

July 26, 2026 + Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

The Good Book - F is for Fish

Call to Worship

Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

Come, let us worship!

Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God invites us into new beginnings.

Come, let us worship!

Opening Hymn "Let there be praise"

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.
Sing to the Lord, give God the glory. Glory.
Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.
Forevermore let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the presence of God and of one another.

God of grace, **We confess that we have failed you, ourselves, and one another. We assume the worst about those around us, rather than giving them the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes we do the same to you. We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations. We fail to recognize your works waiting to be born. If only we would step up to help. If only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.**

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Our sins are forgiven. God's invitation is to another way of living.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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

O God, when we try to hide from your presence, you are near us. Even when we are swallowed up by anxiety or guilt, anger or fear, sorrow or pain you are near us. We are your servants and you call us share your word with those who need to hear it. Give us courage to go where you send us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Psalms 139:7-12

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Reading - F is for Fish, Jonah 1

Before: The Bible is full of GOOD NEWS!

We're listening, tell us our story.

After: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day

"Make me a channel of your peace"

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the People

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Offering

Giving Prayer

God of abundance beyond measure, **It feels like privilege to offer back to you even a portion of the blessings you have poured out upon us. Keep us ever-mindful of what we call our own, ever-seeking new ways to come alongside you in the creation of abundance for the world. Amen.**

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.

Announcements

Blessing

May we delight in the grace and forgiveness of Jesus, inviting us again and again to repentance and repair. May we recognize new birth all around, the spirit of God made manifest in abundant imagination. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "The church song"

Refrain

We are the church, the body of our Lord; we are all God's children. We have been restored.

- 1 The church is not a building where people go to pray; it's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay. **Refrain**
- 2 You can go to worship but you cannot go to church; you can't find a building that's alive no matter how you search. **Refrain**
- 3 The church is not a business, a committee or a board; it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord. **Refrain**
- 4 The church, it is the people living out their lives, called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go now in peace, Love your God, Serve your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**