



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



SEPTEMBER 26/27 2026
RALLY SUNDAY CONTINUES
Let's Grow What's Next!

Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:

8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READER:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Caroline Baker

ORGANIST:

Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR WHAT MATTERS: Craig Jerome, Stewardship Co-Chair

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who welcomes us with grace, claims us as beloved children, and builds us together into the body of Christ.

Amen.

God invites us to come just as we are. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

We confess that we have not always shared the mind of Christ. Too often we have acted from pride instead of humility, from fear instead of faith, from self-interest instead of love. We have failed to see the gifts you have given to others. We have forgotten that we belong to one another as members of Christ's body. We have held back our time, our abilities, our generosity, and our compassion. Forgive us. Renew our hearts. Strengthen our connections with you and with one another. Help us become a community where every person is welcomed, every gift is valued, and every life reflects the love of Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news! God is at work in you, creating in you the desire and the power to do God's good pleasure. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. You belong to God. You belong to this community of faith. You are free to love, to serve, and to help grow what God is doing next. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: God is Here, vs 1-3

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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM):

WORD

LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "I don't Know or In the Know" by Pastor Connie Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways, vs 1-3

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1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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THE APOSTLES' 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

God of mercy and grace...

Hear our prayer

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Now I Can See the Light!"..... Mollicone

Adult Choir; Karla Jones, soprano; Bruce Messer, baritone;

Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

OFFERTORY: Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Gracious God, you have welcomed us home into your family through the love of Jesus Christ. Everything we have and everything we are comes from your generous hand. Receive these gifts, and use them to build up your kingdom— to strengthen your church, to bless our neighbors, and to share your love with a world in need. Bless our offerings and bless our lives, that together we may be a place where all people know they are loved, valued, and welcomed.

Amen.

THE 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.

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: As the Deer Runs to the River

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- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow-ing from the cross on which you died.

Refrain



Je - sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Faithful God, we give you thanks for this meal of grace, where you have welcomed us, renewed us, and strengthened us in Christ. Send us from this table as your people— connected by your love, equipped with your gifts, and ready to grow what is next together. To create a community where all belong and love is made visible.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

Go now with the blessing of God, with Christ as your foundation, the Holy Spirit your guide, and God's love shining through you. Together, let us grow what's next—a place where all are welcomed, loved, and called home. **Amen.**

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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SENDING HYMN: The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve, vs 1, 2, 4 551

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE