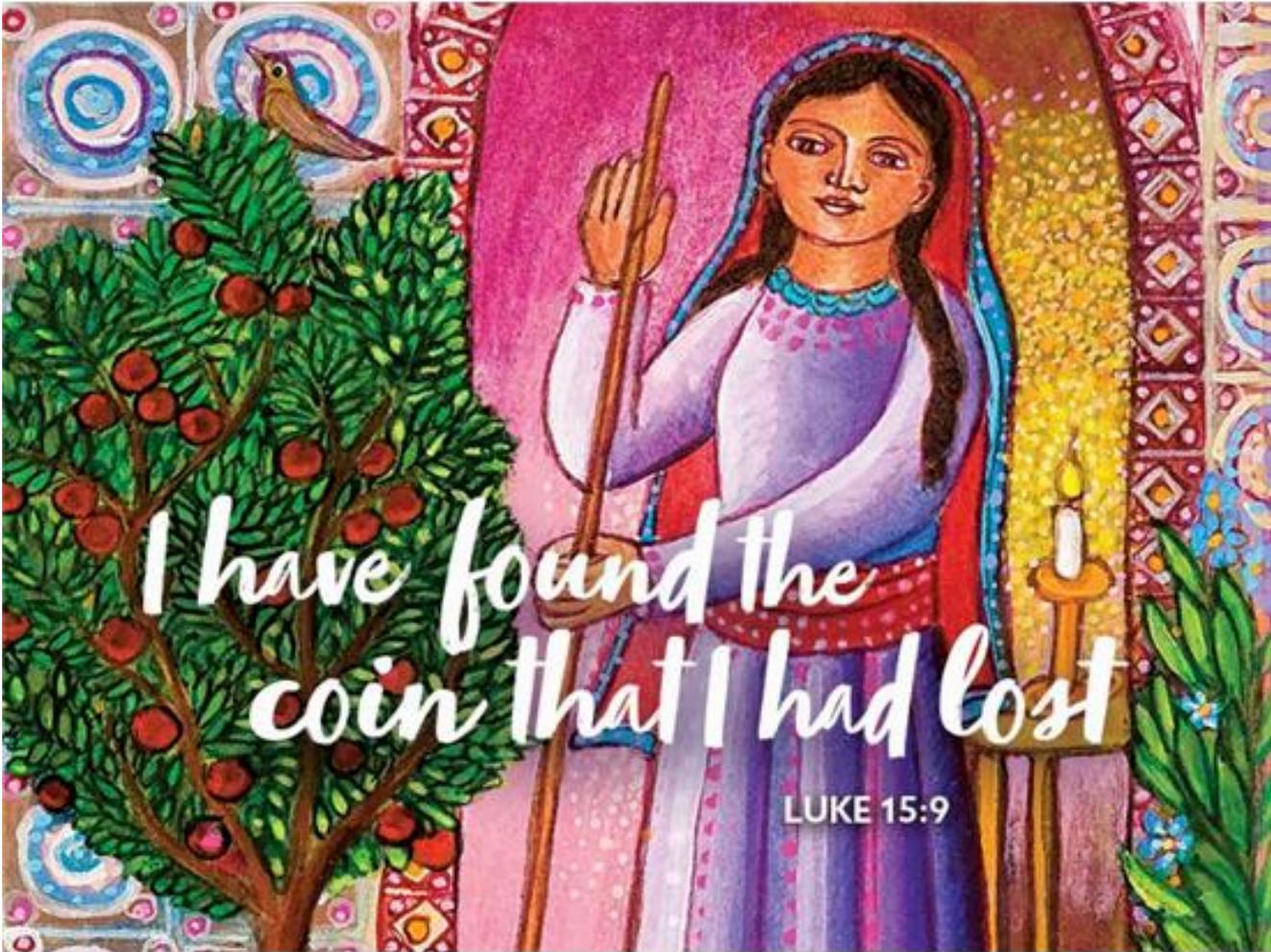


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion
September 14, 2025 at 9:30 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Most of the liturgy is printed within or in the ELW Hymnal, Setting 8; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin.

Children's Bulletins with activities are found in the narthex (entrance). Please enjoy!

