

Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
September 27, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Receiving God's Heart"



Welcome! All are invited into 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 18th Sunday after Pentecost: Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. A reading from Ezekiel has people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. We celebrate new life today with the baptism of Ryder Huebsch. Thanks be to God!

Serving Today ***Greeter:*** Alissa Sykes ***Usher:*** Debbie Hansen ***Reader:*** Davyann Schalnatt
Asst Minister: Erica Wilfrid ***Cantor:*** Wes Gray ***Altar Guild:*** Annette Warner
Tech Support: Alex K ***Musicians:*** Juliana C, Olivia K, Heinz D ***Pastor:*** Shaun O'Reilly
Counters: Linda Zimmerman & Alissa Sykes ***Coffee Hour:*** Zimmermans

-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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Rosa de los Santos

CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We trust you!

Make your ways known to us. Teach us your truths.

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We follow you!

Lead us in your ways. Your path liberates and saves.

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We worship you!

Guide us in humility and goodness. Praise the Holy One!

GATHERING HYMN*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

ELW #855

**1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.**

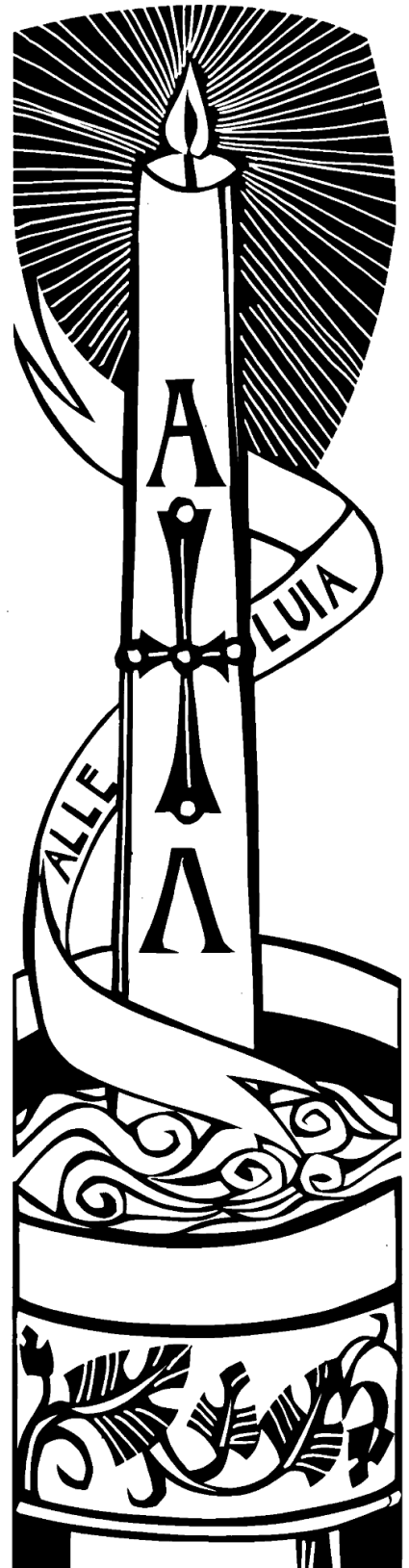
**4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

GREETING

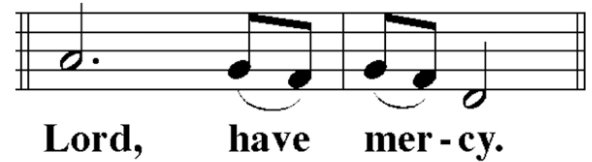
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

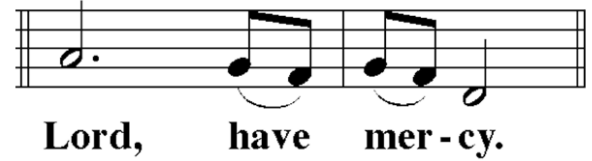


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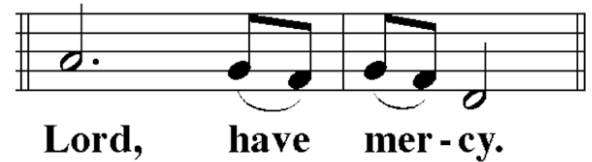
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



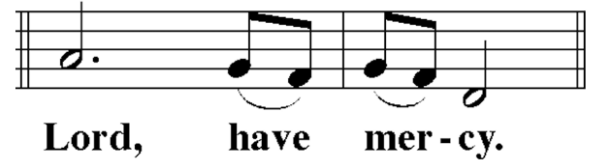
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-9

Refrain



Your paths, O LORD, are stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.

