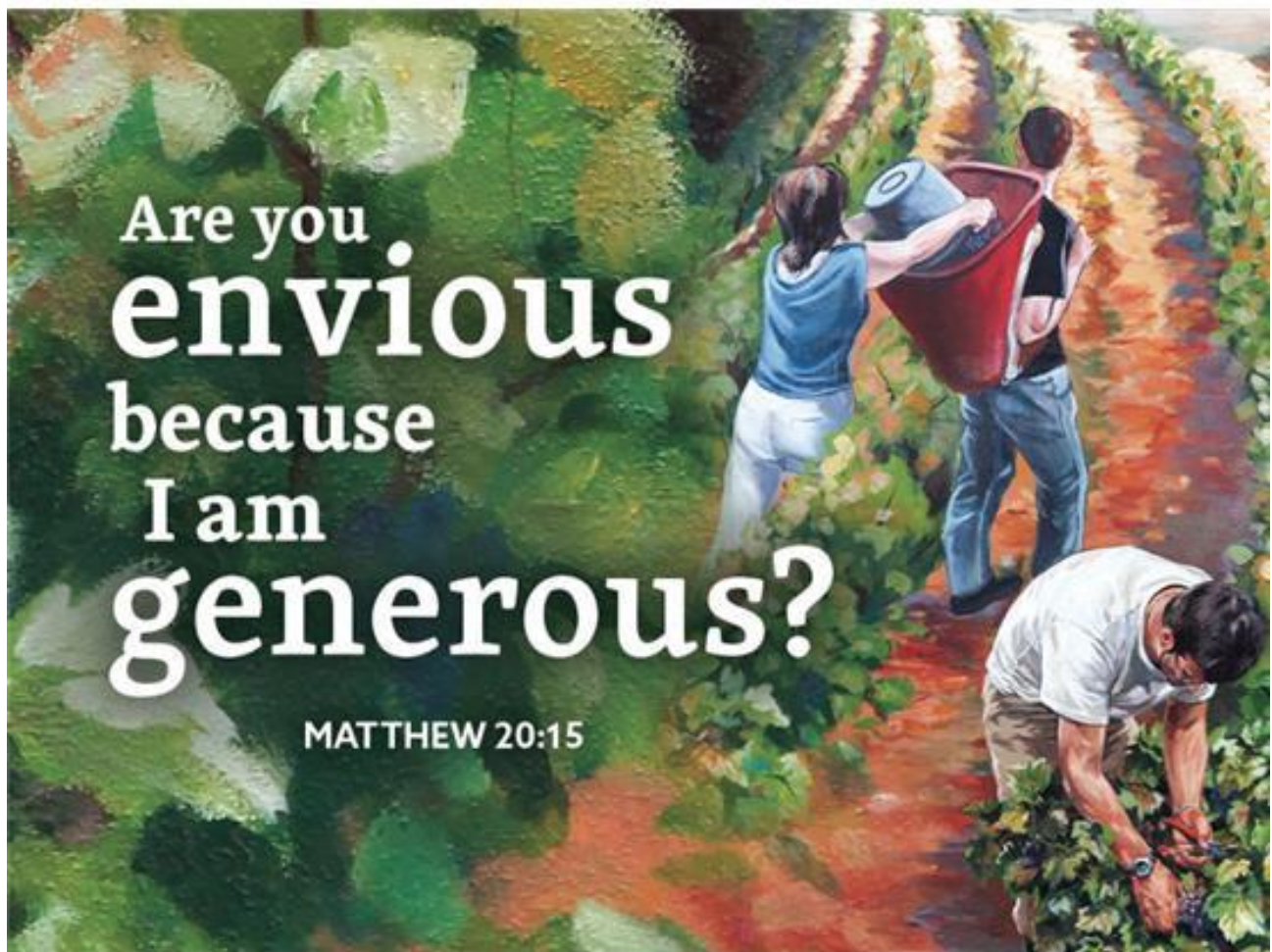


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
September 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost

"Reading the Will of Love"



Welcome! All are invited 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. 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 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables where the reign of God is like a landowner who pays workers the same wage no matter what time they began work. When God is gracious and merciful, abounding in love, Jonah is angry. In baptism we receive the grace of God freely given to all and recall Martin Luther's words: in the presence of mercy "we are all beggars."

