

FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

August 30th, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting ten

Gather

Prelude

"Lord I lift Your Name on High"

arr. Stan Pethel
Nicole Lang, Flute

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandsche Boerenliedjes en Contradanssen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

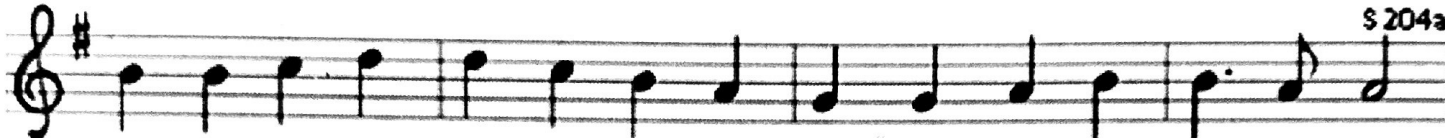
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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* Hymn of Praise

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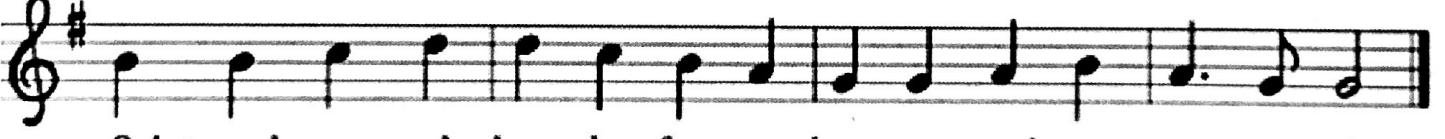
Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God,

C: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.

Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

15 O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. 17 I

did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **26:1-8** (read responsively)

P: ¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

C: I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

P: ²Test me, O Lord, and try me;

C: Examine my heart and my mind.

P: ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

C: I have walked faithfully with you.

P: ⁴I have not sat with the worthless,

C: Nor do I consort with the deceitful.

P: ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;

C: I will not sit down with the wicked.

P: ⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

C: That I may go in procession round your altar,

P: ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

C: And recounting all your wonderful deeds.

P: ⁸Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

C: And the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be

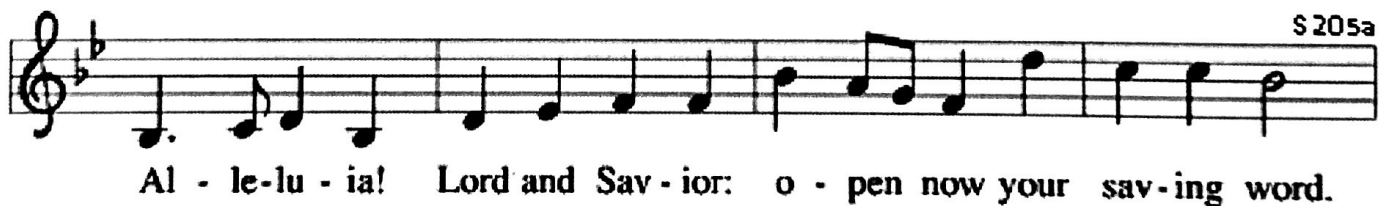
ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel Announcement**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance[h] to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

ELW 864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bowman, 1927-2005
 Music: John Goss, 1800-1880

PRAISE, MY SOUL
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Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor-tals rise and per-ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre-a-tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Prais-es ev-er-last-ing ring!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious is God's faith-ful-ness!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the great E-ter-nal One!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



*Apostles' Creed

C: 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 The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"Abide With Me"

arr. Benjamin Culli
Nicole Lang, Flute

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n 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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

ELW 658

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.
 Music: W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

ELW 534

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt

Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Festal Fanfare"

J. S. Bach

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Barb Johnson
Nicole Lang, flute

Chancel flowers

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sue Arens after back surgery
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
David Loos and his family as they grieve his father
Roger and Carol Ellis
Don and Tricia Klobberdanz
Jeanette Lavigne
Family of Rich Schupbach as they grieve

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Grief classes and bible study: Join us for our death grief and dying class. This class meets at 11AM on Sundays after worship. We will be embarking on a Bible study called "The Grief Lectionary: A Spiritual Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief" by Rev. Collette Broady Grund. Interspersed with the study will be three classes on end of life decision-making.