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're most welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Worship on the 14th Sunday after Pentecost: The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Serving Today: **Greeter:** Richard S. **Reader:** Erica W. **Asst Minister:** Sharon S. **Cantor:** Sharon S. **Usher:** Zack W. **Altar Guild:** Betty T & Annette W. **Tech Support:** Eric W. **Counters:** Davyann S. & Theresa W. **Musicians:** Heinz D. & Olivia K. **Musical Director/Vocalist:** Juliana Carmona **Coffee Host:** Jean C. & Eileen W. **Pastor:** Rev. Ruth Hanusa

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

Cello Sonata no. 4 in C Major

Beethoven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

please rise in body and/or Spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
 Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.
 In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

ELW #834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!*
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
 and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.



Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 51:1-12

Refrain:



Have mer - cy on me, O God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.*

***Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.***

*For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev - | er before me.*

***Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. Refrain***

*Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.*

***Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.***

*Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur - | er than snow.*

***Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.***

Refrain

*Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.*

***Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir - | it within me.***

*Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir - | it from me.*

***Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun - | tiful Spirit.***

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please rise in body and/or spirit

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Ruth Hanusa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW #789

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 much we need your tender care.
 In your pleasant pastures feed us,
 for our use your fold prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have bought us; we are yours.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
 be the guardian of our way;
 keep your flock, from sin defend us,
 seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear us children when we pray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
 poor and sinful though we be;
 you have mercy to relieve us,
 grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 early let us turn to you.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor,
 early let us do your will;
 blessed Lord and only Savior,
 with your love our spirits fill.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have loved us, love us still.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have loved us, love us still.

RESPONSE OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

- MEAL -

OFFERING

Instrumental, Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

PRESENTATION VERSE

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

"Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

calling, "O sinner, come home!"

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

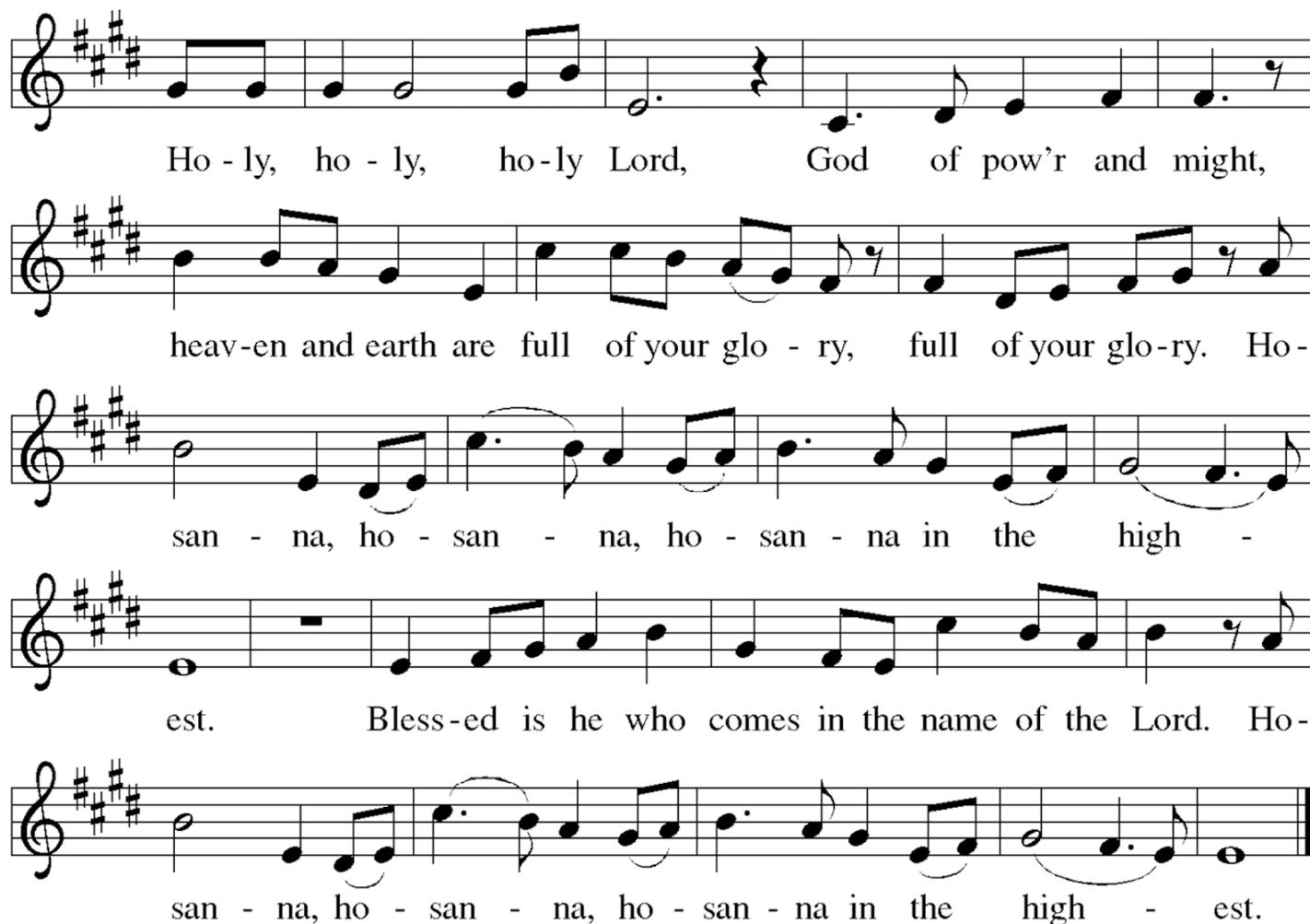
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION & HYMNS**AGNUS DEI**

