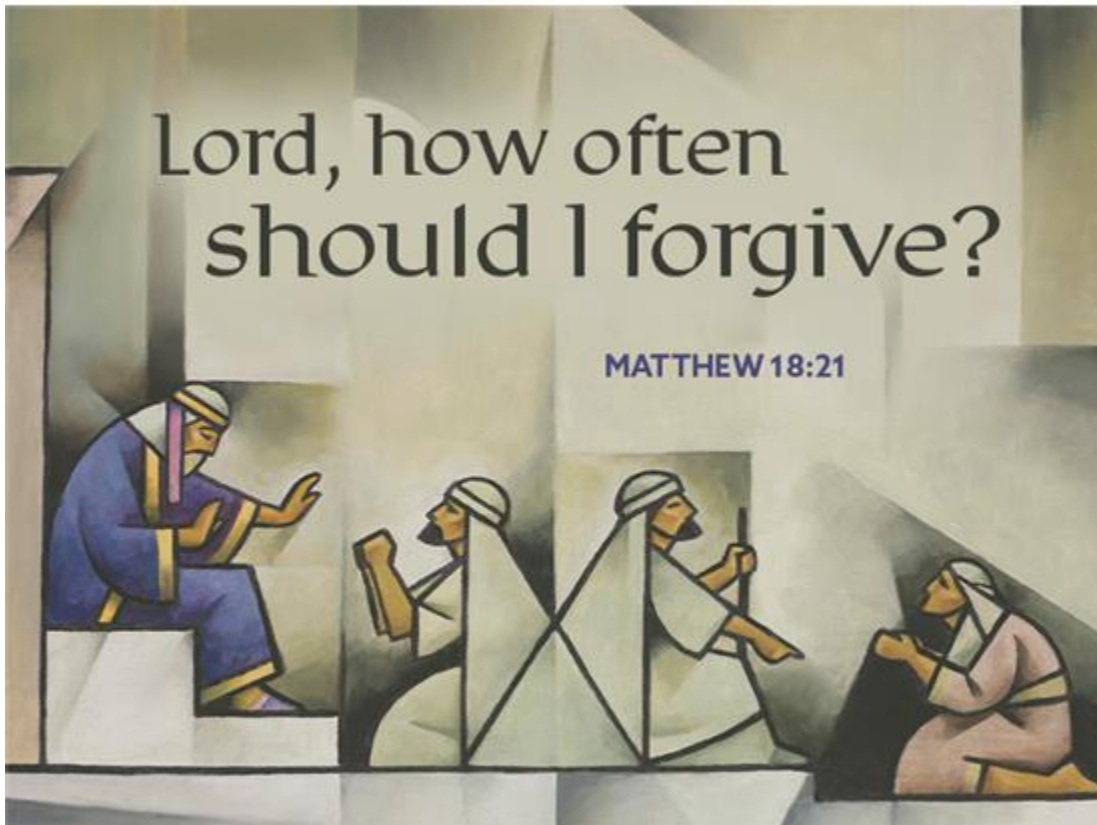


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
September 13, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome! All are welcome to this house of God! Our liturgy is printed within or is found in the ELW Hymnal Setting 2; Congregational responses are 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. There is an activity table in the back, too. 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 most welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on the 16th Sunday after Pentecost: In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge another, since we all stand before God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Serving Today **Altar Guild:** Sharon Scagliotti & Diane Yarbrough **Musicians:** Olivia Knock, Heinz Denoyo **Asst Minister & Cantor:** Todd Mauldin
Tech Support: Alex Kjorvestad **Counters:** Alissa Sykes & Sigrun Coffman
Coffee Hour: Eileen Way **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

*The bell is rung and calls all to a time of silence in preparation for worship.
 Prayers for this time are found on pg. 72 in the front of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Gary Lanier

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW #358



- 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

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.

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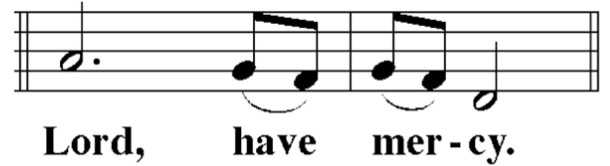
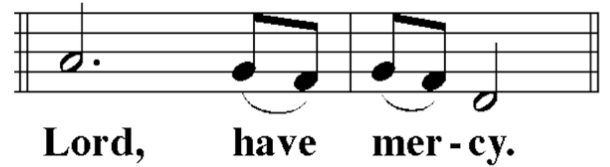
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above, and for
our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house, and for all
who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Help, save, comfort and
defend us gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for

good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.
Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul, and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—

who forgives ¹ all your sins and heals all ¹ your diseases;
who redeems your life ¹ from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast ¹ love and mercy;

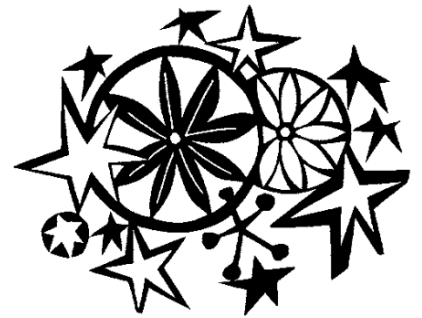
who satisfies your desires ¹ with good things
so that your youth is renewed ¹ like an eagle's.
O LORD, you provide ¹ vindication
and justice for all who ¹ are oppressed.

