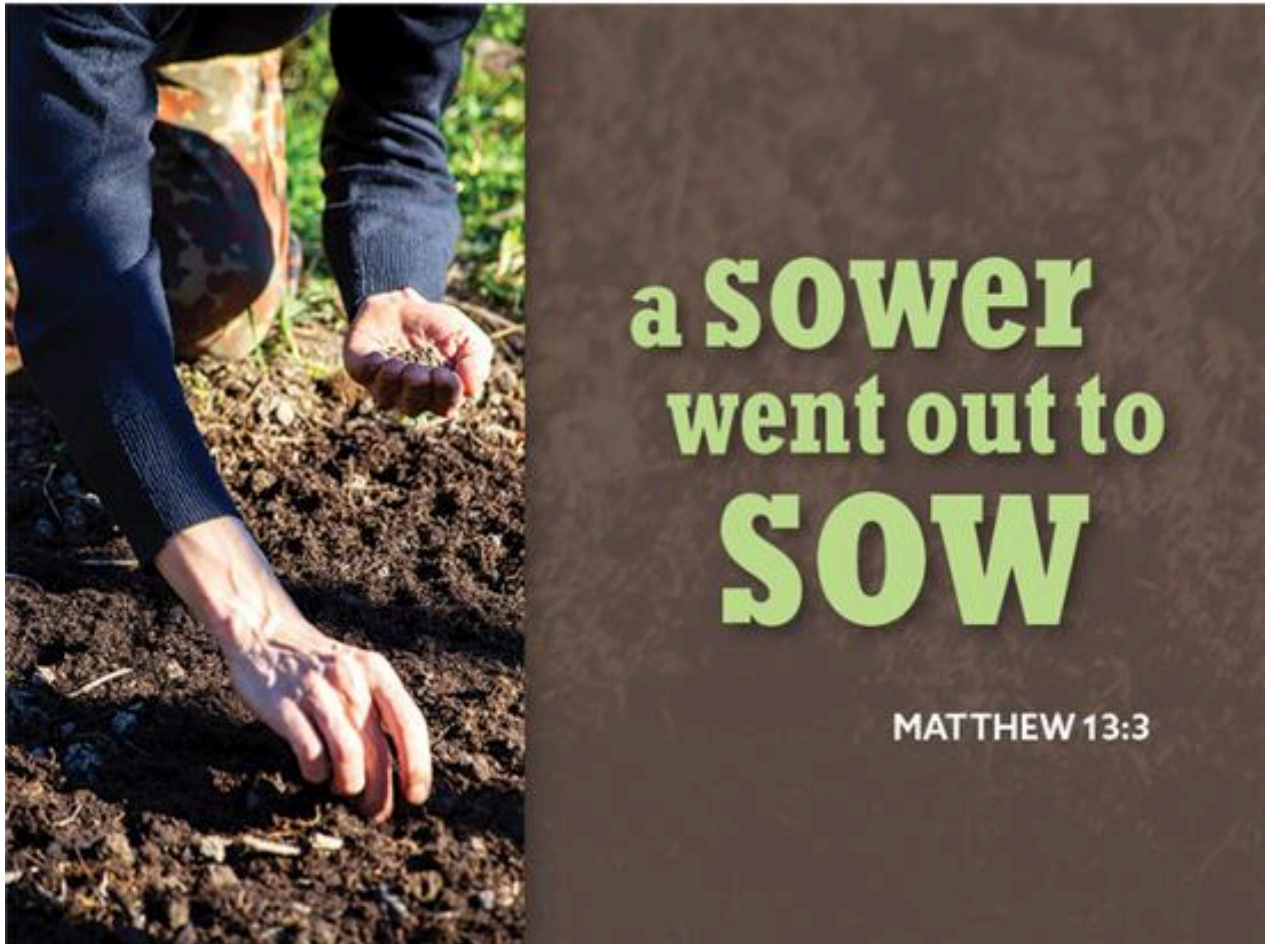


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
July 12, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome. We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! The liturgy is printed within this bulletin, from, Setting 5 of "With One Voice"; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin. **Prayer cards** are available at the end of the row, please use them.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. 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 welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on 7th Sunday after Pentecost: God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Serving Today Asst Minister: Sam S **Altar Guild:** Sharon S & Diane Y

