

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

August 9, 2026 • 11:11am

11th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING SONGS

Our God

Living Hope

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: We are the people of God, united in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church.

Congregation: We rejoice to be together

P: We are the people of God, gathered to experience the presence of one another and the uniting power of God's Love.

C: Look around! See the beauty of this day, of the earth, of the creative wonder of Christ within us and among us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all creation,

C: We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises. God of good soil, clean water and fresh air, forgive our sinful natures and make us new creations fashioned in your image.

(silence for reflection / confession)

GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED

P: People of God, God is alive and at work in this world and the next. God's creative power continues to bring love where there is hatred and healing where there is hurt. Through Jesus, all creation is sustained. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are free to live as the people of God. †

C: Amen and alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / RALLY DAY RECOGNITION

PARISH NEWS

THE FIRST READING: ROMANS 8:26-29 *pew Bible, page 1,032*

What is our hope? That God is in control!

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

The Gospel: John 3:16-21 *pew Bible, page 970*

God's plan of salvation is completed through Christ. Eternal life is at stake.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

God's Plan for My Life

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *Great Are You Lord*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *Old Rugged Cross*

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All people are welcome at The Lord's Table! You will receive a piece of bread and then, dip the bread into either the wine (chalice) or grape juice (clear glass). Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers, just ask. All ages are invited to commune. If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. We believe communion is a way to experience the presence of Jesus.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
"The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."
*and each person may respond: **Amen.***

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray, Gracious God,

Congregation: Guide us the way a good driver follows the road: steady, faithful and always moving toward Your promises.

We thank you for the young people in our church, for the energy, the questions and the hope they bring. Help us make room for them in the front seat of our ministry, not tucked away in the back.

Lord, teach us to value every generation. Give our older members the courage to mentor, encourage and walk alongside the young. Give our young people confidence to step forward, serve boldly and discover their place in our mission.

Strengthen Faith Lutheran Church so we travel together like a convoy with each person supporting the other, each one moving toward the same destination of Your grace, Your truth and Your kingdom.

Keep us focused and faithful on the road ahead. Keep us humble enough to learn, brave enough to change and loving enough to welcome all who join in this journey.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Blessings in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *God So Loved* (Children are invited to the altar)

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Go in peace!

Congregation: We have heard the Good News, we will share the Good News.

Praise Band: Serve the Lord!

Congregation: We will love God, love others, serve.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Pinchok
GREETER	Yvette Edwards
USHERS	Nelson Titsworth Brad Berry
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Dawn Titsworth, Caiya Titsworth, Ethan Gray, Deb Miller & Matt Gray
TECH BOOTH	Dan Primka, Tim Stone, Jennifer Berry

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Barbara & Dave Birkholz**
in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary.*

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members Mary Bales, Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Roger Brown, Kathryn Butcher-Kripas, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Nancy Crain, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki & family, Irene Dorfinger, Dawn Ellis, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Calvin Giles, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Eric Johnson, Peggy Jurkoic, Peggy Lanning, Lin & Mike McKinley, Carol Nanney, Jen Page, Harold Peters, Joe Pigott, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Roberts family, Tricia Saylor & family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Pat Weaver, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: Alderson family, Brittany Apking & Baby Bea, App family, Ben Barton, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Richard Christman, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Richard Eller, Becky Ellison, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Cindy Gioe, Angel Gobel, Lindsey Graves, Kathie Green, Matt Green, Gutelius family, Hall family, Leanne Hedges, Jeff Herbold, George Hommel, Joy Hymer, Sarah Jurkoic & Vivek Chavila, Rhonda Kaiser, Barb Korsmo, Karen Lambertsen Priest, Darrin Lee, Bea Little, Loyacano family, Edna Moyes, Bob Mulligan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Donn Olson, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Heather & V.J. Petry, Bill Porter, Shannon Remington, Mark Rogus, Sarah Ryg, Lainey Salles family, Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Jim Scheivert family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Augustina Solace, Garrison Stephens, Leora Stewart, Janine & Tommy Swenson, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Beverly Vasalar, Janet Wengert, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Solfe, Carrie, Chris, Danielle & family, Dan, Darcy, David D., David F., Duskin, Felix, Giovanni, Janie, Jodi, Kevin, Matty, Sarah, RMG *and those we name to You.*

Blessings for an Enriching & Successful School Year for: all Students and School Staff Personnel.

Blessings & Gratitude: Sunday School & Confirmation leaders.

English Language Learners beginning this week: Liidia, Bessie

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: Bob Carr, Carter, Bobby Heck, Teresa Black.

Hope and recovery for all the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela and the typhoon in China and Taiwan.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Austin, Cheyanne, Angel, Janie, Rachel, Hayden, Terah, Shirley, Sonya, Siler, Emma, Hestor, Kevin, Laura, Ted & Sandra, Kristi & Trent, Carolyn, Tommy, Charlene, Charlie, Bill, Jan, Roddy & family, Floyd, Gerald, MJ, Tony, Anna, Lyllianne, Tamilia, Joseph, Captain Chance, Paul & Teresa, Hardy, Jackie, Christie, Westen, Charlie, Lynn, Tonya, Rin, Shelley, Willie, James, Mary, Judy & family, Courtney, Betty, Joyce, Joshua, Veloz, Jose, Judy or Angel & her unborn baby, Linda, Betty, Amber, Sgt. Weitzel, Kat, Autumn, Jayden, Zach, Kyle, Susan & family *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Vickie, Stephanie, Laura, Sue, Kanata, Carissa, Destiny, Amanda, Alfredo, Loren, Jimmy & Kelli, Chris, James, Cole, Matt & daughter, Vickie, Stephanie, Teresa, Jennifer, Leah, Jennifer, Sandra, Randy, Robert, Alfredo, Stephen, Matthew, Gibby, James, Chris *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Veterans. Mentally & physically challenged. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Persecuted Christians.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

WELCOME

We're glad you're here. Please fill-in a yellow worship card or scan the QR code so we can stay in touch!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day | Pews and Pizza

- Join us after late service today for a whole church effort to clean all the pews! We will serve pizza and Pastor Bob will provide music.

Sunday School

- Sunday school classes for all ages begin next Sunday, August 16. Classes are held in-between worship services. Come grow with us!

WAYS TO GIVE

 Give with cash or check in the offering plate during service.

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As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 9 | Rally Day

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class (ELL)
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Adult Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Outside games/bounce house
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Pew Cleaning
- 5 p.m. Anglican Worship

Monday, August 10

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

Tuesday, August 11

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, August 12

- 9 a.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Pantry Leadership Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Northshore Moms Pantry Sorting
- 4:15 p.m. Staff Team Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 13

- 10:30 a.m. Author's Guild
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 14

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregivers
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, August 15

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, August 16

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class (ELL)
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
 - (for all ages)
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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LECTIONARY READING

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

M: Genesis 7:11–8:5 2, Peter 2:4-10, Psalm 18:1-19

T: Genesis 19:1-29, Romans 9:14-29, Psalm 18:1-19

W: Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24, Matthew 8:23-27,
Psalm 18:1-19

Th: Isaiah 45:20-25, Revelation 15:1-4, Psalm 67

F: Isaiah 63:15-19, Acts 14:19-28, Psalm 67

S: 1 Kings 18:41-46, Matthew 16:1-4,
Psalm 85:8-13

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Luke 1:46-55

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$8,217

Offerings year to date: \$571,063

SERMON NOTES

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