Serving Today Asst Minister & Cantor: Sharon Scagliotti **Altar Guild:** The O'Reillys
Tech Support: Eric Weldon **Musicians:** Juliana Carmona, Olivia Knock, Heinz Denoyo
Counters: Davyann Schalnatt & Sigrun Coffman **Coffee Hour:** Betty Brown
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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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

O Praise The Gracious Power

ELW #651, vs1-4

Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith
all strangers far and near:

Refrain

**We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!**

Oh, praise persistent truth
that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious
clutch
the prejudice that blinds: ***Refrain***

Oh, praise inclusive love,
encircling ev'ry race,
oblivious to gender, wealth,
to social rank or place: ***Refrain***

Oh, praise the word of faith
that claims us as God's own,
a living temple built on Christ,
our rock and cornerstone: ***Refrain***



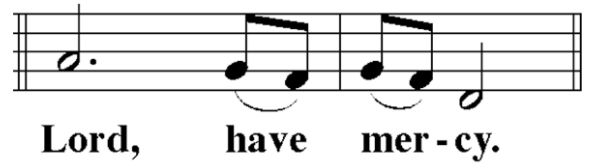
GREETING

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



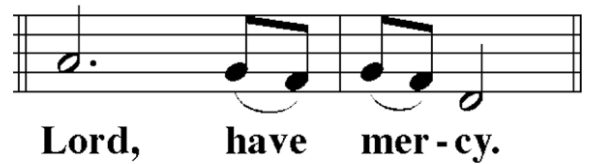
For the peace from above, and for
our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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: Jonah 3:10—4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 145:1-8

Refrain



LORD, you are full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.

I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name forev- ¹ er and ever.

Every day ¹ will I bless you
and praise your name forev- ¹ er and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works ¹ to another
and shall de- ¹ clare your power. *Refrain*

I will speak of the glorious splendor ¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.

They shall tell of the might of your ¹ wondrous acts,
and I will re- ¹ count your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of ¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully ¹ of your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.** *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Proper Verse (leader) :

Open our ¹ hearts, O Lord,
to give heed to what is said ¹ by your Son (Acts 16:14)

(Back to Refrain)



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus said to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the



vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I

choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

SERMON

"Reading the Will of Love"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather At Your Table

ELW #522

**1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**



**2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

**3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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**

"Beloved, God's Chosen"

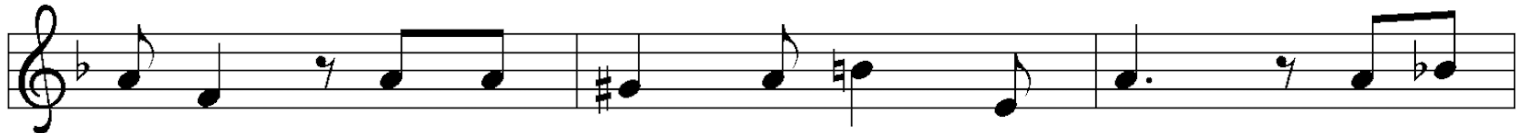
performed from the hymn from the ELW



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

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

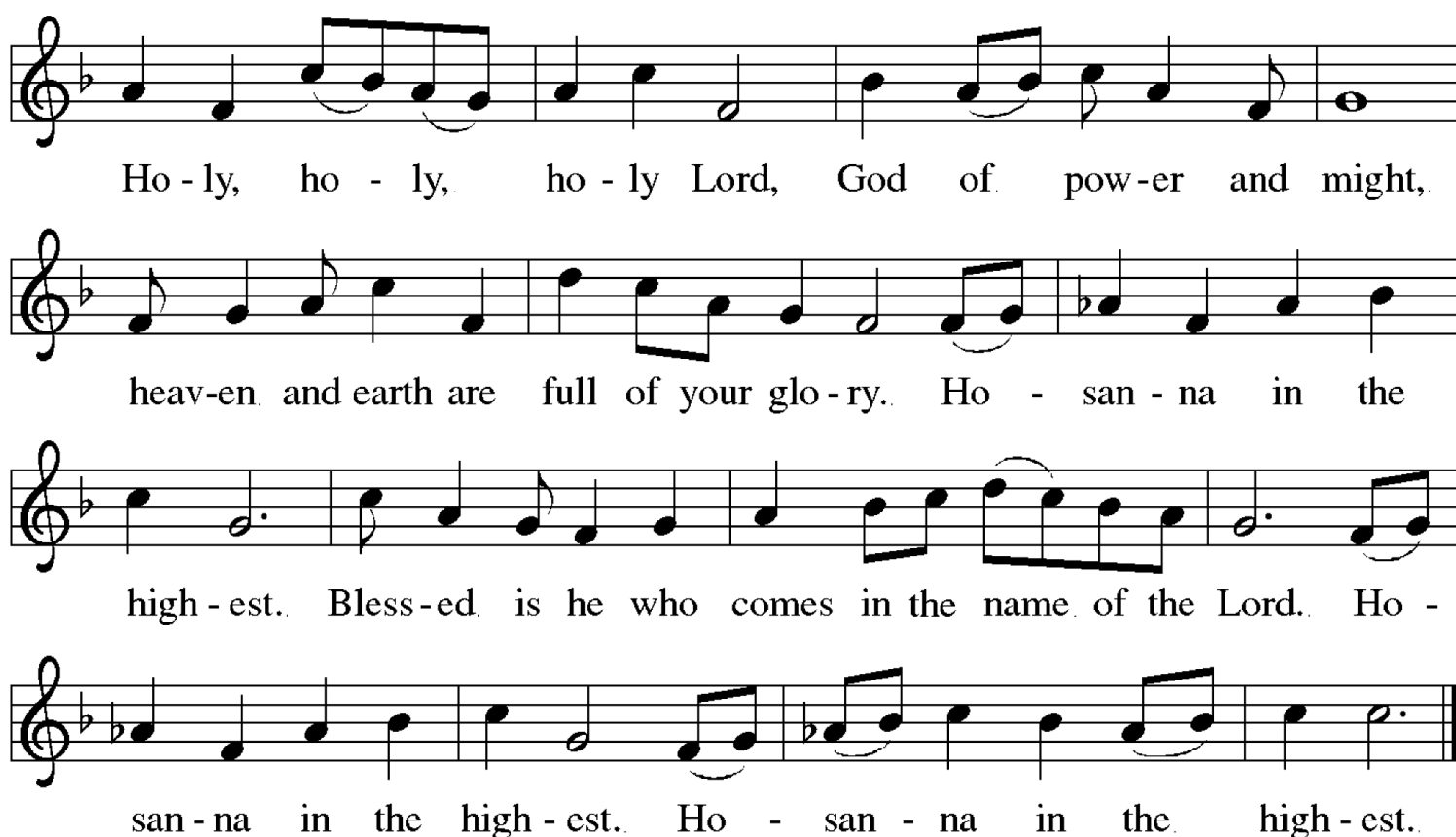
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

