



**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**Order of Worship**  
September 20, 2026  
17th Sunday after Pentecost



# SONGS OF FAITH

**VOLUME ♦ TWO / 2026**



**PRELUDE** – Prelude on Morning Song – *David Paxton*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
⊕ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us  
and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

To you, O God,  
**all hearts are open, and all desires are known. We come to you,  
confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us  
in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us  
in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ  
our Savior.**

**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the  
death and resurrection of ⊕ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins.  
The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you  
in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG – Gather Us In – ELW 532 v. 2



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD OF GOD**

*Pastor:* God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. You may be seated for the hearing of God's Word.

## **THE FIRST READING: Revelation 5:9-13**

They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to break its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne  
and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads  
and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth  
and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:1-4, 16-19 (read responsively)**

Make a joyful noise to God,  
**all the earth;**

sing the glory of his name;  
**give to him glorious praise.**

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
**Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**

All the earth worships you;  
**they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” *Selah***

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
**and I will tell what he has done for me.**

I cried aloud to him,  
**and he was extolled with my tongue.**

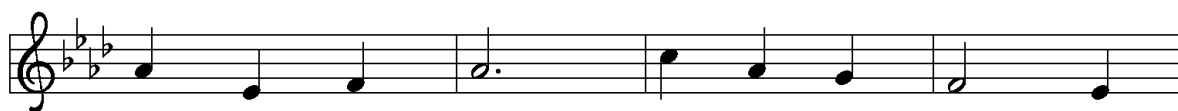
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
**the Lord would not have listened.**

But truly God has listened;  
**he has heard the words of my prayer.**

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**



# THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Earth and All Stars – ELW 731 v. 2



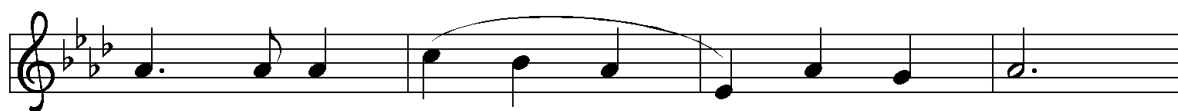
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| 1 | Earth       | and | all    | stars! | Loud        | rush - ing  | plan - ets! |
| 2 | Trum - pet  | and | pipes! | Loud   | clash - ing | cym - bals! |             |
| 3 | En - gines  | and | steel! | Loud   | pound - ing | ham - mers! |             |
| 4 | Class-rooms | and | labs!  | Loud   | boil - ing  | test tubes! |             |
| 5 | Knowl-edge  | and | truth! | Loud   | sound - ing | wis - dom!  |             |



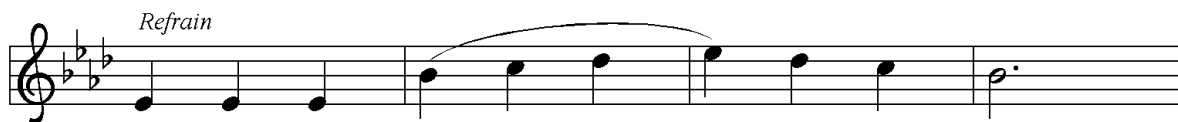
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| Hail,        | wind, | and    | rain! | Loud        | blow - ing  | snow - storm! |
| Harp,        | lute, | and    | lyre! | Loud        | hum - ming  | cel - los!    |
| Lime - stone | and   | beams! | Loud  | build - ing | work - ers! |               |
| Ath - lete   | and   | band!  | Loud  | cheer - ing | peo - ple!  |               |
| