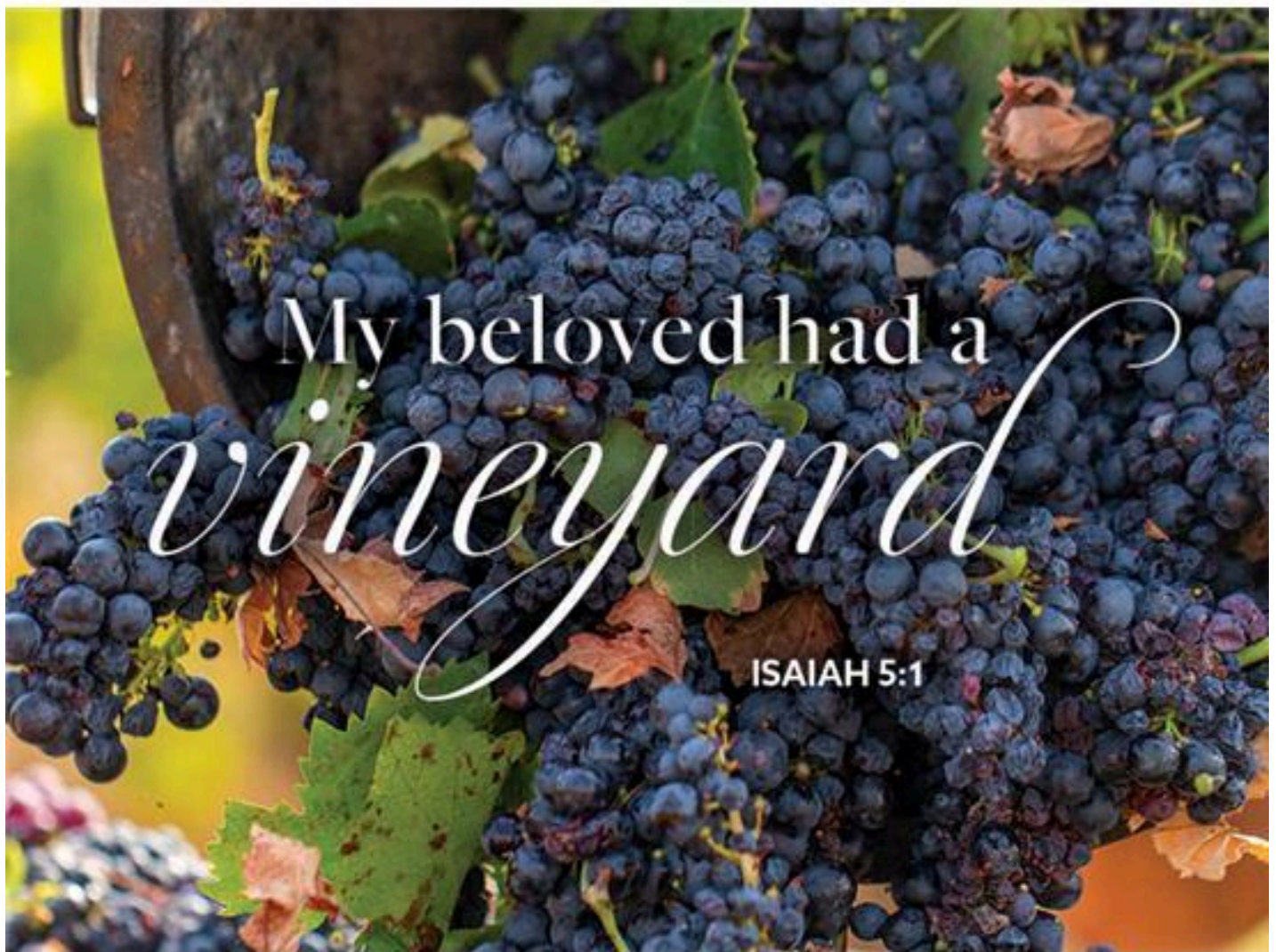


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
October 4, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
"Season for Fruits"



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 19th Sunday after Pentecost: The standard Sundays continue to read through the final chapters of Matthew. Its emphasis on divine judgment is balanced by Paul's emphasis in Philippians on divine mercy. We come to the vineyard, and as we produce the fruit we can from our lives, we drink the grace-filled wine of communion.

