

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

September 20, 2026 • 11:11am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING SONG

*Washed By The Water
Your Love Oh Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP USING THE PSALMS CENTERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD GATHERING THE CHILDREN

Pastor: From the Book of Psalms, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" *(Psalm 122:1)*

Congregation: "In Your presence is the fullness of joy. At Your hands are pleasures forevermore." *(Psalm 16:11b)*

Pastor: Entering God's presence brings peace, because being close to God calms troubled hearts; strength, because worship gives us new energy for daily life; and community, because gathering with other believers creates shared encouragement and love. I invite you now to center and focus and prepare your hearts for worship.

(silence for reflection)

Pastor: From Psalm 16,

All: "My heart is glad and my whole being rejoices. You make known to me the path of life." *(Psalm 16:11a)*

Pastor: We gather to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. †

Congregation: Amen.

PARISH NEWS

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 20:1-16 *pew Bible page 899*

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?

¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Got Religion?*

Pastor Bob Stelter

1. Prayer 2. Institution 3. Hope

SERMON SONG *Even If*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all evil. The Lord will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. † *(Psalm 121:7-8)*

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Soul On Fire (Children are invited to the altar)*

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God. Love others. Serve.

Praise Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Melissa Horning

GREETER Shirley Hahn

USHERS Ethan Gray, Brad Berry, Christian Berry

COMMUNION MINISTERS Deb Miller, Connie Rist, Lilly Cogburn,
Richard Lehner, Greg Bohlken

TECH BOOTH Ian Britton, Frank Weldon

*The arrangements on the altar are given by **Alice & Joe Pigott**
in **celebration of Alice's birthday.***

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members Mary Bales, Aaron Benorden, Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Roger Brown, Kathryn Butcher-Kripas, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Nancy Crain, Mac Curtis, 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, Gary Mount, Carol Nanney, Jen Page, Harold Peters, Joe Pigott, Linda Pigott, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Roberts family, Tricia Saylor & family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Ann Stewart, Randy Stewart, Pat Weaver, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: Clyde Alcon, Alderson family, Brittany Apking & Baby Bea, App family, Ben Barton, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Barbara Brown, Katie & Cora Carr, Noble Carper, Hilda Chapel, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Richard Eller, Becky Ellison, Brody Elsworth, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Cindy Gioe, Angel Gobel, Lindsey Graves, Kathie & Matt Green, Gutelius family, Hall family, Leanne Hedges, Jeff Herbold, George Hommel, Joy Hymer, Sarah Jurkoic & Vivek Chavila, Rhonda Kaiser, Barb Korsmo, Karen Lambertson Priest, Darrin Lee, Bea Little, Loyacano family, Whit Mahan, Edna Moyes, Bob Mulligan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Donn Olson, Steve Parker, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Heather & V.J. Petry, Bob Pinchok, Sr., Bill Porter, Shannon Remington, Mark Rogus, Sarah Ryg, Salles family, Lainey Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Jim Scheivert family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Nicole & Lucas Shephard, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Augustina Solace, Sherry Solfe, Bob Stafford, Garrison Stephens, Leora Stewart, Michael Stewart, Tara Sweeney Stopinski, Janine & Tommy Swenson, Audra Tyler, Moore, Frank Tyler, Beverly Vasalar, Janet Wengert, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Renée Zalesky, Zenher family, Adam, Hadley & Houston, Adelaide, Barb, Brianna, Carrie, Chris, Christina, Danielle & family, Dan, Darcy, David D., David F., Dianne, Don, Dorothy, Dottie S., Duskin, Felix, Giovanni, James, Jan & Frank, Janie, Jeremiah, Jodi, Kayla, Kevin, Lisa M., Merryann, Matty, Rachael & Curtis, Ray, RMG, Robert, Sally W., Samara, Sandy, Sarah, Shelly W., Will, Yong & family *and those we name to You.*

Retirement Blessings: Dave Ribble.

Marriage Blessings: Ben Thompson & Charis Okada (September 19.)

Marriage Blessings and a new family: Erin Mabry & Tyler Emery (September 19) for a new family with Tyler's daughters Scarlet, Riley and Adaline.

Welcome New Members: Wayne Matthias; Iza, Bruno and Fernando Giacomoni; Emily & Connor Mang; Karan Japps; Cyndi, Sean, Annabelle, Logan, and Peyton Stamps.

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: Dianne Baylor.

Hope and recovery for the victims of the earthquakes in Columbia and the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Ted & Sandra, Kristi & Trent, Charlie & Charlene, Gerald, Susan, Rodger & Joyce, Debbie, Pat, Yamid *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Residents: Vickie, Stephanie, Laura, Sue, Kanata, Carissa, Destiny, Amanda, Alfredo, Jimmy & Kelli, Chris, James, Cole, Matt *and those known to God.*

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; Bridge Refugee Services, 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, 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

Dessert and Discernment

- This Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- What is the next big thing to which God is calling Faith Lutheran Church? Join us as we come together to listen, dream, and discern where God may be leading us next. Bring your favorite dessert to share and join us for this important evening of conversation, community, and listening for God's call.

Welcome New Members!

- We're excited to welcome 11 new members to Faith Lutheran Church over the past two weeks! Please join us in welcoming Karan Japps, the Stamps family, the Mang family, the Giacomoni family, and Wayne Matthias to our faith family. We're so glad you're here!

WAYS TO GIVE



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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, September 20

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Learning Class
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House

Monday, September 21

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 7 p.m. Quail Forever Group

Tuesday, September 22

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 5 p.m. Salvation Army Shelter Visit
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 23

- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Dessert & Discernment
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon
- 6 p.m. English Language Learning Class

Sunday, September 27

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Learning Class
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship

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LECTIONARY READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

M: Genesis 27:1-29, Romans 16:1-6, Psalm 106:1-12

T: Genesis 28:10-17, Romans 16:17-20,
Psalm 106:1-12

W: Isaiah 41:1-13, Matthew 18:1-5, Psalm 106:1-12

Th: Ezekiel 12:17-28, James 4:11-16, Psalm 25:1-9

F: Ezekiel 18:5-18 Acts 13:32-41 Psalm 25:1-9

S: Ezekiel 18:19-24 Mark 11:27-33 Psalm 25:1-9

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Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: \$8,898

Offerings year to date: \$652,116

SERMON NOTES

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