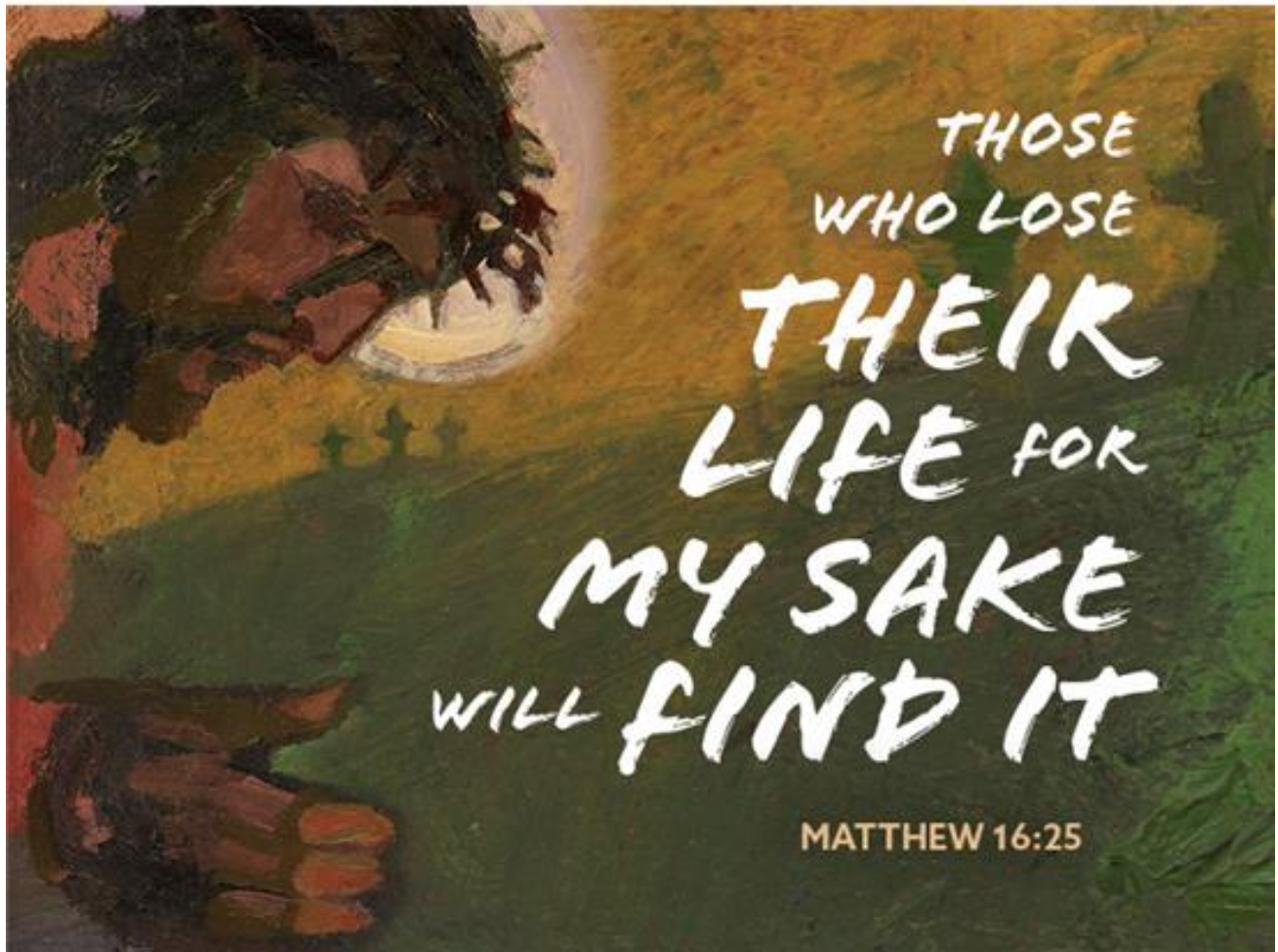


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
August 30, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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. 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 fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: After a tough week in our community, it is so good to be together, console each other, and gather our resources to care for each other & our neighbors! When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they'll find their lives in losing them. In worship we gather in community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Serving Today **Asst Minister:** Sam Sykes **Altar Guild:** Annette Warner

Tech Support: Eric Weldon **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

Musicians: Juliana Carmona, Wesley Gray, Heinz Denoyo

Counters: Linda Zimmerman & Alissa Sykes **Coffee Hour:** Sharon Scagliotti

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

One Summer's Day

arr. Marc Garetto

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

Gather Us In

ELW #532

**1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**



**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart, or I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
 Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.
 It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
 I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.

**Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;
 examine my heart ¹ and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes; I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.
**I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
 nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers; I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.
**I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,
 that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,**

singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
 and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.
**LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell
 and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

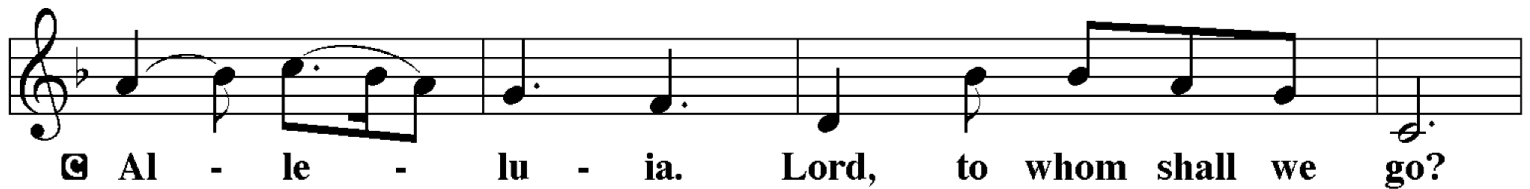
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Proper Verse (leader) :

*May the God of our Lord | Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes | of our hearts,
so that we may | know the hope to which | God has called us.*



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28



From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

SERMON

"The Shape of Following"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS #1043

Refrain





1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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

Abide With Me

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

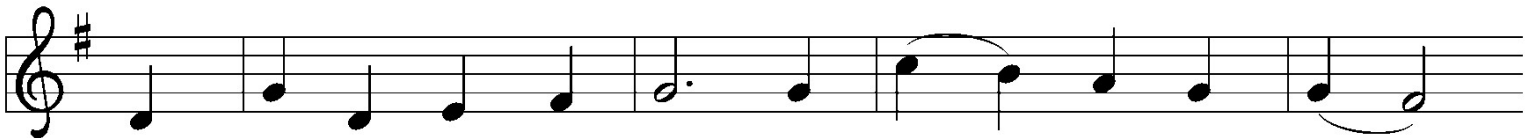


*On the last Sunday of the month we also encourage giving your loose change to the HEART-shaped bowl on the credence table by the doors. Money in the **"Change-Bowl"** currently goes to our children's ministry initiatives and is in the memory of Madge Cooney.

PRESENTATION HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW #686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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



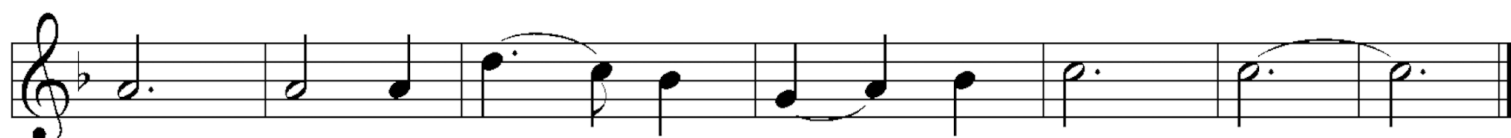
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

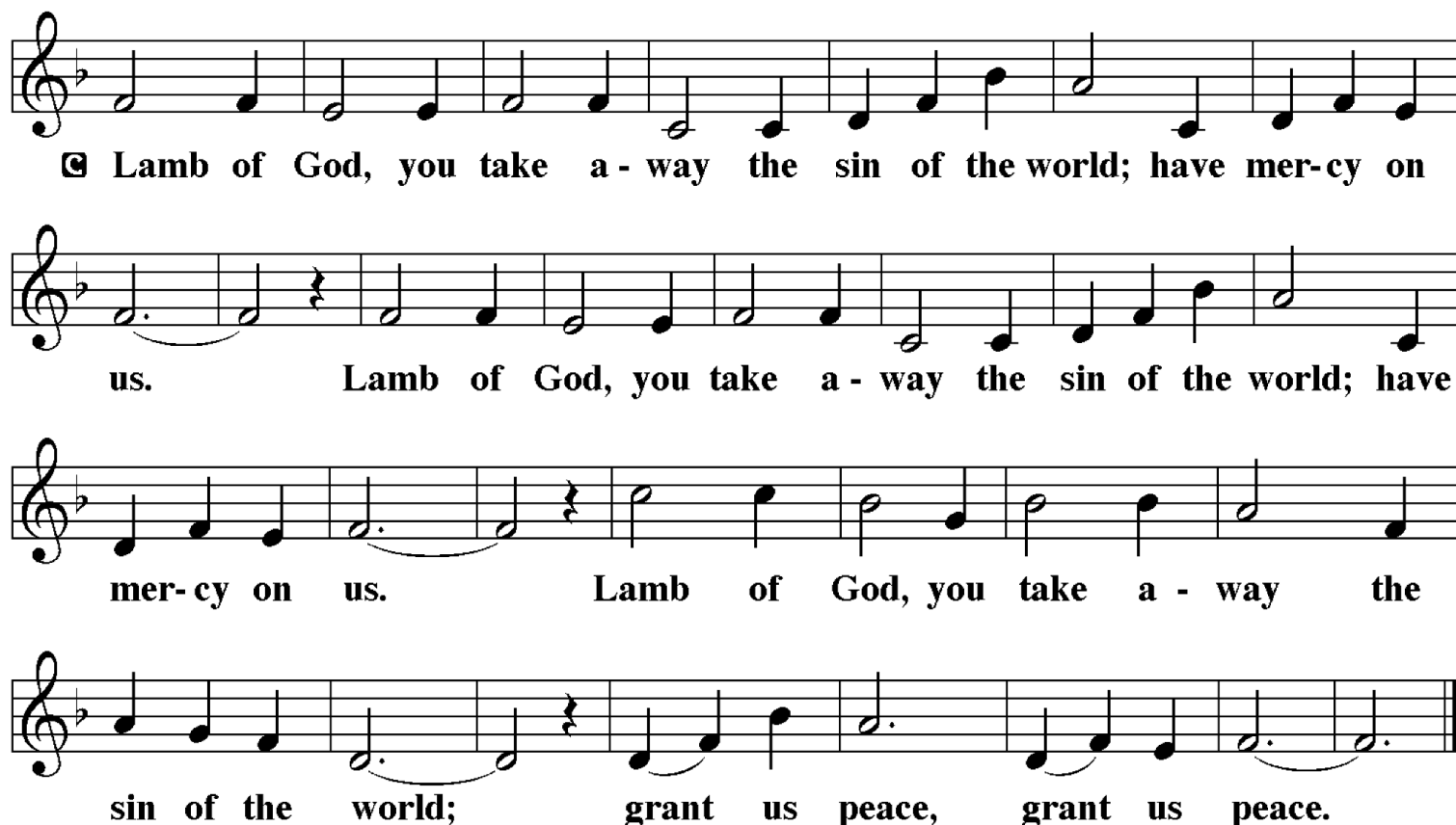
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW #468

- 1 Around you, O Lord Jesus,
 your own you gather still
 to share the feast you give us
 with grace our lives to fill.
 You say to us so lovingly,
 "Take, eat! This is my body!
 Take, drink! This is my blood!"



**2 We hear your invitation,
and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation
is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart;
it brings to us your blessing,
which never will depart.**

**3 We are your own forever;
until our final breath
we will be true and never
in joy, in grief, in death
depart from you, for you are still
among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.**

This Is Christ's Body

ACS #967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

There is a Balm in Gilead**ELW #614****Refrain**

***There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.***

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain***
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain***
- 3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you.

God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

God look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

Amen.

SENDING HYMN***Lift High The Cross*****ELW #660**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***



Refrain

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain***
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain***
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



*We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:
Flowers were provided today by Theresa Wolken!*



Art Used in this Bulletin: Martin Erspamer, OSB, Art for Year A, 2026

Activities at Faith

The **September Newsletter** is out today! See your email or grab a copy in the narthex.

This week we **said good-bye to Ginny**, and expressed our thanks for her good work in the office with us. Concurrently, we are welcoming Nikki Moylan to work with us as our New Administrative Assistant! She will come say Hi in worship in a couple of weeks. Welcome Nikki when you spot her!

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

The Reno Pride Parade and Festival, Saturday, September 12th. Parade: 10am, Festival open until 8pm. The ELCA churches in town are both walking together and hosting a welcoming booth with bottled water. Ask Pr Shaun if you want to be involved!

Lunch Bunch starts up September 2nd at 12pm here at Faith. A potluck style lunch and fellowship. All are welcome!

Coffee after Worship needs 2 volunteers for Sept 6th and 27th. See the Narthex sign up!

Oktoberfest will be held on October 3rd at 4pm. See details in the Sept Newsletter.

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **July 2026** was **\$18, 994**

September Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	6th	13th	20th	27th
Greeter	Judy C	Linda Z	Kathy W	Alissa S
Reader	Sigrun C	Kristine S	Davyann S	Amanda O
*Asst. Minister	Matthew R	Todd M	Sharon S	Erica W
*Cantor	Matthew R	Todd M	Sharon S	Wes G
Usher	Eileen W	Tom L	Sam S	Debbie H
*Altar Guild	Eileen W Kathy W	Sharon Diane	O'Reillys	Annette
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	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
*Counters	Linda Z Theresa W	Alissa S Sigrun C	Sigrun C Davyann S	Linda Z Alissa S
Coffee after Worship	Open	Jean Carter	Betty Brown	Open

In Our Prayers

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

We pray:

for continued healing to **Cole Powell, Katie Weldon, Pat Porter, Sharon Scagliotti, Annette Warner, Charlie Watts.**

with **Cheri Daur**, for healing and strength after a fall at home.

with **Perralina Palm** for her friend's son, **Dylan**, undergoing chemo for brain cancer. And for Perralina's daughter, **Carlette**, who suffered a heart attack and has been recovering.

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

with **Sonja Dresbach** for her health, for the health of her son-in-law, Chuck and his transplant at the Mayo Clinic, and for healing to her Goddaughter, Karen, after pancreatitis.

with **Annete Warner** for her friend Jessica's husband who fell and has suffered a brain injury.

with all who are recovering or in need after our area fires, for safety and God's loving provision.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



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

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