You made known your ¹ ways to Moses and your works to the chil- ¹ dren of Israel.
LORD, you are full of compas- ¹ sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love;

you will not al- ¹ ways accuse us, nor will you keep your an- ¹ ger forever.
You have not dealt with us according ¹ to our sins,
nor repaid us according to ¹ our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high a- ¹ bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for ¹ those who fear you.
As far as the east is ¹ from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- ¹ sions from us.

As a father has compassion ¹ for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear ¹ you, O LORD.
Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.



SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those

who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Proper Verse (leader) :

We have an advocate, Jesus[†] Christ the righteous;
your sins are forgiven on account[†] of his name. (1 John 2:1, 12)

(Back to Refrain)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

SERMON

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777, vs.1-4

**1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."**

Refrain

*Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.*

**2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest."** *Refrain*

**3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face."** *Refrain*



4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

RESPONSE OF FAITH

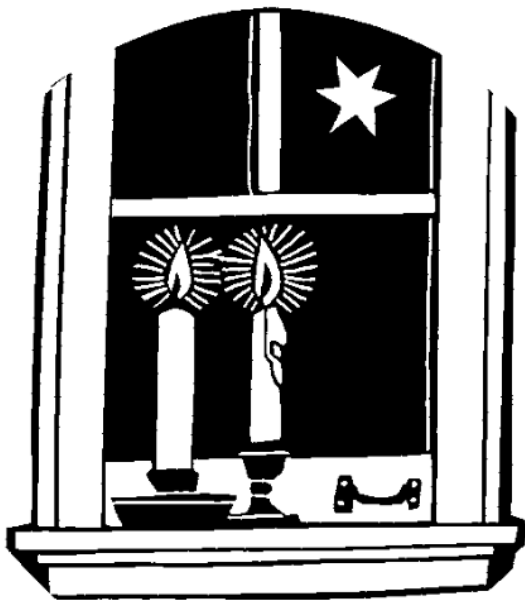
Apostle's Creed

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

We pray to you, Lord. **Have mercy, O God.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Donde hay amor y caridad* arr. Rubaclava
"where love and charity abounds"



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

PRESENTATION HYMN***God Extends an Invitation******ELW #486***

Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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:

