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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Rally Sunday

September 27, 2026 10:00 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

- AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROAR 2026 – 2027 KICK OFF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you

with our whole heart;
 we have not loved
 our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake
 of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
 so that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"My Lighthouse"

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INTRO

VERSE

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1. In my wres - tling, and in my doubts,
 2. In the si - lence, You won't let go.
 3. I won't fear what to - mor - row brings.

5 F2 C Gsus C F2 C

in my fail - ures, You won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through;
 In the ques - tions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through;
 With each morn - ing, I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through;

9 F2 C/E Gsus C F2 C/E Gsus

You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
 You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
 You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled

CHORUS

13 C 1 2, 3 F2 C Am7 Gsus

sea. My Light - house, my Light - house
 sea.
 sea.

18 F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
 shin - ing in the dark - ness, I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house,

21 Am7 Gsus F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
 my Light - house, I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,
 G F2 C G F2 C G

25 safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to

30 C D.S. F2 C Am7 G
 shore. Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est.

35 F2 C Am7 G Am7 G Am7 G
 You will lead us through the storms. through the storms. Hey! through the storms.

39 F2 C Am7 G F2 C Am7 G
 Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est. You will lead us through the storms.

CHORUS

F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
 My Light - house, my Light - house shin - ing in the dark - ness,

46 Am7 Gsus F2 C Am7 Gsus
 I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house, my Light - house,
 F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C

49 I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,
 G F2 C G F2 C G

52 safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to

57 C
 shore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: O God, 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.

BIBLE CAMP SLIDE SHOW

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 25:1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:8-10

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

ELW #857



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did

not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him." P: Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

"Rescue Me"

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Chorus:

I did-n't know it would be this hard.
I did-n't think I could fall so far.
But here I am.

13 B $\flat$ Dm

How did I stray so far off course? How can I get back to the shore?

17 Gm E $\flat$

Lord, here I am. And the

21 Cm Gm E $\flat$ F^{sus} F

waves are crash - ing all a - round. I

24 Cm Gm B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ F

need you, God, and I need you now. Res - cue

28 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ F

me. I can feel__ the wa - ter ris - ing. Res - cue

32 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ F F/E $\flat$

me, Je - sus. Res - cue

36 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D

me. Lord, I'm in__ so deep__ and I__ feel pow - er-less to save

40 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$ 2/G B $\flat$ /F

__ my - self. On - ly you can be__ the help I need.__

44 F B $\flat$ B $\flat$

44 Res - cue me. I did - n't know it would

48 Dm/F Gm

48 be this hard. I did - n't think I could fall so far.

52 E $\flat$ B $\flat$

52 But here I am. How did I stray so

56 Dm/F Gm

56 far off course? How can I get back to the shore?

60 E♭ Cm Gm E♭

Lord, here I am. And the waves are crash-ing all a -

64 F^{sus} F Cm Gm B♭/D E♭

round. I need you, God, and I need you now.

68 F B♭/D E♭

Res - cue me. I can feel the wa -

72 F F/E♭ B♭/D E♭

- ter ris - ing. Res - cue me, Je - sus.

76 F B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

Res - cue me. Lord, I'm in__ so deep

80 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D

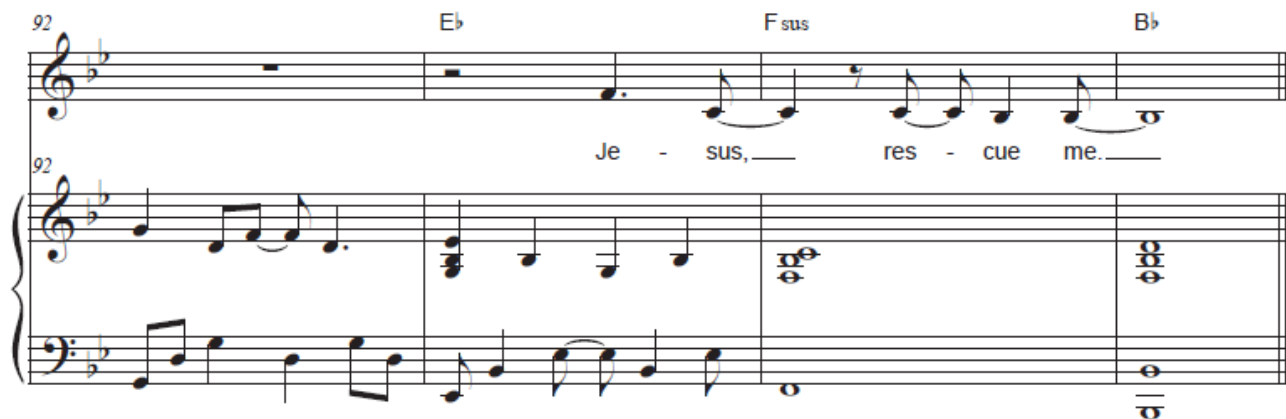
__ and I__ feel pow - er-less to save__ my - self. On - ly you can be

84 E $\flat$ F sus F B $\flat$

__ the help I need.____ Res - cue me.____

88 Dm/F Gm

Res - cue me.____



APOSTLE'S CREED

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**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.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy . . . **C:** Hear our Prayer . . .

Prayer Concerns: *The Family and Friends of Wayne Pierson, Dean Hoffman, Audrey Steinle, Jaymi Dader, Mike Menssen, Laikyn, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, and Emma Overson*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

ELW #763

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Every Move I Make”

See Insert

Every move I make
I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You

every step I take
I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You

B) Waves of mercy
Waves of grace
Everywhere I look
I see Your face
Your love has captured me
O my God, this love
How can it be,
(Nah, Nah, etc)
Every move I make
I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You

every step I take
I take in You
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DISMISSAL **P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Activities this week: September 28 – October 4

Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv

Wednesday 5:30 pm – (A) ROAR Meal

6:00 pm – (A) ROAR / Confirmation

Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Communion Worship

10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour

10:30 am – (E) Communion Worship

2:00 pm – Bingo @ Pleasant View

Church Announcements

✚ **Augustana mailed out a survey** in August with a pre-stamped envelope to be filled out and returned. If you have not done so, please fill out the surveys and mail/drop them off at church. Please have them in by Sunday, October 4th.

✚ **Noisy Offering** is TODAY. Donations go to Watonwan County Humane Society.

✚ **ROAR Classes start Wednesday, September 30th with a meal at 5:30 pm.**

✚ **Following Worship** join us for lunch for all and kids can participate in fun activities!

✚ **Confirmation is Wednesday, September 30th.**

✚ **WELCA's Bakeless Bake Sale has been changed to Sunday, October 11th.** Mark your calendars with the corrected date!

✚ **Calling all youth in grades 5–12!** Join us for a fun-filled **Halloween Party at East Sveadahl on Friday, October 23rd**, from 7:00–11:00 PM! Come enjoy food, fun, games, and fellowship! 🎉 Want to bring a friend? Absolutely! Friends are welcome, but they must be registered as well. Please register by October 11th by contacting Sandy Berg at (507) 381-8903. A minimum of 10 youth is required. We hope to see you there!

✚ **Service times will switch next Sunday, October 4th.** Augustana Service is at 9:00 am and East Sveadahl service is at 10:30 am.