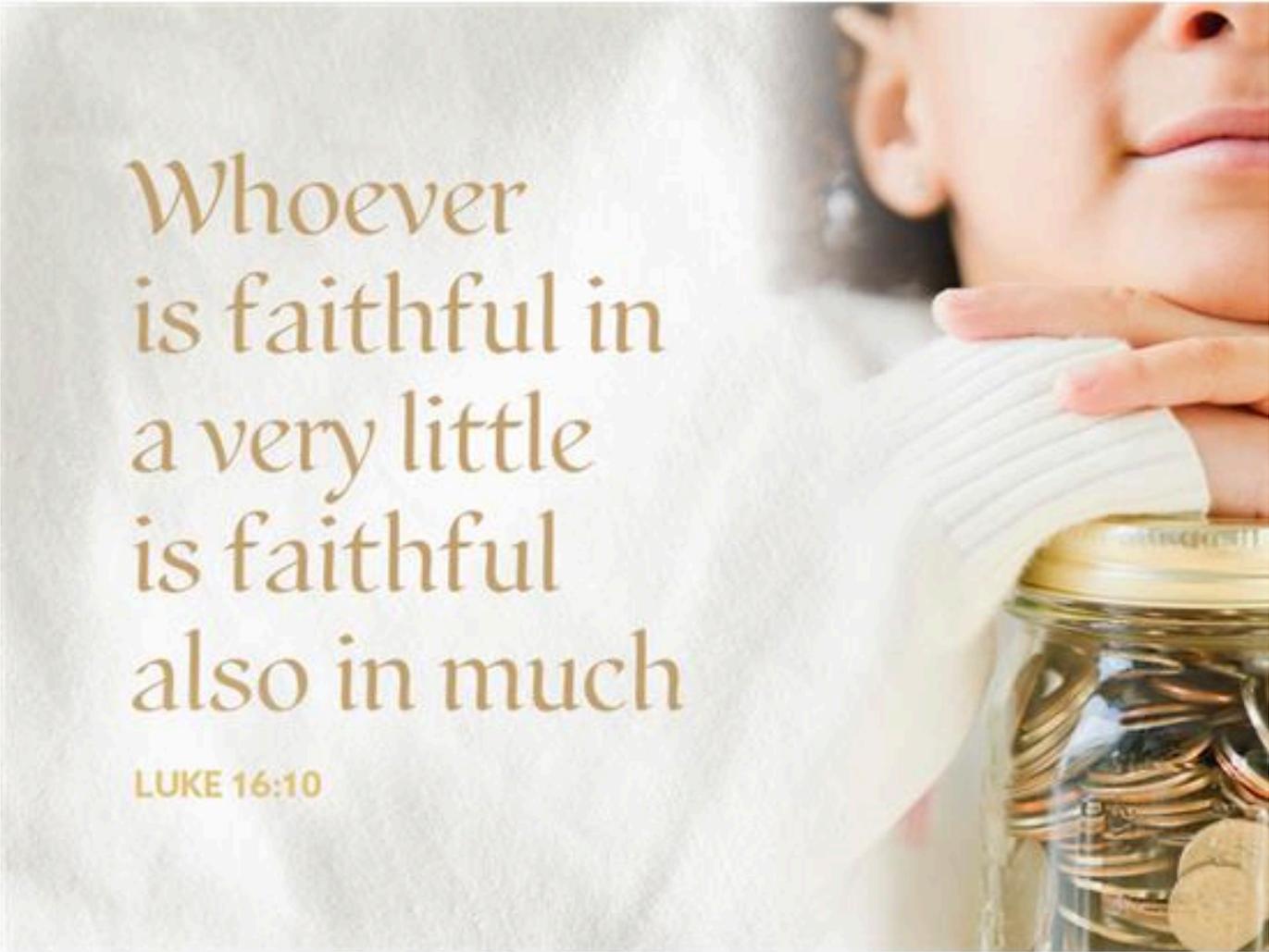


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion  
September 21, 2025 at 9:30 AM

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*



Whoever  
is faithful in  
a very little  
is faithful  
also in much

LUKE 16:10

**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 15th Sunday after Pentecost:** As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

***Serving Today:*** ***Greeter:*** Betty T. ***Acolyte:*** O'Reilly's ***Reader:*** Sharon S.  
***Asst Minister:*** Judi H. ***Cantor:*** Shaun O. ***Usher:*** Tom L. ***Altar Guild:*** Sharon S & Sophia G.  
***Tech Support:*** Alex K. ***Counters:*** Davyann S. & Sigrun C.  
***Musicians:*** Heinz D. & Olivia K. ***Musical Director/Vocalist:*** Juliana Carmona  
***Coffee Host:*** Jean C. & Eileen W. ***Pastor:*** Shaun O'Reilly

## -GATHERING-

### PRELUDE

*Arioso, J.S. Bach*

### 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**

*Son of God Eternal Savior\**

**ELW #655**

**1** Son of God, eternal Savior,  
 source of life and truth and grace,  
 Word made flesh, whose birth  
 among us hallows all our human race,  
 you our head, who, throned in glory,  
 for your own will ever plead:  
 fill us with your love and pity,  
 heal our wrong, and help our need.

