

Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
July 5, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Sixth 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 Blue WOV Hymnal, Setting 5; 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 6th Sunday after Pentecost: The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden and Jesus associates with those often excluded from religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Serving Today Asst Minister: Matthew R **Altar Guild:** Annette & Kathy
Tech Support: Alex K **Musicians:** Juliana C, Heinz D, Olivia K, Erica W
Counters: Theresa & Linda **Coffee Hour:** Eileen W **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

America the Beautiful arr. Jennifer Rhodes

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
ELW #836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!



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: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
 today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 145:8-14

The LORD is gracious and full¹ of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in¹ steadfast love.
**LORD, you are¹ good to all,
 and your compassion is over¹ all your works.**

All your works shall praise¹ you, O LORD,
 and your faithful¹ ones shall bless you.
**They shall tell of the glory¹ of your kingdom
 and speak¹ of your power,**

that all people may know¹ of your power
 and the glorious splendor¹ of your kingdom.
**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
 your dominion endures through-¹ out all ages.
 You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in¹ all your works.**

The Lord upholds all¹ those who fall
 and lifts up those who¹ are bowed down.
**The LORD is gracious and full¹ of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in¹ steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is an existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

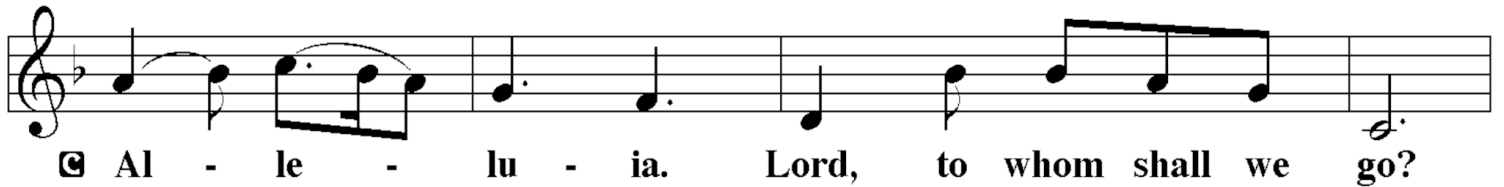
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Leader: Blessed are you, Lord of¹ heav'n and earth;



you have revealed these¹ things to infants. (Matt. 11:25)

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."



At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

SERMON

One Act of Mercy at a Time

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting-place,
 and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink
 and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched,
 my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me,
 your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till trav'ling days are done.



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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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 *Is This the Fast we Choose* by John Hermanson

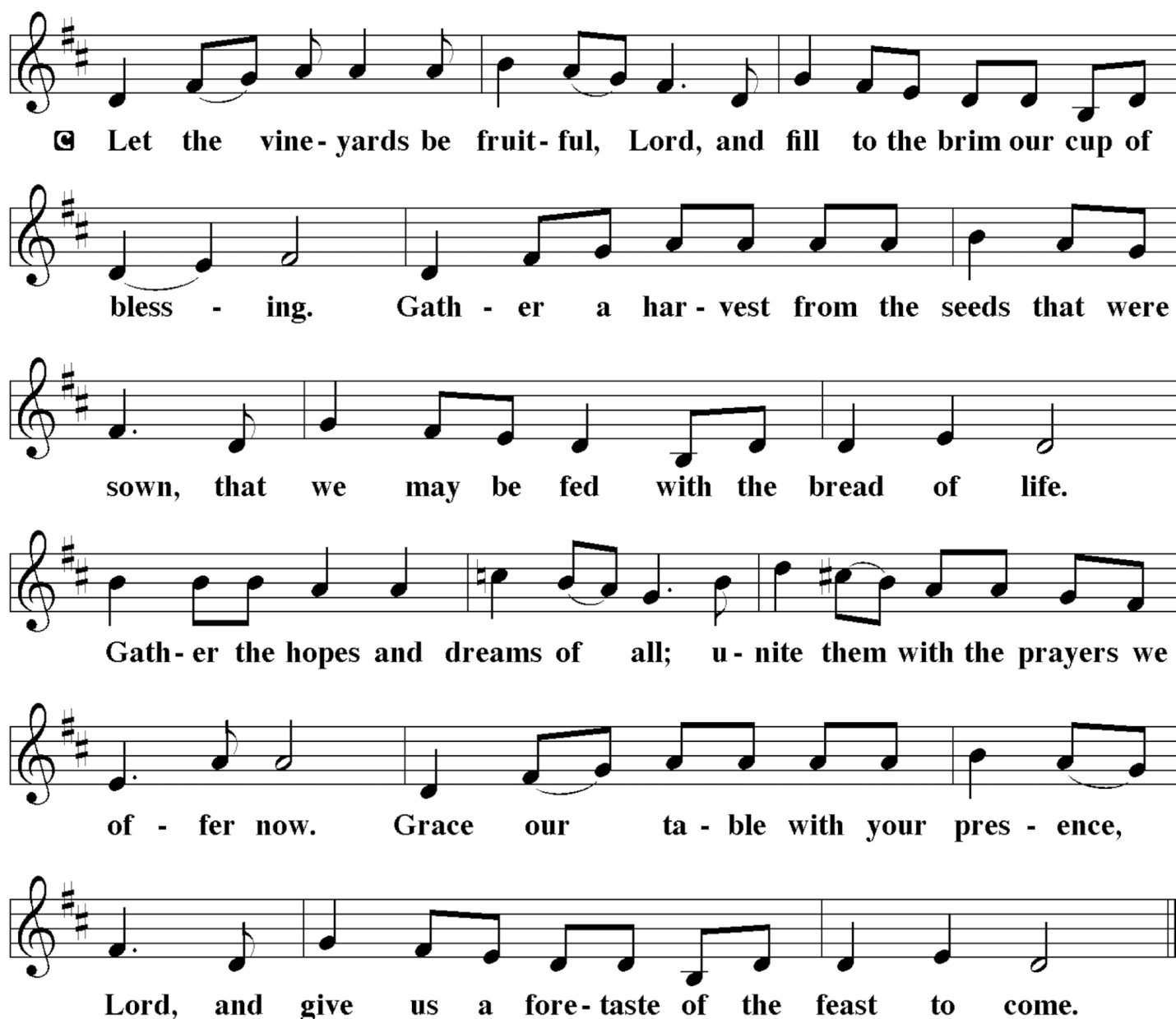


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PRESENTATION HYMN *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*



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.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***Refrain***

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Nada Te Turbe

Taize Community

Noth-ing can trou-ble; noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er go want-ing.
Na - da te tur-be, na - da te es-pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta.

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

ELW #697

Refrain

*Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES. BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW #765

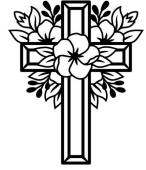
- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 Sharon Scagliotti in celebration of the
250th Birthday of the United States!*



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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

~Next Sunday: Special Congregational Meeting following worship on July 12th. 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 consider their suggestions on moving forward.

~ Adult Forum is off today. Leaders are available to address any questions/concerns ahead of next week's meeting and vote.

~ Save the Date(s): We are, again, hosting some **jazz nights** during July this year, in participation with Reno's "Artown"! It's **an Evening with the Music and Wisdom of Mr. Rogers**. Join us! 6:30pm on Wed. July 8th and Thurs. July 9th. Refreshments provided and all ages welcome. Bring friends!



~**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.

~ 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.

~**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 **May 2026** was **\$13,080**

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