

Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
October 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Twenty-first Sunday after
Pentecost
"Magic"



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.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

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.

Serving Today **Greeter:** Richard Scoggin **Usher:** Eileen Way **Reader:** Sigrun Coffman
Altar Guild: Annette Warner **Asst Minister:** Judi Hein **Musician:** Heinz Denoyo, Olivia Knock, Juliana Carmona **Tech Support:** Alex Kjorvestad **Counters:** Sigrun Coffman & Linda Zimmerman **Coffee Hour:** The Zimmermans **Preacher:** Todd Mauldin

-GATHERING-

*The bell rings 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

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW #834

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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: Isaiah 45:1-7



Thus says the LORD to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I have
grasped to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of
bronze and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of
darkness and riches hidden in secret
places, so that you may know that it is I,
the LORD, the God of Israel,
who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

REFLECTION IN SONG

You have Called us by Name

by Ruth Svendsen

*You have called us by name
You have called us by name
You have called and we are Yours.*

PSALMODY: Psalm 96:1-13

Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be
joyful and all that | is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:



Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it



lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

"Magic"

Chaplain Todd Mauldin

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.*

*Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.*

*As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share
all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.*

*I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.*



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

"Give Me Jesus"

based on ELW #770



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

ELW #551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**

3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

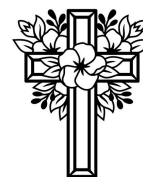
4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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 Annette Warner, in memory of her parents, Jack and
Lydia Schaeter's, anniversary.*



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 **September 2026** was **\$12,269.**

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 **Davyann Schalnatt** for a successful hip replacement surgery on 10/16, and recovery.

with **Theresa Wolken** for friends: **Dawn Bunker**, dealing with bladder cancer, and for **Gail Winters**, who has been in the hospital for the past month with meningitis.

with **Cheri Daur**, for healing and strength.

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 giving thanks 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 all in need of access to affordable healthcare...

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

Activities at Faith

- **70th Anniversary as Faith Lutheran:** We're celebrating on Reformation (Wear Red) October 25th following worship. All are welcome, bring a friend or older member or attender, and there will be light food and sweets afterward! Share and celebrate this joyful milestone!
- No **Adult Forum** Today – **Kids' Place** does meet!
- Sadly, our Admin Assistant **Nikki** has decided to leave and take a full-time admin position at UNR! We thank her for this short time and wish her well! And, we're hiring again. Please be in touch with Linda Zimmerman (personnel team) or Pastor Shaun if you have leads for the position, or questions. Thanks!

October Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	4th	11th	18th	25th
Greeter	Linda Z	Jean C	Richard S	Alissa S
Reader	Linda Z	Wes G	Sigrun C	Sam S
*Asst. Minister	Erica W	Louis L	Judi H	Sam S
*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	Annette W	O'Reillys
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Heinz D	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Choir
*Counters	DavyAnn S Alissa S	DavyAnn S Linda Z	Sigrun C Linda Z	Sigrun C Theresa W
Coffee after Worship	Annette Warner	Judi Hein	Zimmermans	Fellowship Team

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

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