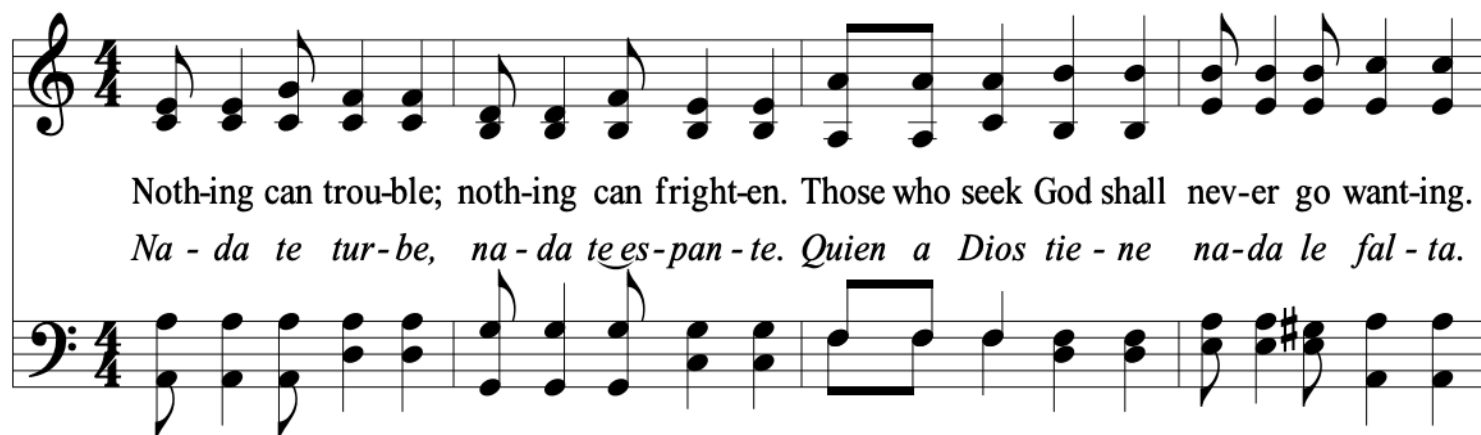
ELW #759

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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.

Communion Hymn

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

2 We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.

**3 For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.**

**4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.**

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

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

ELW #631

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,**

pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

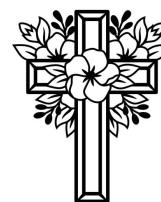
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:
Provided today by Kathy Wilson, in memory of her husband Jerry
Wilson.*



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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

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.**

Activities at Faith

Community Fundraiser Dinner for Hawk Fire Victims: The community is invited to a fundraiser dinner in support of families affected by the Hawk Community Fire. Join us on **Friday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church, 209 W. 1st St., Reno.

Please share this event with friends and neighbors. Every voice helps. Together, we can show those affected that their community has not forgotten them.

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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