

July 26, 2026 Bulletin Insert – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

We lift up in prayer:

Parker Solberg, Janet Hillstrom, Roger & Bev Valentine, Gloria Schultz, Ron Lunz, Marnie Osmond, Peggy Morrison, Michael "Mic" Mickelson, Phyllis Jacobson, Joyce Paulson; Judy Wohlin, for health concerns; Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White, for health and healing; The family & loved ones of Keith Espelien on his death; Congratulations to Rondi Adams and her daughter Jill Moore, on the birth of her grandson Noah Timothy, who weighs 6lbs 14oz and is 19" long!

PRELUDE (8:30am) *Morning Has Broken* #18, *Uncloudy Day* #26, *What a Fellowship* #37

GATHERING SONG

8:30am

Let Your Light Shine on Me #16

10:00am

Gather Us In, ELW 532

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30am)

What a Wonderful World

Marti Carlson, Vocals

1st READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

2nd READING: Romans 8:26-39

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

HYMN OF THE DAY

8:30am

Take Time to Be Holy #44

10:00am

God of Grace and God of Glory, ELW 705

OFFERING SONG (8:30am)

Bind Us Together #29

COMMUNION SONGS (8:30am)

Wash, O God... #32, It Is Well with My Soul #12

SENDING SONG

8:30am

Shine, Jesus, Shine #38

10:00am

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, ACS 942

POSTLUDE (8:30am)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit #6

Thank you to the OWL Band for leading us in worship today!

We are SO THANKFUL for the OWL Band sharing their talents with us throughout our summer worships! Join us on Sunday, August 30 at 8:30am when they will lead us in music again!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES SPONSORED BY OWL CAMP:

OWL Camp is sponsoring two events in September. All are welcome to attend but need to sign up to attend through SignUp Genius (faithspicer.org - SIGN UP Tab) or by calling the church (796-2522) with your phone number & email so we know the number of people to expect.

BOOK STUDY

A Book Study on *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi will be held on Thursday, September 17th at Faith – there are two time options to choose from: 1:30pm or 6:30pm. It is a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. It is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another. You can purchase a book (about \$15 paperback), borrow one from the public library or there are several copies available in the Welcome Center to borrow. Sign up to join the study online (faithspicer.org – SIGN UP tab) or at the Welcome Center.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE EXHIBIT TRIP

A visit to the St John's Bible exhibit is planned for Thursday, September 3rd. There will be a presentation by the curator of the exhibit and time to spend exploring the original Bible. There will be an opportunity following the presentation to visit the St. John's Abbey, as well as an opportunity to join the monks for a prayer service. **To keep costs down we will carpool from Faith Church to Collegeville (about a 55 minute drive) at 8:15am to leave by 8:30am to make the 9:30-11:30am presentation.** More information to follow if you sign up. Sign up to join the trip online (faithspicer.org – SIGN UP tab) or at the Welcome Center.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACKS

Faith is doing another year of the LWR Backpack Program. Stop by church to grab a bag or two along with an item list - fill your bag with the designated items and **return your backpack to the Welcome Center by August 16.**

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