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW #461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
 holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and
 wand'ring.
 Here in truth we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness,
 all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
 seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here in joy we keep the feast. We that
 once were lost and scattered in
 communion's love have stood. Taste
 and see the grace eternal. Taste and
 see that God is good.

- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
 Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here in peace we have been fed.
 Blest are those who from this table
 live their days in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

Amazing Grace*

ELW #779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!

- 3** Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4** The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5** When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Breathe on Us

Ruthanne Svendsen

*Breathe on us Holy Spirit, Breathe in us breath of God,
to do justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God,
to do justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

*On Our Way Rejoicing**

ELW #537

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has
conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space

*Today's flowers are provided by Jean Carter in Celebration
Of her Granddaughter Kara's Birthday.*



*** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation**

September Worship Schedule				
Task	7	14	21	28
Greeter	Debbie H	Richard S	Betty T	Debbie H
Reader	Jean C	Erica W	Pam S	Linda Z
Asst. Minister	Cole P	Sharon S	Todd M	Matthew R
Cantor	Dan P	Sharon S	Todd M	Wes G
Usher	Tommy K	Zack W	Eileen W	Tom L
Altar Guild	Eileen W Kathy W	Betty T Annette W	Sharon S Sophia G	Annette W Betty T
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K			
Counters	Linda Z Theresa W	Theresa W Davyann S	Davyann S Sigrun C	Linda Z Sigrun C
Coffee after Worship	Bob & Sharon Scott	Jean C Eileen W	Open	Mark Herman

Activities At Faith

~ Follow Faith Lutheran's announcements and recaps and pictures and stories on **Facebook** or **Instagram**!

~ **We're so happy for Shaun and Amanda, who were married on September 13th!**

~ **Adult Forum** is off until Sept 21st and returns, along with **Kid's Place**, with **an Enrichment Time for All Ages!** Our groups return with an Art Activity to go with the movement of the Fall Equinox and the season of change approaching this fall. All Ages meet in the back of the sanctuary for expressive art-making for the next few weeks together.

~ **Fellowship Dinner** - September 25th 4:30 pm at The Stonehouse Cafe, Reno NV. You can sign up in the Narthex. We've had wonderful turnouts for our recent dinners with delicious food and lively conversation. If you're new to these gatherings, we'd love to have you join us!

~ **Shared Harvest will be on Sunday, September 28**

The items needed are as follows: Peanut butter - 28 jars, Chili - 42 cans. Thank you all once again for your giving! Tom L.

~ **Lunch Bunch** - Join us October 1st at 12pm for a Potluck at Faith. Bring something to share! *Eileen would like to thank everyone that came to Lunch Bunch on Sept 3rd. We had a lovely afternoon with Jordan Potter, our Thrivent Representative. We had great food and fellowship and learned a lot about Thrivent. Jordan's number is 775-433-0010 if you need to contact him regarding a Thrivent issue.*

~ **Oktoberfest October 4th at 4 pm here at Faith.** Bratwurst & Buns will be provided. Please bring a German inspired dish to share. Appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. We will provide lemonade & water, BYOB. Please see the sign up sheet provided in the narthex. Contact Eileen Way if you have questions: Phone: 775-560-3248 or Email: eileen4575@gmail.com

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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