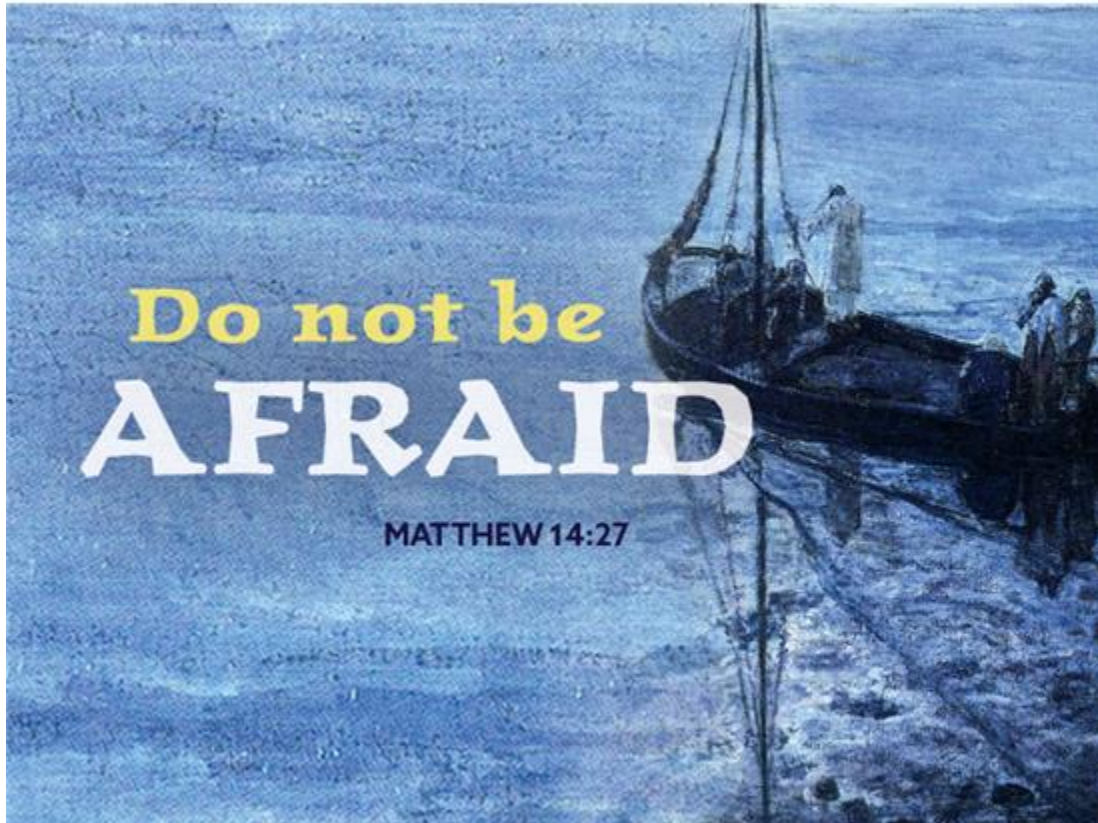


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
August 9, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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 eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the bread and cup of the eucharist, God peace and sends us.

Serving Today **Asst Minister:** Todd Mauldin **Altar Guild:** Sharon Scagliotti

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

Musicians: Heinz Denoyo, Olivia Knock

Counters: Davyann Schalnatt & Theresa Wolken **Coffee Hour:** Scotts

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

Go Down, Moses arr. Russell Robinson

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

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW #710

- 1 **Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.**
- 2 **For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.**

**3 Your city's built to music;
 we are the stones you seek;
 your harmony is language;
 we are the words you speak.
 Our faith we find in service,
 our hope in others' dreams,
 our love in hand of neighbor;
 our homeland brightly gleams.
 Inscribe our hearts with justice;
 your way—the path untried;
 your truth—the heart of stranger;
 your life—the Crucified.**

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



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



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

-WORD-

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.



