

Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
August 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

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. You can fill one out and hand it to our usher during the Hymn of the Day (follows the Sermon).

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 the twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Serving Today **Asst Minister:** Matthew Rhiley **Altar Guild:** Annette Warner

Tech Support: Alex Kjorvestad **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

Musicians: Juliana Carmona, Olivia Knock

Counters: Davyann Schalnatt & Sigrun Coffman **Coffee Hour:** Scotts

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

Just as I am

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, $\pm$ 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

Come All You People

ELW #819



**1 Come, all you people, come and
praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and
praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and
praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord**

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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the
LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it



and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will
be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 67

May God be merciful to [|] us and bless us; may the light of God's face [|] shine upon us.
Let your way be known [|] upon earth, your saving health a- [|] mong all nations.

Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.
**Let the nations be glad and [|] sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- [|] tions on earth.**

Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.
The earth has brought [|] forth its increase; God, our own [|] God, has blessed us.

May God [|] give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth [|] stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all
have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an
Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not
rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to
God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now
been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive
mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able

Paul D. Weber



*Leader: Jesus preached the good news ¹ of the kingdom
and cured every sickness a- ¹ mong the people.*

(Back to Refrain)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.



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

SERMON

Enrolled in Tyre and Sidon

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of our Every Ill

ELW #612

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***
- 3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

RESPONSE OF FAITH

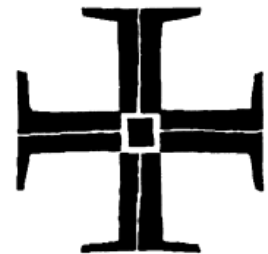
Apostle's Creed

**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

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 word.

OFFERING

Nearer My God to Thee

We are faithful community together, and so we give together.
You can also scan the QR code or give on 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

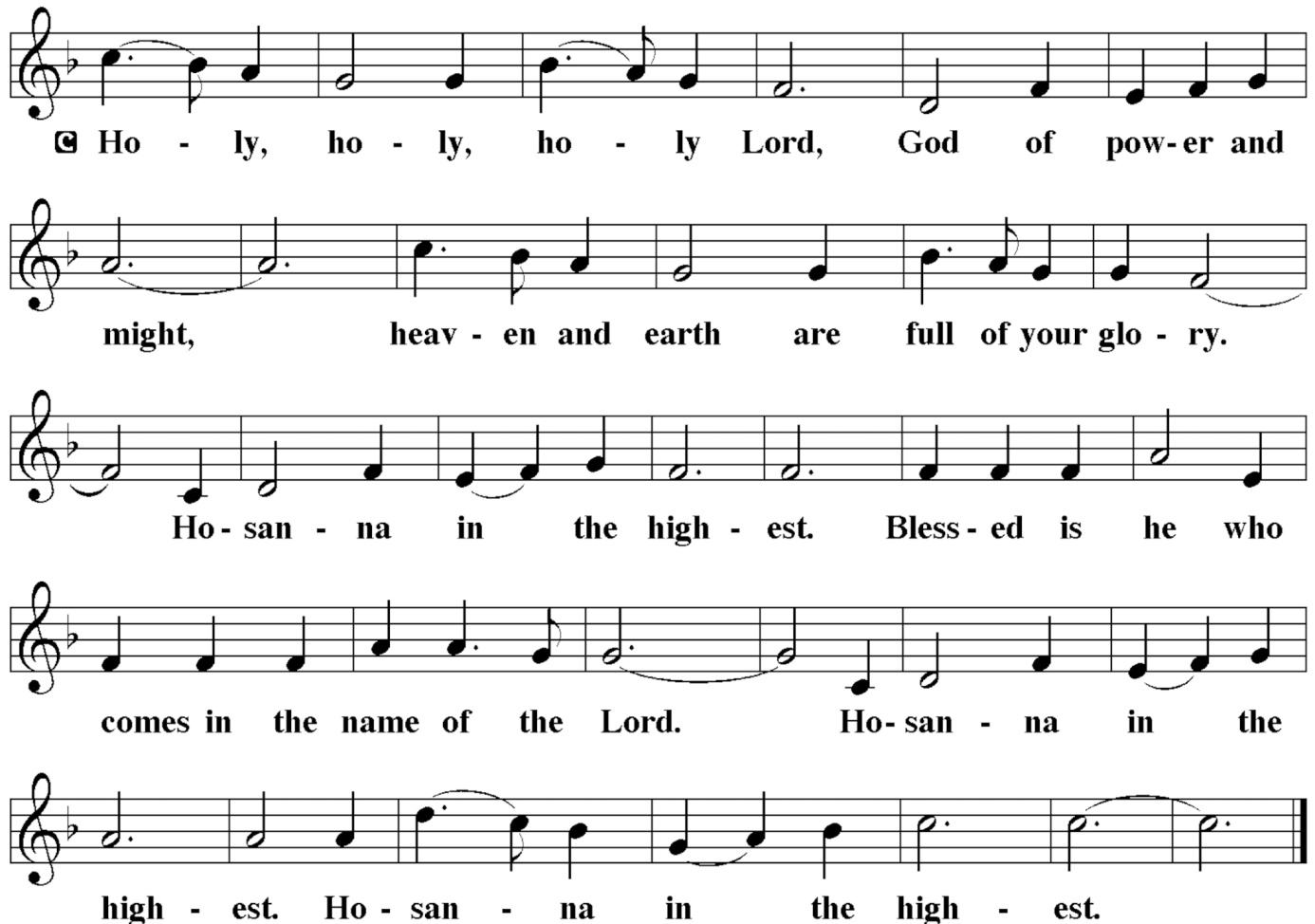
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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*