To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. *Refrain***

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- |
ness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. *Refrain***

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

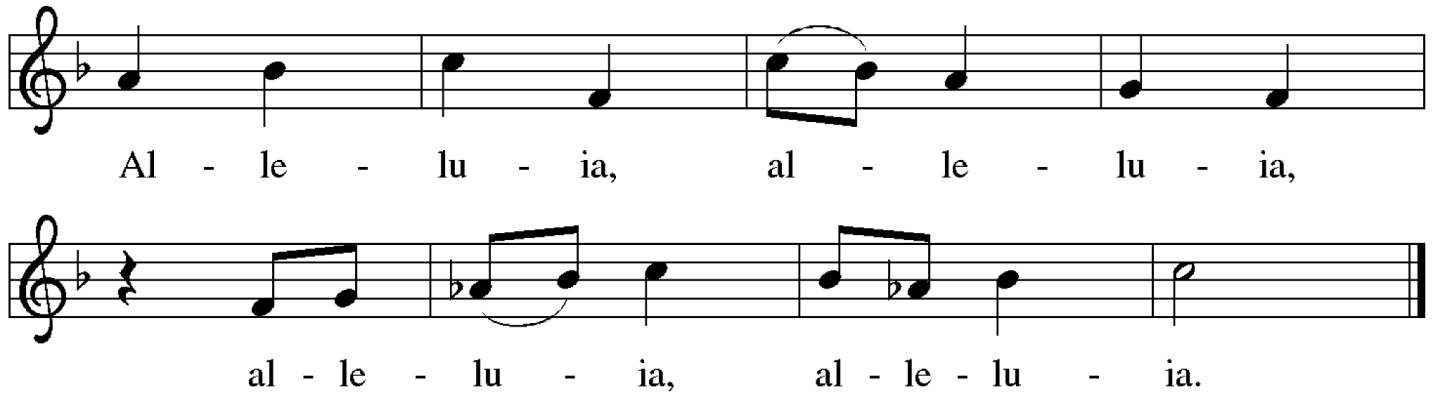


*who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*please stand as you are able**Proper Verse (leader) :**My sheep hear my voice, ¹ says the Lord;**I know them and they ¹ follow me.**(John 10:27)**(Back to Refrain)*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."



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

SERMON

"Receiving God's Heart"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW #445



Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
 where Your cleansing waters flow.
 Number us among Your people;
 bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Weave us garments bright and sparkling;
 compass us with love and light
 Fill, anoint us; send Your Spirit,
 holy dove and heart's delight.

We, Your children, long for nurture;
 by our milk may we be fed.
 Let us join Your feast, partaking
 cup of blessing, living bread.
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
 free from sin and all its snares,
 one with Christ in living, dying,
 by Your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep Your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all Your ways!
 To Your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
 We Your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
 By Your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

HOLY BAPTISM

*Today we welcome Ryder Frederick Huebsch through Holy Baptism.
 The congregation joins in responses in bold when those times arise.*

People of God, do you promise to support Maddox and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, answer "we do."

We do.

... The congregation is invited to profess our faith: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... *(at the Baptism)* Ryder Frederick Huebsch, I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PEACE

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

- FLC CHOIR -

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

arr. Steven Strite



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.