**2** As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
 so may we for others live.  
 Freely have your gifts been granted;  
 freely may your servants give.  
 Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
 yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 we but stewards of your bounty  
 held in solemn trust will be.

**3** Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
 King of love and Prince of peace;  
 hush the storm of strife and passion,  
 bid its cruel discords cease.  
 By your patient years of toiling,  
 by your silent hours of pain,  
 quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
 stem our selfish greed of gain.

**4** Son of God, eternal Savior,  
 source of life and truth and grace,  
 Word made flesh, whose birth among  
 us hallows all our human race:  
 by your praying, by your willing  
 that your people should be one,  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
 here on earth your will be done.

**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,



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

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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-WORD-

### FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
 saying, "When will the new moon be over  
 so that we may sell grain,  
 and the Sabbath,  
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
 We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
 and practice deceit with false balances,  
 buying the poor for silver  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals  
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

### PSALMODY: Psalm 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;  
 praise the name | of the LORD.

**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,  
 from this time forth for- | evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
 let the name of the | LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;  
 God's glory a- | bove the heavens.**

Who is like the | LORD our God,  
 who sits en- | throned on high,  
**but stoops | to behold**  
**the heavens | and the earth?**

The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust  
 and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,  
**enthroning them | with the rulers,**  
**with the rulers | of the people.**

The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house  
 to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!  
**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;  
 there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
 Christ Jesus, himself human,  
 who gave himself a ransom for all  
 —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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 sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.****HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

**SERMON**

**Rev. Shaun O'Reilly**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***

**ELW #712**

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.

- 2 Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

## **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**

*Be Thou my Vision, traditional arr. David Abramsky*

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

***We Are an Offering***

**ELW #692**

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,*

*We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.*

*Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands*

*Lord use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering, we are an offering.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

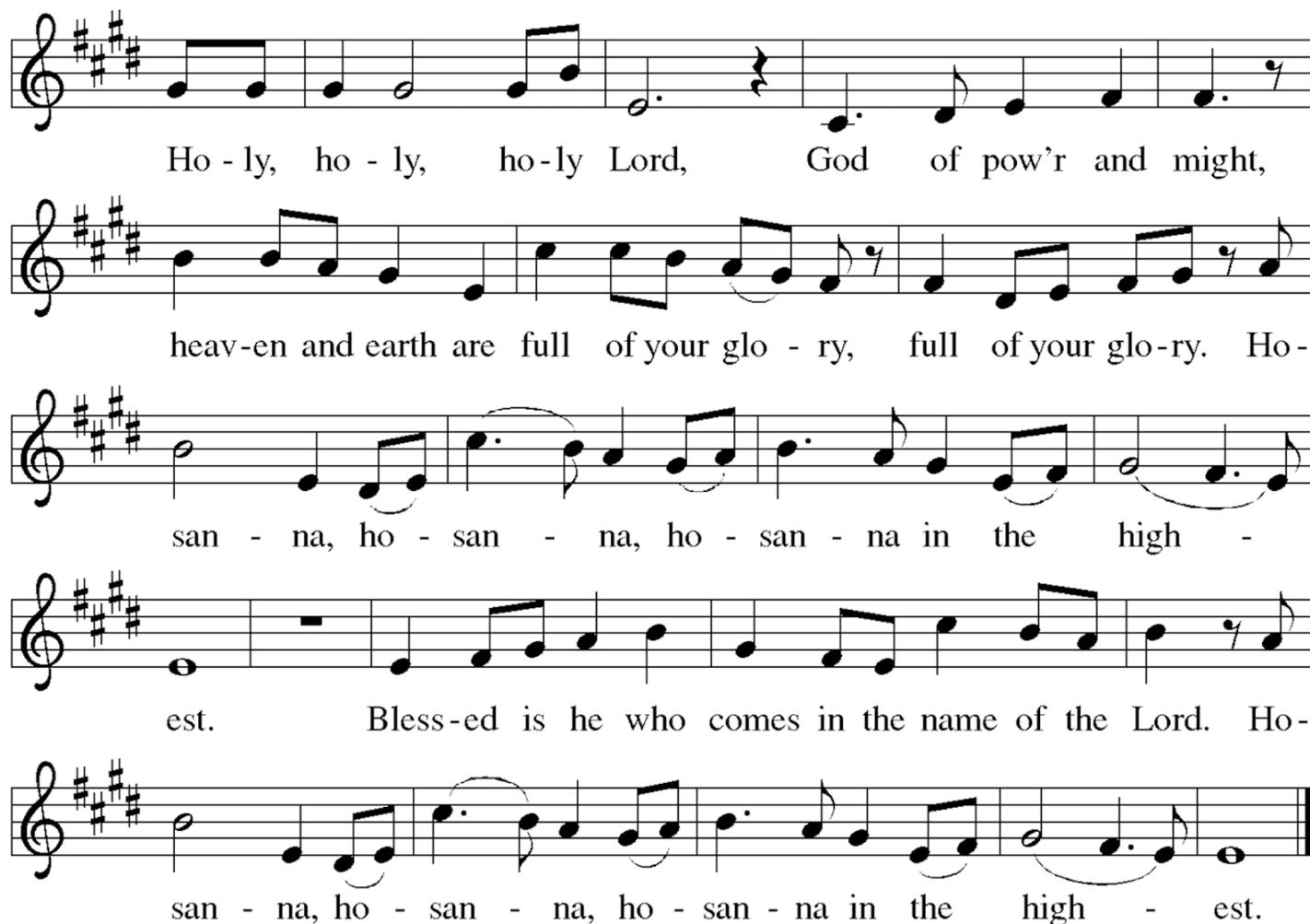
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

