

# Sept. 6, 2026 Bulletin Insert: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## 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 and grandson Noah; Darlene Lind

## Altar Flowers given by:

Myra & Dean Quale in honor of 61 years of Faith summer worship at the Stave Chapel!!

## GATHERING SONG

*As We Gather at Your Table, ELW 522*

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 119:33-40

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.

<sup>38</sup> Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

<sup>40</sup> See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Romans 13:8-14

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord of All Nations Grant Me Grace*, ELW 716 vs. 1-2 & vs. 4-5

1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, ev'ry race; and in each person may I see my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.

2 Break down the wall that would divide thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side. My neighbor's good let me pursue; let Christian love bind warm and true.

4 Give me thy courage, Lord to speak whenever strong oppress the weak. Should I myself the victim be, help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.

5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy Holy Spirit willed, that all I touch, where'er I be, may be divinely touched by thee.

## SPECIAL OFFERING

*We are collecting a Special Offering for Water's Edge Ministries to say THANK YOU for letting us use the Stave Chapel for summer worship. There will be baskets at the back of the chapel/sanctuary – please put your offering in these as you leave worship today.*

## SENDING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, ELW 836

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

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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!

**Feast Kick-Off** – Wednesday, September 16: meal at 5:15 (sign up in advance), worship at 6:00pm, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & Seeds+Sprouts (PreK-5<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30pm and choir rehearsal at 6:45pm (choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:45pm)

**Blessing of the Animals** – Sunday, September 20 at 9:00am. This will be an outdoor worship at the pergola. Coffee and treats & Sunday School start at 10:00am.

## Fall Endowment Applications

The application period for Fall Endowment Grants is now open! To learn more and to access the application, go to [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - CONNECT tab or stop by the Welcome Center.

## The Great Lutefisk Reunion

SAVE THE DATE for Faith's annual Great Lutefisk Reunion: Saturday, October 24, 2026.

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