



So Jacob called
the place Peniel, saying,
“It is because

*I saw God
face to face,*
and yet my life
was spared.”

GENESIS 32:30, NIV



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

August 2nd, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

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

Gather

Prelude "Will the Circle be Unbroken" arr. Chris McDonald
"Wade in the Water" arr. Ed Wilson
Brooklyn Big Band with vocalist Kaitlyn Barrett-Hoyt

Welcome

*Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord Almighty" **ELW 858**

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of
truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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



*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Beloved and sovereign God,

C: through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,

for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” 29Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms

145:8-9, 14-21

P: ⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,

C: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: ⁹Lord, you are good to all,

C: And your compassion is over all your works.

P: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall

C: And lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,

C: And you give them their food in due season.

P: ¹⁶You open wide your hand

C: And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways

C: And loving in all your works.

P: ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,

C: To all who call upon you faithfully.

P: ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;

C: You hear their cry and save them.

P: ²⁰You watch over all those who love you,

C: But all the wicked you shall destroy.

P: ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;

C: Let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior; o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

13Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

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*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

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Denver Bierman

Brooklyn Big Band with vocalist Kaitlyn Barrett-Hoyt

*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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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

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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

"Subtle Sermon"

Sy Johnson
Brooklyn Big Band

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.

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano (treble clef) and Bass (bass clef), in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The overall mood is joyful and triumphant, reflecting the theme of the hymn.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

*Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Go Where I Send Thee"

arr. Michael Brown
Brooklyn Big Band

Today's Worship Participants

Lector:
Brooklyn Big Band Dir. Dave Mantini
Vocalist: Kaitlyn Barrett-Hoyt

Chancel flowers

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Family of Rich Schupbach as they grieve

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
David Loos and his family as they grieve his father
The family of Connie Anderson as they grieve
The family of Magdalen Oien as they grieve
Roger and Carol Ellis
Don and Tricia Klobberdanz
Jeanette Lavigne

*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

Church Basement Ladies, A Second Helping Join Ruth Circle once again as we check in on the Church Basement. Sunday, August 16, 2:00 pm performance of A Second Helping at the Plymouth Playhouse. The cost is \$44.10/ticket, note in the comment line CBL. Or contact Stephanie Statz for electronic payment, stephstatz24@gmail.com Sign up is in the Narthex. We have 25 tickets reserved. We can get more if needed, one name per line.

Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 10 am during June, July, and August. We will discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

FOG's little library is heading into the busy summer season. Last year, over 700 children's books made into the hands of young readers and adults. We are currently in need of gently used adult books (of course we will always accept gently used children's books) to keep our library fully stocked. There is a scholastic box on the table in the narthex for any and all book donations. Thank you!

NEW STUDY AND CLASSES: Join us for a weekly series on death, grief, and end of life planning. 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. Our first class today is with attorney Rebecca Bell. A bit about her:

Rebecca Bell from rb LEGAL pulls back the curtain on what legal documents you need (and why) and what happens when you need to use them. Led by an experienced estate planning attorney, this practical session will guide you through the critical things that many people overlook. Part education, part myth-busting, you hear about real-life stories. Whether you are new to estate planning, created your plan yesterday, or a decade ago, this presentation delivers actionable, real-world advice to ensure your legacy is fully protected and your loved ones are spared unnecessary headaches.

Ask Pr. Erin or Sue Arens if you have questions! Signup is in the narthex.

Memorial Garden Committee Meeting-- There will be a short meeting of the memorial garden committee after church on August 9th. It will be held in the youth room around 11. New members wanted. Come join us in helping this special tradition continue. If you can't make it, but want to help, call Joan Hermanson (763-229-5110).

Nursery Note: The CYF committee approved this policy: "To help us keep the Nursery safe, clean, and ready for all of our little ones, the Nursery will only be open when Nursery staff is present during the week. On Sundays, the Nursery will open 15 minutes before each service begins and will close 15 minutes after the service ends. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us care for this special space!"

Celebration of life for Magdalen (Barth) Oien age 95 of Brooklyn Park, MN who passed away Friday June 26, 2026. She was born on her family farm located in Heart River township, ND on May 20, 1931.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life to be held today, 11:00am -2:00pm where family and friends will gather to share stories and memories of Magdalen. She will be missed by so many.

Westwood Hills Nature Center
8300 West Franklyn Avenue
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Dumpster for garage sale--The church rented a dumpster for the garage sale and there will likely be room if any members of the church have large items to throw away. We ask for a free will offering to offset the cost of the dumpster. Today only.

Items that are **NOT** allowed include:

- Compost
- Major appliances
- Electronic
- Monitors
- Computers
- Tires
- Batteries
- Liquids
- Light bulbs
- Hazardous material
- Box springs and mattresses

Please do not bring any of these items, the items should not stick out above the top edge of the dumpster



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