*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

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

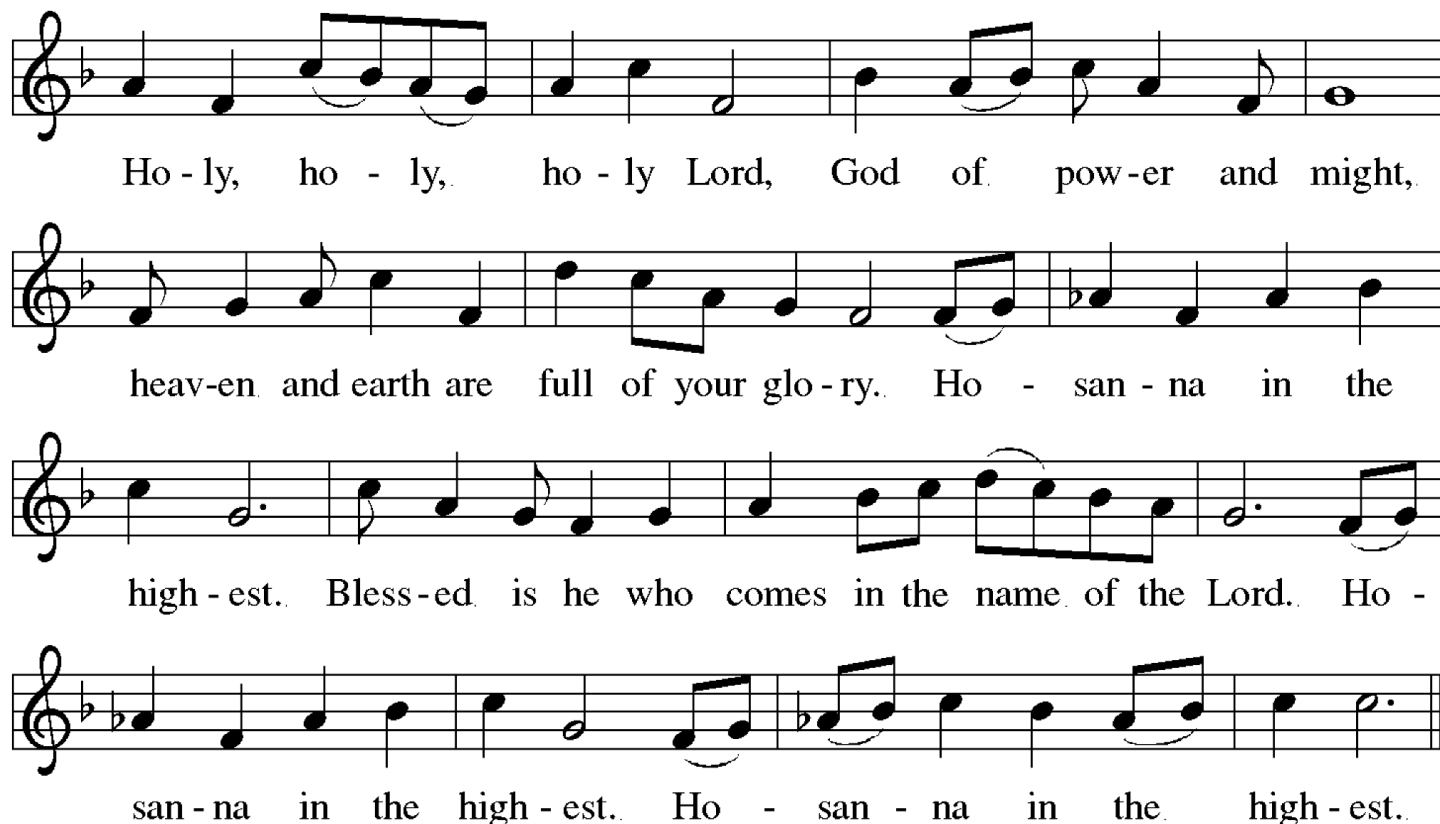
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Here is Bread

ELW #483

**1 Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, drink the wine,
Christ is with us here.**

Refrain:

***In this bread there is healing,
In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.
Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim, till he comes, Jesus crucified.***

**2 Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
Feast on Jesus here. *Refrain***

Communion Hymn***Borning Cry*****ELW #732**

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Communion Hymn***Breathe on Us Holy Spirit***

by Ruth Svendsen

***Breathe on us Holy Spirit,
Breathe in us breath of God,
to do justice, and love mercy,
and walk humbly with our God,
to do justice, and love mercy,
and walk humbly with our God.***

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.



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*Go My Children With My Blessing***ELW #543**

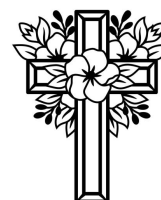
- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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 Betty Brown, in honor of her family.*



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 **Ray Olson** for healing after knee surgeries.

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.

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, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar...

For an end to genocide across the world...

For flooding in southwestern Ohio and all those affected by natural disasters...

For Luther Seminary and all seminaries navigating reimagination or relocation...

For the United Nations General Assembly and for all agencies working for peace...

For victims of gun violence, especially in Ontario, Canada and Durban, South Africa...

For immigrants and all marginalized populations who live in fear of violence...

For those in the path of Tropical Storm Nolo...

For all in need of access to affordable healthcare...

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

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

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **August 2026** was **\$14,206.**

Activities at Faith

Join us next Saturday! Our Annual **Oktoberfest is October 3rd at 4pm**. Sign up to bring a dish at the table in the Narthex!

Next Sunday, following worship: Blessing of the Animals - Oct 4th, directly after service on the patio. Pets welcome, with dogs on leash and cats in crates.

Join the **Adult Forum and Kids' Place classes today at 11am**. The Adult forum explores : **"Jesus: First Century Rabbi"** – 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.

A memorial for **Janet Purser**, who passed away on September 13, 2026, will be held at Walton's Sierra Chapel on Saturday, October 3rd at 9:30 am. Please keep the **Purser Family** in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

October Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	4th	11th	18th	25th
Greeter	Debbie H	Jean C	Richard S	Alissa S
Reader	Linda Z	Wes G	Sigrun C	Sam S
*Asst. Minister	Sam S	Louis L	Judi H	Erica W
*Cantor	Juliana C	Louis L	Wes G	Choir
Usher	Amanda O	Debbie H	Eileen W	Tom L
*Altar Guild	Eileen W Kathy W	Sharon S Diane Y	O'Reillys	Annette W
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	DavyAnn S Alissa S	DavyAnn S Linda Z	Sigrun C Linda Z	Sigrun C Theresa W
Coffee after Worship	Annette Warner	Open	Open	Fellowship Team

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

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