Nothing Can Ever Come

Taize Community

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No - thing can e - ver come be - tween us and the love of God,
the love of God re - vealed to us in Christ Je - sus
Oh _____ Oh _____

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff features a long, sustained chordal accompaniment with a melodic line, marked with a fermata and ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 4 and 8 indicated at the start of the second and third staves respectively.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

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

1. You will go out in joy — and be led back in peace. — The
5 moun-tains and hills be - fore you — will burst in - to song.

9 2. Come e - very one who thirsts, and you will drink for free. — There's
13 a stream of liv - ing wa - ter — in the wil - der - ness.

17 3. Make e - very crook - ed way straight. In the wil - der - ness, make a way.
21 Lay ev - ery high place low. — Lift up e - very plain.

25 4. The shep - herd is with the sheep. The shep - herd is — a lamb. — The
30 lamb will gen - tly lead us — to the wa - ter of life.

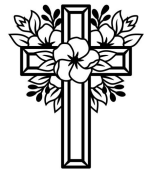
34 5. You will go out in joy — and be led back in peace. — The
38 moun-tains and hills be - fore you — will burst in - to song.

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 the Weldon's in honor of their 27th
Wedding Anniversary! Happy Anniversary, we celebrate and rejoice
with them today!*



Activities at Faith

Join the **Adult Forum in August, Sundays at 11am**, we discuss the day's readings and our devotional walk through these passages in the gospel of Matthew.

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 joyful milestone! Feel free to take pictures and send them to the office so we can make this a memorable time!

Summer Vacation Sharing: Did you have a summer trip you would like to share with your church family in the September Newsletter? Email 1 or 2 short paragraphs with a couple photos to the office, we'd love to share your adventures! Please submit them no later than August 26th, as we will be publishing the Newsletter on the 27th.

Thanks! Ginny

Scheduling the Worship teams will resume starting in September.

ELCA News: One month away! On Sunday, Sept. 13, congregations of the ELCA will gather for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands." This day offers an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. (More information will be posted in the September Newsletter.)

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **July 2026** was **\$16,346**

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August Worship Schedule 2026					
Task	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
*Asst. Minister	Judi H	Todd M	Matthew R	Sam S	Sharon S
*Altar Guild	Eileen Kathy	Sharon Diane	Annette	O'Reillys	Annette
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Alissa Sigrun	Davyann Theresa	Sigrun Davyann	Theresa Sigrun	Linda Alissa
Coffee after Worship	Zimmermans	Scotts	open	Annual BBQ and 70th Anniversary	Sharon S

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

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In Our Prayers

To add a prayer request, please contact the church office or email your request to prayers@faithlutheranreno.org.

with **Perralina Palm** for her friend's son, Dylan, undergoing chemo for brain cancer.

with **Lynn McClellan** for Terese and her sons and all after the sudden death of Terese's husband. Also, prayers for Sam (6) for healing and permanent remission from brain cancer.

with **Katie Weldon** for continued health as she receives treatment for cancer

with **Bob Miller and family** as they grieve the loss of LindaLu Miller.

with **Nancy Pugh** for Artha, healing for continuing heart issues.

with the **Chaney family** for guidance.

with **Sonja Dresbach** for her health, for the health of her son-in-law, Chuck, and for her daughter-in-law's mother, Kathy, recently admitted to hospice.

with **Cole Powell**, that she may know God's presence and strength through her cancer treatments

We Pray with and for those who are home bound.

For all victims of violence and their loved ones

For all harmed by war and that peace may prevail

For safety and support for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere

For all affected by natural disasters and climate change, especially those in the path of wildfires and those recovering from storm and tornado damage in the Midwest

For those serving in the military

For leaders in our government

For those recovering from surgery

For the understanding of and care of our environment