Serving Today Greeter: Linda Zimmerman **Usher:** Amanda O'Reilly

Reader: Linda Zimmerman **Altar Guild:** Eileen Way & Kathy Wilson

Asst Minister: Erica Wilfrid **Musicians:** Juliana Carmona, Olivia Knock, Heinz Denoyo

Tech Support: Alex Kjorvastad **Counters:** Davyann Schalnatt & Alissa Sykes

Coffee Hour: Annette Warner **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

"This is The Feast"

Setting 2, arr. Haugen

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW #533

**1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,**

let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

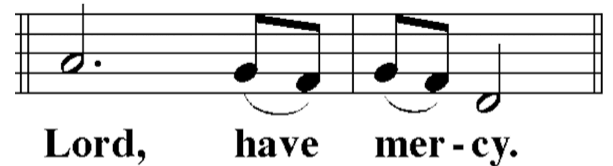
GREETING

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

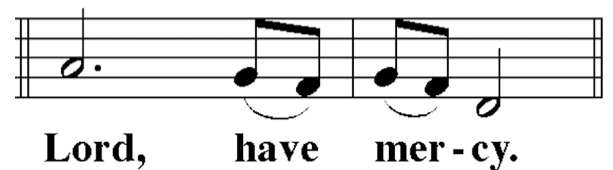
And also with you.

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 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
 He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
 he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.



And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and people of Judah,
 judge between me
 and my vineyard.
 What more was there to do for my
 vineyard that I have not done in it?
 When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
 I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
 I will make it a wasteland;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
 I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;
 he expected justice
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness
 but heard a cry!

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 80:7-15*Refrain*

Restore us, O [|] God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we [|] shall be saved.

You have brought a vine [|] out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and [|] planted it.

You cleared the [|] ground for it;

it took root and [|] filled the land.

The mountains were covered [|] by its shadow

and the towering cedar trees [|] by its boughs. *Refrain*

You stretched out its tendrils [|] to the sea

and its branches [|] to the river.

Why have you broken [|] down its wall,

so that all who pass by pluck [|] off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has [|] ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have [|] grazed upon it.

Turn now, O [|] God of hosts,

look [|] down from heaven;

behold and [|] tend this vine;

preserve what your right [|] hand has planted. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born

of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Proper Verse (leader) :

Jesus says, I chose you and ap-¹ pointed you

to go and bear fruit¹ that will last. (John 15:16)

(Back to Refrain)



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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and

went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

"Season for Fruits"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW #803

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**



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**

10,000 Reasons

by Matt Redman

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****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

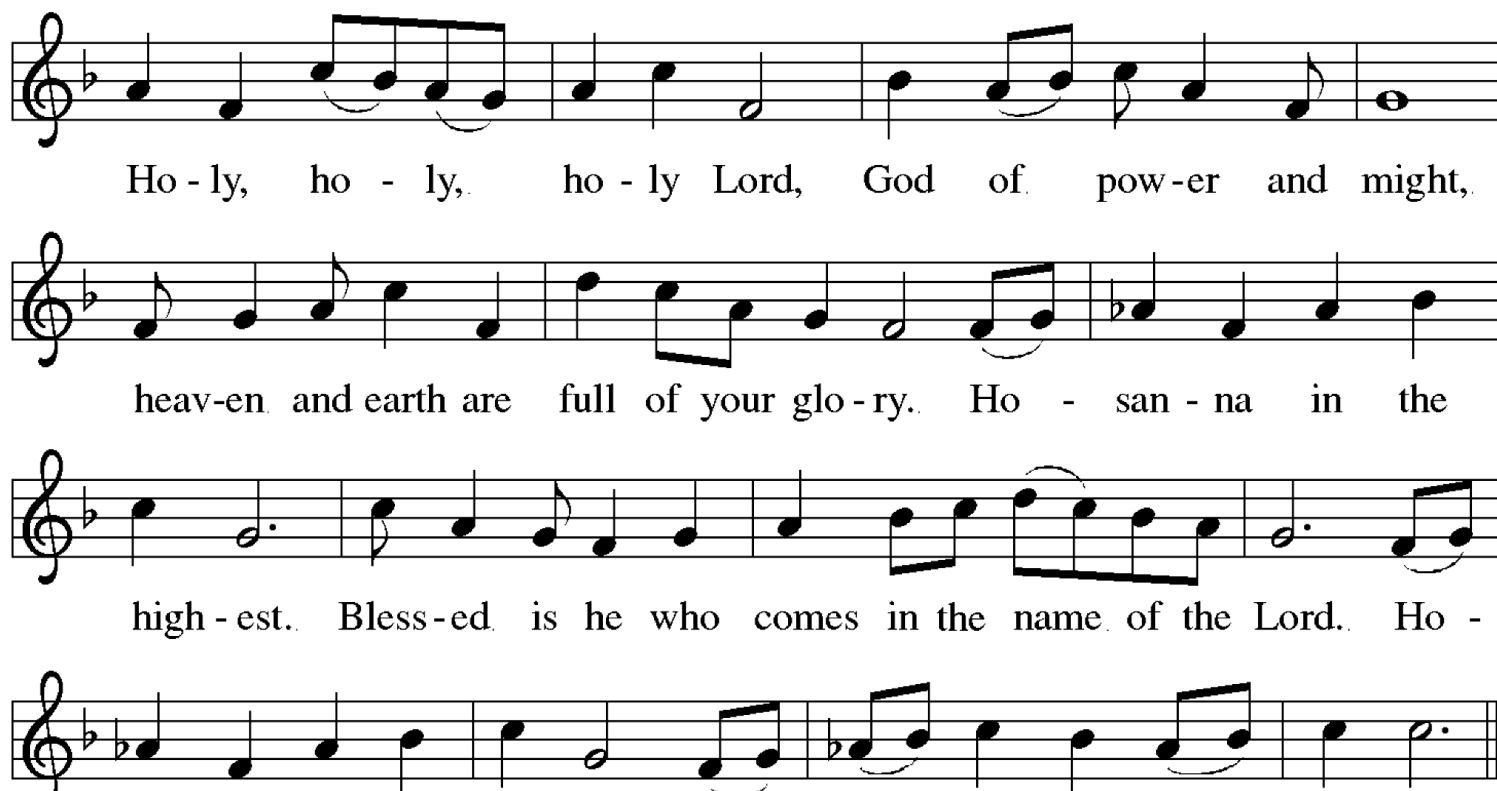
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

