

Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
September 6, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Creation In Christ Sunday
"The Peace of Wild Things"



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 Creation in Christ Sunday: Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

Serving Today **Asst Minister:** Matthew Rhiley **Altar Guild:** Eileen Way & Kathy Wilson

Tech Support: Eric Weldon

Musicians: Juliana Carmona, Louis Ling, Pr Shaun

Counters: Linda Zimmerman & Alissa Sykes **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

What a Wonderful World

arr. Weiss & Theile

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

please rise in body and/or Spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
**we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.**
We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land,
the sea, and all their creatures.
Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and
opening our hearts to do your will. **Amen.**

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you: God knows you,
forgives you by the self-giving of + Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures Worship God Most High

ELW #835, vs.1-4

**All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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



☐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



☐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☒ Christ, have mer - cy.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you

every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.

**Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon; sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heav-¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹ bove the heavens.**

Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD, who commanded, and they¹ were created,
**who made them stand fast forev-¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.**

Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;

fire and hail,¹ snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do-¹ ing God's will;

mountains¹ and all hills, fruit trees¹ and all cedars;

wild beasts¹ and all cattle, creeping things and¹ flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples,

princes and all rulers¹ of the world;

young¹ men and maidens, old and¹ young together.

Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.

The LORD has raised up strength for the people

and praise for all¹ faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Proper Verse (leader) :

How manifold are your ¹ works, O Lord!

In Wisdom you have ¹ made them all.

(Psalm 104:24)

(Back to Refrain)



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY***For the Beauty of the Earth*****ELW #835**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

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

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW #737

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



PRESENTATION HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.***
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"***

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

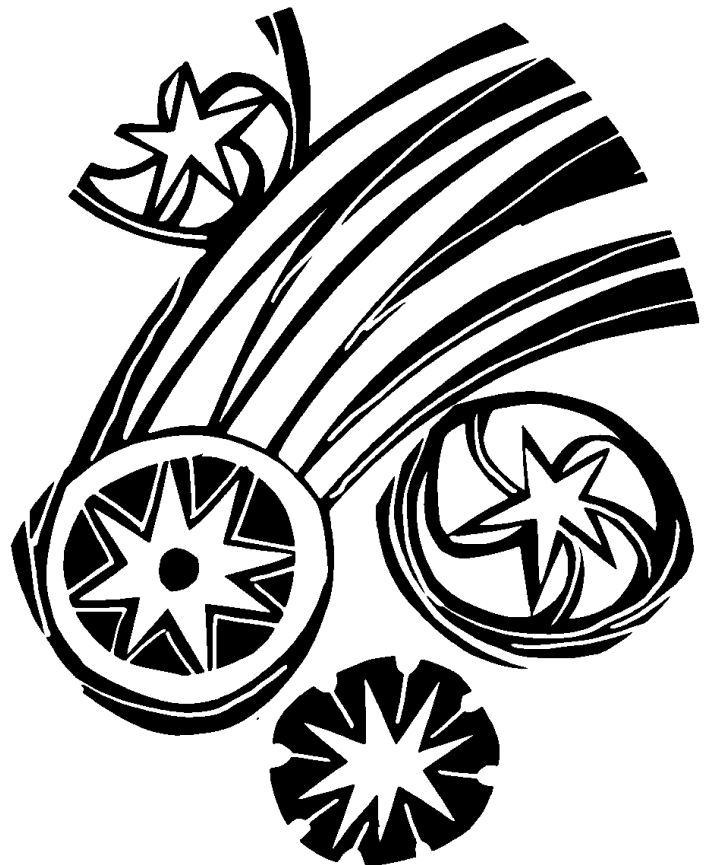
Communion Hymn

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

ELW #561

Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.

In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.

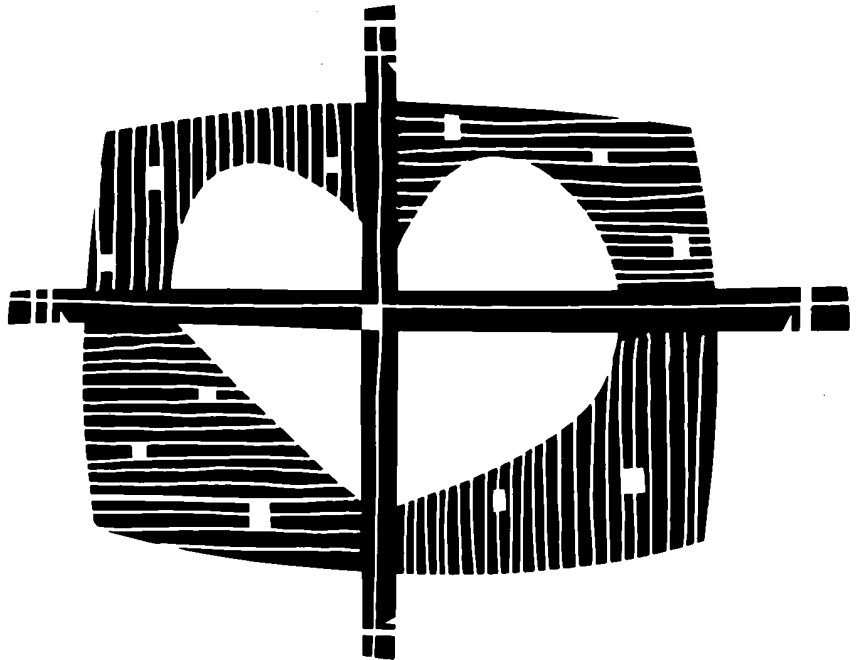


You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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

You Will Go Out In Joy

From Isaiah Vespers



1. You will go out in joy____ and be led back in peace.____ The



moun-tains and hills be - fore you____ will burst in - to song.



2. Come e - very one who thirsts, and you will drink for free.____ There's



a stream of liv - ing wa-ter____ in the wil - der - ness.



3. Make e - very crook-ed way straight. In the wil-der-ness, make a way.



Lay ev - ery high place low.____ Lift up e - very plain.



4. The shep-herd is with the sheep. The shep-herd is____ a lamb.____ The



lamb will gen - tly lead us____ to the wa-ter of life.



5. You will go out in joy____ and be led back in peace.____ The



moun-tains and hills be - fore you____ will burst in - to song.

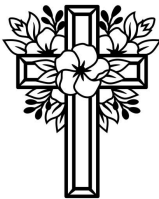
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Flourish with creation. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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Activities at Faith

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!

Coffee after Worship needs a volunteer for September 27th. Sign-up is in the Narthex. Thanks!

Oktoberfest will be held on October 3rd at 4pm. More details are in the September Newsletter.

Birthdays

Pat Porter 9/1	Carolyn Cramer 9/2
Davyann Schalnat 9/9	Charley Watts 9/12
Katie Weldon 9/13	Pamela Shannon 9/13
Cheryl Vought 9/30	

Anniversaries

Diana and Adam Welmerink 9/1/2007	Betty Thompson 9/7/1962
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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**

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 Sigrid Liersch, 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 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 the health of her great grandson.

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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