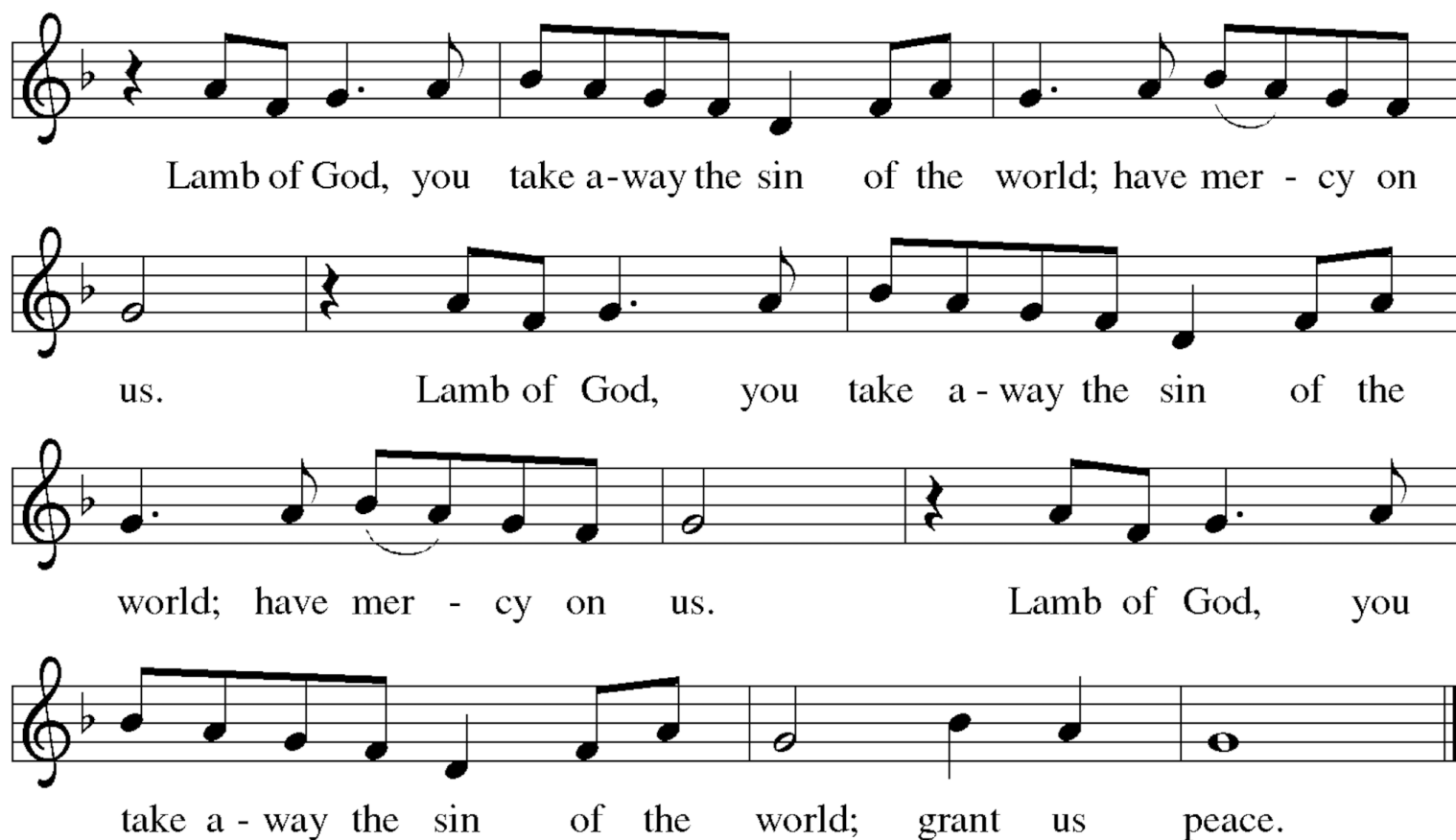
**SANCTUS**

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.

Communion Hymn***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*****ELW #605**

- 1 *"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.*
- 2 *How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?*
- 3 *In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us;
how great our debt to you!*

*4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.*

Communion Hymn***How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*****ELW #620**

- 1** *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.*
- 2** *It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.*
- 3** *Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.*
- 4** *By thee my prayers acceptance gain
although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
and I am owned a child.*
- 5** *O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.*
- 6** *How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.*
- 7** *Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!*

**Communion Hymn*****I Come with Joy*****ELW #482**

- 1** *I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*
- 2** *I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*
- 3** *As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

4 *The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.*

5 *Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

**Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

- SENDING -

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **ELW #836**

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.

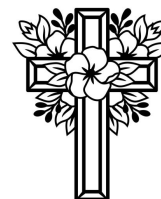
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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



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Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**
 Recent giving for the month of **July 2026** was **\$18, 994**

In Our Prayers

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

We pray: for healing to **Cole Powell**, continued wellness for **Katie Weldon, Pat Porter, Sharon Scagliotti, Annette Warner, and Charley 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 his 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 potentials through the Mayo Clinic, for healing to her Goddaughter, Karen, after pancreatitis, and for healthy growth to Sonja's great grandson.

with all who are recovering or in need after our area's fires.

We pray with and for those who are home bound.

For all victims of violence and their loved ones

For safety and support for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere

For all affected by natural disasters and climate change

For those serving in the military and leaders in our government

For those recovering from surgery

For the understanding of and care of our environment.

For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran,

Gaza, Yemen, South Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo,

Ukraine, and Myanmar...

For the state of Hawai'i in the aftermath of Hurricane Lowell...

For immigrant communities across the United States...

For the wildfires in Indonesia and all those affected by natural disasters...

For the families of 24 children killed in a school fire in east Congo...

For casualties following a cargo ship fire in eastern China and a ferry fire in the Philippines...

For the United States as it commemorates the 25th anniversary of 9/11...



We pray to you, Lord. **Have mercy, O God.**

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	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K
Musicians	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	Birthdays	Eileen Way	Betty Brown	Zimmermans

Activities at Faith

Join the **Adult Forum and Kids' Place classes today at 11am**. The Adult forum enters a new theme: **"Jesus: First Century Rabbi"** – We will explore the Jewishness of Jesus and how his teachings emerged from his wisdom tradition and remain in conversation with Hebrew tradition today too! We are distinct, but familiar religions! Join us in the fireside room.

Join us for **September Evening Vespers** - Prayer & Song - Wednesday, Sept 23rd at 6pm.

Faith's **Supper Club** comes to 7th St and the Bighorn Tavern for group dinner, Thursday Sept. 24th at 4:30pm. Join the group for food and fun! See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Save the Date: Our Annual **Oktoberfest is October 3rd at 4pm**. You can sign up to bring a dish at the table in the Narthex!

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

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