At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

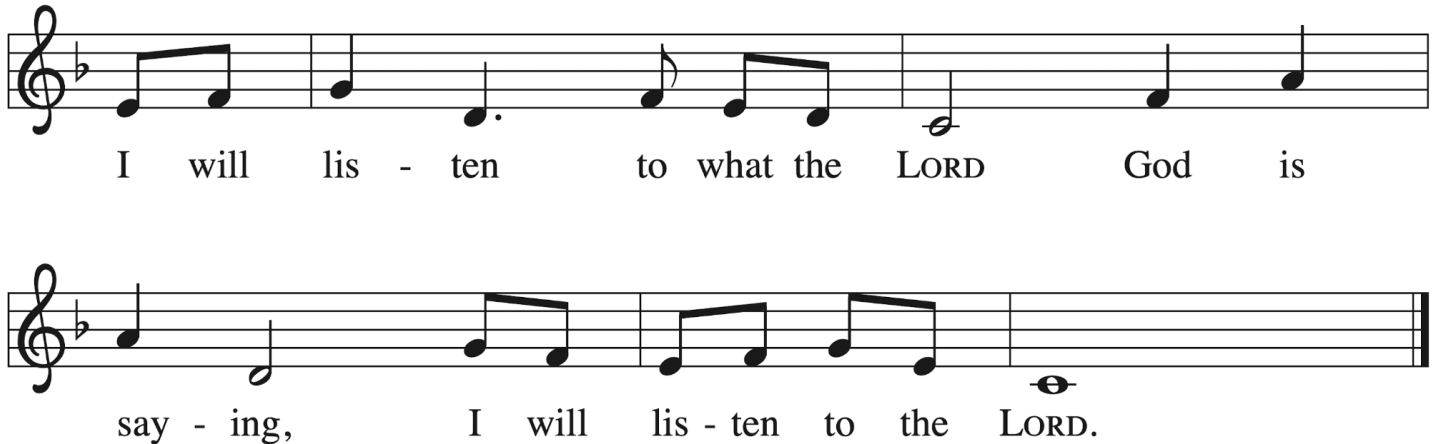
He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the

wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 85:8-13

Refrain



I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
 for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.
Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land. *Refrain*

Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
 righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.
Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
 and our land will¹ yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God isn't something achieved by effort. It's a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"
 (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be

saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able

Paul D. Weber



Leader: I wait for you, O Lord;

in your word is my hope. (Psalm 130:5)