Tech Support: Eric W **Musicians:** Juliana C, Heinz D, Louis L

Counters: Alissa S & Linda Z **Coffee Hour:** Bob and Sharon Scott **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

From "Mr Rogers' Neighborhood"

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

please rise in body and/or Spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins, what we have done and what we have left undone. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ live in your hearts through faith, and you rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* **ELW #510**

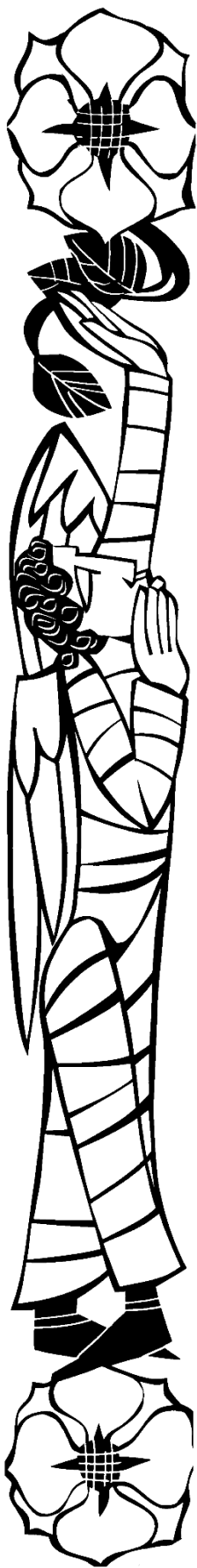
- 1 **Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

- 2 **Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.**

- 3 **Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
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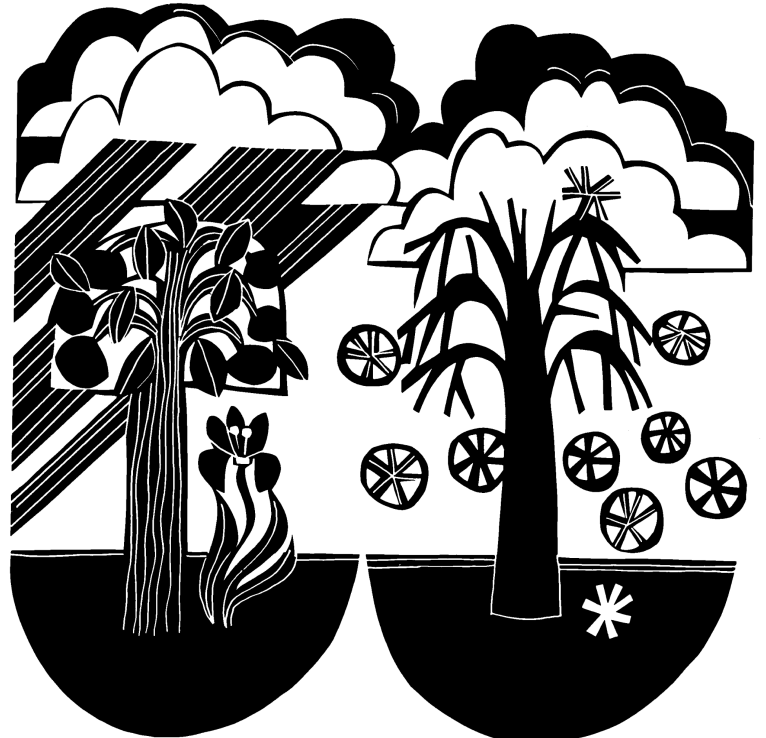
PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For as the rain and the snow come down
 from heaven
 and do not return there until they have
 watered the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the
 eater, so shall my word be
 that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
 and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
 for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 65:1-13

You are to be praised, O ^l God, in Zion;
 to you shall vows ^l be fulfilled.
**To you, the one ^l who answers prayer,
 to you all ^l flesh shall come.**