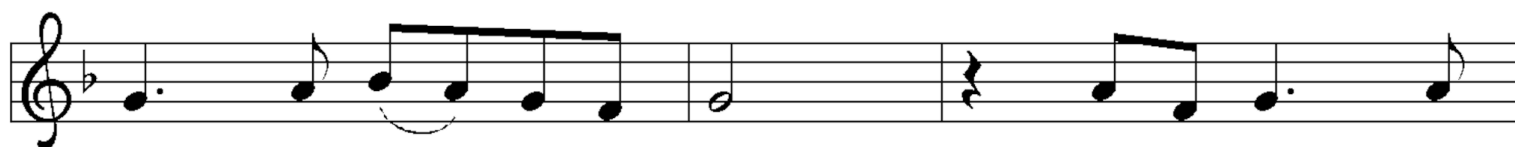
COMMUNION & HYMNS**AGNUS DEI**



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

To you, O God, All Creatures Sing

tune of "all creatures",
words of St. Francis

To you, O God, all creatures sing,
and all creation, everything sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam
sing your praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your wind that blows the tempest by,
your clouds that sail across the sky sing your praises, alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song,
and lights of evening sing along,
sing your praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your flowing waters, crystal clear,
make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia!

Your fire, bountiful and bright,
remembering your warmth and light,
sings your praises, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Now let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness, O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise the Creator, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three-in-one!
O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Hymn

You Satisfy The Hungry Heart

ELW #484

Refrain

***You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.***

***Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.***

**1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain***

**2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain***

**3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain***

**4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain***

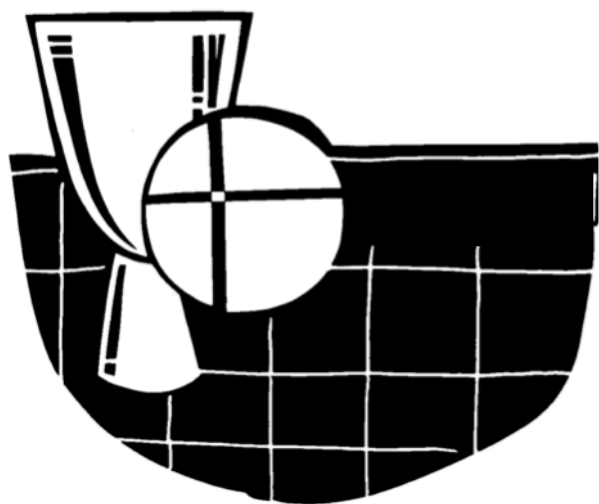
**5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain***

Communion Hymn

For The Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW #494

**1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**



- 2 By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW #550

On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!

To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.

Our praises, Lord,
and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us,
now met before you here,
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear,

and follow you
to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

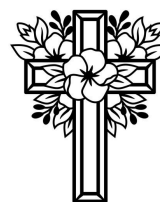


DISMISSAL

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 Sharon Scagliotti, in honor of her mother,
Aluina Moeszinger.*



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

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

Birthdays

Mark Herman - 10/7

Wesley Gray - 10/10

Devone Henderson - 10/10

Annette Warner - 10/15

Judith Carlin - 10/19

Bob Lubkeman - 10/30

Activities at Faith

THANKS to all who helped make Oktoberfest happen! Join us for future Fellowship events to come!

Today, following worship: Blessing of the Animals - 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.

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 Olivia K	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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