples?

Outline: Paul writes about Spiritual Gifts for service that equips us to do specific things for the Lord in ministry. The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to serve. In the gift of _____ (**leadership**) or administration it's a verbal and nonverbal gift. To lead you to organize the truth in following Christ. People follow you as you follow Christ to serve.

Paul addresses in vs. 3-5 “*Don’t think too highly of yourselves.*” Why start off this way? Think with “*sober judgement.*” We all need personal _____ (**assessment**). If we assess ourselves above what God has called us to, we are always going to overreach and not stay in our lanes. Don’t think too lowly of yourself either. Being complacent with what God can do to work through you.

Peter thinks of himself too highly. Gideon in the Old Testament thought too little of himself. No expectation. Always needing confirmation. Ask the Question: What have you given me _____ (**faith**) to do? Do I function in this properly? Am I complacent? Why do we compare ourselves with others? Paul talks about the body of Christ and our spiritual gifts. Vs. 6 “*We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given each of us.*” How do we use different parts of our body? How do we use different parts of our spiritual gifts?

I need to talk about the spiritual gift of leadership (vs. b) “*If it is leading, do it diligently (zealous)*” which is _____ (**organizing**) the church and ministry. To administer, or oversee, or the supernatural ability to organize, direct others or supervise people.

The person with the gift of leadership can be a manager, however, don’t look at yourself too highly like the world does to micromanage. The world sees a leader as Human Resource. That’s not _____ (*leadership*) in the church. The church is not a business but the life-giving influence of people.

The gift of leadership or to administer are organizing complicated ideas out of chaos. They can say, “If I was in charge I would...” They fix the chaos. They are goal oriented and task oriented. Goals bring them to the end of something in order to start something new. The tasks achiever works towards the end goal.

As a pastor, teacher or leader administrator, I seem to bounce back and forth between the two. Do you like to make “to do” lists? Leaders are self-starters and don’t like to wait. They get things done. They pay close attention to details. Those with the gift of leadership are resourceful to get what needs to happen and get it. These folks get the job done quickly and efficiently.

Leaders use SWOP analysis: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, problems. Those with the gift of leadership are always _____ **(improving)** the outreach, the event, the worship service, the committee meeting. These gifted leaders are necessary in the body of Christ. They see the big picture when others don’t see the vision (Mark 6:38-39). Leaders see the problem to address with a question, (two or three). What do we have? A leader does things decently and in order.