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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.*

**O Bread of Life From Heaven**

ELW #480

- 1 *O bread of life from heaven,  
 O food to pilgrims given,  
 O manna from above:  
 feed with the blessed sweetness  
 of your divine completeness  
 the souls that want and need your love.*
  
- 2 *O fount of grace redeeming,  
 O river ever streaming  
 from Jesus' wounded side:  
 come now, your love bestowing  
 on thirsting souls, and flowing  
 till all are fully satisfied.*
  
- 3 *We love you, Jesus, tender,  
 in all your hidden splendor  
 within these means of grace.  
 Oh, let the veil be riven,  
 and our clear eye in heaven  
 behold your glory face to face.*

**I Surrender All**

**1** All to Jesus I surrender,  
all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
in his presence daily live.

***Refrain***

**I surrender all, (I surrender all),  
I surrender all, (I surrender all),  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**2** All to Jesus I surrender,  
humbly at his feet I bow;  
worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
take me, Jesus, take me now.

***Refrain***

**3** All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power,  
let thy blessings fall on me.

***Refrain*****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**


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**- 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

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

ELW #538

The Lord now sends us forth  
with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth  
a better place to live. **Repeat**

The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant  
to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
to do your will today. **Repeat**

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Amy Beach: 3 Compositions, Op. 40 – No. 2. Berceuse*

**We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space**

*Today's flowers are provided by Stan and Elizabeth Pesis in  
Celebration of their Anniversary!*



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

<b>September Worship Schedule</b>				
<b>Task</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Debbie H	Richard S	Betty T	Debbie H
<b>Acolyte</b>			O'Reillys	Welmerinks
<b>Reader</b>	Jean C	Erica W	Sharon S	Linda Z
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Cole P	Sharon S	Shaun O.	Matthew R
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan P	Sharon S	Judi H.	Wes G
<b>Usher</b>	Tommy K	Zack W	Tom L	Eileen W
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Eileen W Kathy W	Betty T Annette W	Sharon S Sophia G	Annette W Betty T
<b>Tech Support</b>	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
<b>Musicians</b>	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K			
<b>Counters</b>	Linda Z Theresa W	Theresa W Davyann S	Davyann S Sigrun C	Linda Z Sigrun C
<b>Coffee after Worship</b>	Bob & Sharon Scott	Jean C Eileen W	Theresa W	Mark Herman

## **Activities At Faith**

~ **Kids' Place** is back today! Join in stories! Starts at 10:50am.

~**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!

~ **Lunch Bunch** - Join us October 1st at 12pm for a Potluck at Faith. Bring something to share!

~ **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](mailto:eileen4575@gmail.com)

~ Would you like to honor or celebrate a special someone in your life with flowers for Sunday, September 28th is available.

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

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