

August 16, 2026 Bulletin Insert: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

We lift up in prayer:

Gloria Schultz, Roger & Bev Valentine, Ron & Esther Lunz, Peggy Morrison, Michael "Mic" Mickelson, Phyllis Jacobson, Joyce Paulson, Loni Bultman, Judy Wohlin; Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White; Rondi Adams & daughter Jill Moore

Altar Flowers given by:

Sharon & Don Johnson, Jan & Guy Christianson and Todd & Jill Jackson in honor of their wedding anniversaries! Happy Anniversaries to all!!!

GATHERING SONG

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, ELW 886

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

2nd READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, ELW 588

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

SENDING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign, ELW 434

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

HAVE YOU HEARD?! We are hiring for a Director of Youth & Family Faith Formation! Check out our website: faithspicer.org to see the job description. Do you know of anyone who would be a great fit as a team member at Faith? Please help us spread the word!!

Sunday, August 30:

- **Noisy Offering** at both services for The Feast Meal, which helps us keep our meal prices low!
 - **OWL Band** is leading the music at the 8:30am Stave Chapel Worship! Don't miss out!!
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Rally Sunday – Sunday, September 13, back to 1 service at 9:00am at Faith. This will be an outdoor worship at the pergola with yummy treats and fun outdoor games to follow!

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"Jesus Shall Reign", text: Isaac Watts, music: attr. John Hatton

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