(Back to Refrain)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught

him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

SERMON

"The God Who Arrives"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.**

Refrain

- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

Refrain

- 4 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain***

- 5 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain***



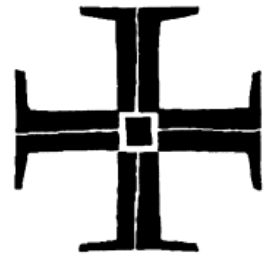
RESPONSE OF FAITH**Apostle's Creed**

**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.

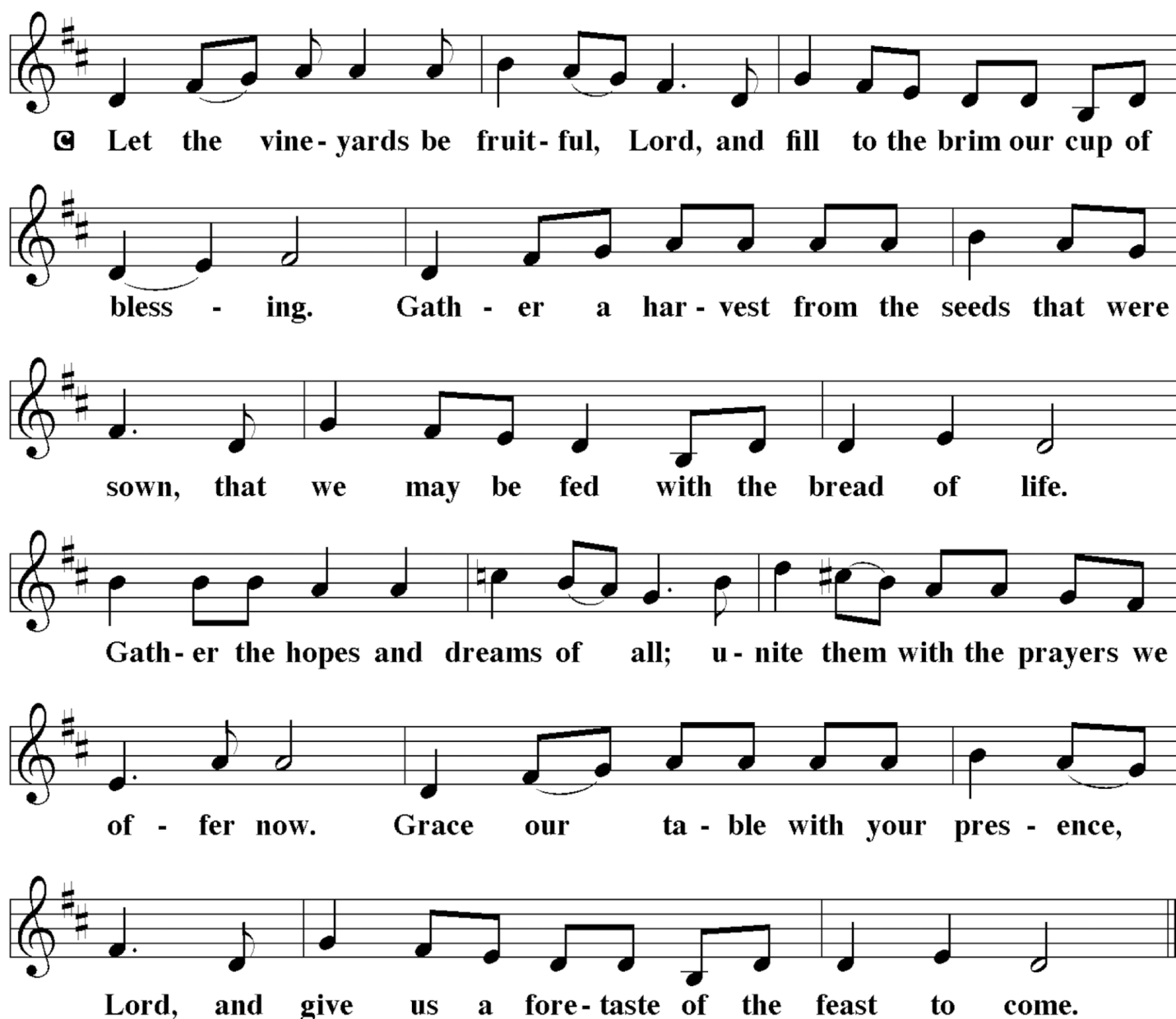
OFFERING

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Philip Keveren

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.**

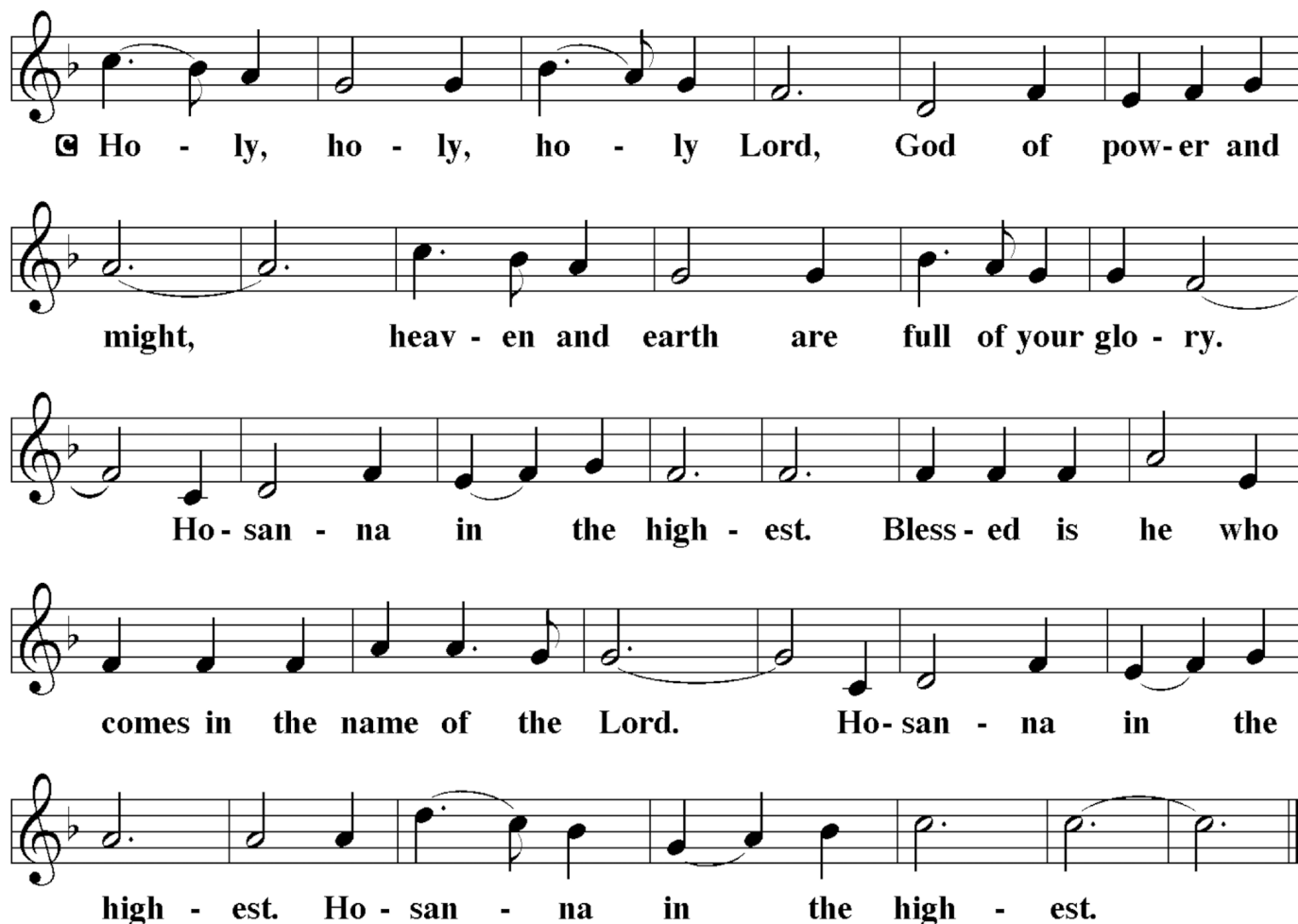
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Day by Day**ELW #790**

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Calm to the Waves

ELW #794

Calm to the waves.
Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts.
Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.



Precious Lord Take My Hand

ELW #773

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

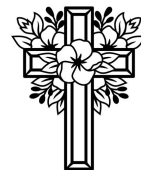
- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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 Larry and Sigrun Coffman in honor of
their grandkids Karla and Nathan!*



Activities at Faith

Scheduling the Worship teams will resume starting in September: Please watch for the email from the church office in a couple weeks to review. As always respond ASAP if you are not able to serve on a particular Sunday and if you can serve on a different one. Thank you!

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.

Coffee after Worship is in need of a sign-up for August 16th, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

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!

Hi Everyone! We'd like to start **celebrating birthdays and anniversaries** each month in the newsletter, but our list has some gaps. Please stop by the narthex to review the printed list and fill in or correct your birthday (month/day) and anniversary date (including year). Thank you so much!

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

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