Memorial Garden Engraved Paver Ordering: New orders are being taken for engraved pavers for the FOG memorial garden through Sunday September 13th. The cost is \$60. The pavers will be dedicated on Sunday November 1st, All Saints' Day. All other information is on the order forms in the narthex.

Galatians/Philippians Bible Study: The Apostle Paul planted many churches during his missionary journeys, and through the years helped to encourage and guide them through his letters. These churches had different issues and had different characters. Join me as we study the Books of Galatians and Philippians. The church at Galatia was one of those difficult churches that the Apostle dealt with in firm and even strident tones—in other words they were kind of a pain to work with. But the church at Philippi was one of Paul's easiest to deal with and he rejoiced in their ministry. In ten weeks, beginning Tuesday, September 15 th we'll study these Biblical books and learn Paul's teachings and practical issues in dealing with these early Christians. Morning study goes from 9:30 – 11 am and the evening class from 7-8 pm. Please join us—no cost—just please bring your Bibles. See you then.

Ruth Circle meets on Thursday, September 10 at 9:30 am. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, a Bible study and service to the congregation and the community. All women of the congregation are invited to join us. If a ride is needed, please contact the church office by Wednesday morning September 9. Hope to see you then!

Nursery Reminder: Beginning in September, please remember the following nursery guidelines, approved by the Children, Youth, and Family Committee:

- The nursery is available for children **through 2nd grade**.
- The nursery will only be open when **designated nursery staff are present and supervising**. This includes regular services, weddings, funerals, and other church events.
- **Parents, guardians, and volunteers may not staff or supervise the nursery.**
- Please follow all established **nursery safety policies and procedures**.

These guidelines help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for the children in our care. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Ms. Claudia and Ms. Madison

Rally Day: September 13th marks our return to much of our programming! Sunday School kicks off (signup online) and we will do the blessing of the backpacks.

Blood Drive: Just a reminder that the semi-annual Blood drive will take place on Monday, September 28th from 1pm-7pm

Reconciling in Christ Committee will be meeting on September 13th at 11 am to talk about our next steps in the program

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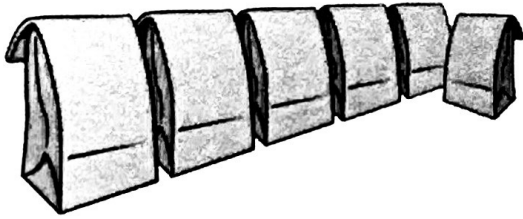
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The First meeting for Kingdom Quest will be **Sunday September 27th at 11 am** in the youth room. Contact Andrew Peterson (drew13pete@yahoo.com) for more information.



Every Meal Backpacks 2026-2027

Looking ahead to this fall, we would like to provide backpacks of food to students at Edinbrook Elementary (just to the north of FOG) to take home each weekend. We all know that food & transportation expenses have increased dramatically. Over 300,000 Minnesota children live with food insecurity. Children facing food insecurity who start receiving food support on the weekends improve socially, academically, behaviorally, and in their sense of self-worth. These improvements not only impact the children when they are young, but they also result in improved long-term academic, career, and social performance that increase children's capabilities as they grow into adults.

Every Meal believes child hunger is solvable when they partner as a community to alleviate it.

Where do we fit into this picture? Every Meal packs the food and delivers it too the school. Family of God volunteers put the food in student's lockers on Friday afternoon. The school staff, students, & their families are very appreciative of this program.

Each bag of food for the weekend costs \$11 and it costs \$440 to sponsor a child for the whole year.

In order to continue this project for the upcoming school year, we need your help. What can you do?

____ Please use my donation of _____ to put towards sponsoring a child.

____ I would be able to help with the food bag distribution. (Friday afternoon for an hour)

A schedule & list of volunteers will be provided.

Name (s)

email address