Our sins are strong- ^l er than we are,
 but you blot out ^l our transgressions.
**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ^l courts to dwell there!
 They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness ^l of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of ^l our salvation,
 O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans ^l far away.
**You make firm the mountains ^l by your power;
 you are girded a- ^l bout with might.**

You still the roaring ^l of the seas,
 the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ^l of the peoples.
**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your ^l marvelous signs;
 you make the dawn and the dusk to ^l sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
 the river of God is ^l full of water.
 You prepare the grain, for so you provide ^l for the earth.
**You drench the furrows and smooth ^l out the ridges;
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and ^l bless its increase.**

You crown the year ^l with your goodness,
and your paths over- ^l flow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be ^l rich for grazing,
and the hills be ^l clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- ^l selves with grain; let them shout for ^l joy and sing.

**You still the roaring ^l of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ^l of the peoples.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



*Leader: The word is very¹ near to you;
it is in your mouth and¹ in your heart. (Deut. 30:14)*



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns



grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what

was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

SERMON

"A Beautiful Day for Sowing"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW #726

**1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain

***The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break
forth with singing!***

***We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder
echoes shalom.***

- 2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.**

Refrain

- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

**RESPONSE OF FAITH****Apostle's Creed**

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
PEACE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.

Reveal through us your life-giving work.

OFFERING

From "Mr Rogers' Neighborhood"

We are faithful community together.

Consider giving a one-time or recurring donation to support our ministry! (you can scan the QR code or visit our website)



PRESENTATION HYMN

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

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 - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. 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



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Let us Break Bread Together

ELW #471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Father, We Thank You

ELW #478

- 1 Father, we thank you that you planted your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus your Son to us imparts.
Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,
and giv'n us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.
- 2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still;
perfect it in your love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto your will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands your church be gathered
into your kingdom by your Son.

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is
understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good
soil.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW #623

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.



2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

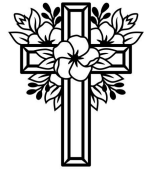
4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:
Flowers today are provided by Debbie Hansen in loving memory of
Jake Miller and Tami McMahan.*



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July Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	5th	12th	19th	26th
*Asst. Minister	Matthew R	Sam S	Erica W	Todd M
*Altar Guild	Annette Kathy	Sharon Diane	O'Reillys	Annette
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K Erica	Juliana C Heinz D	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Theresa Linda	Alissa Linda	Alissa Davyann	Davyann Theresa
Coffee after Worship	Eileen W	Bob and Sharon Scott	O'Reillys	OPEN

Activities at Faith

~A Special Congregational Meeting following worship today. We have an exciting opportunity to open our doors to a local congregation (Kindred Church) so they have worship space and so we can engage in a shared children's ministry. A special committee has been exploring key questions and ideas on this for the past few months and we'll hear their recommendation and motion for the congregation.

~Worship Service Same Day Sign Ups - Through the summer months. *Your participation is needed to keep our worship service running smoothly.* If you are here & are able to serve, sign up. Thank You, Your Worship Team.

~**Christmas in July: July 25th 3:00 - 5:00 pm** |

Beat the summer heat with a little holiday cheer! Bring the whole family for an afternoon of music, crafts, games, and treats — Christmas spirit meets summer fun! Grab a flyer to hand out today.



~ Every Tuesday **Bible Readers** meet at 1:30pm here at Faith . We read and go over the lectionary for the following Sunday. *We offer zoom or in person.* This is a good way to dig deeper, share ideas and prepare yourself for Sundays.

~**Faith's Supper Club** - July 23rd at 4:30pm: July takes us to the Patio at the Cheesecake Factory in Reno on Meadowood Mall Circle. **Bring a jacket or sweater just in case the temperature dips.** Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Looking forward to seeing you there! Jean C.

~**Annual Church BBQ and our 70th Anniversary as Faith Lutheran:** We will be celebrating this on August 23rd following worship. A BBQ potluck, all are welcome, bring something to share and celebrate together this blessed milestone!

~**No Lunch Bunch** in July or August, see you in September!

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**

Recent giving for the month of **June 2026** was **\$15,361**

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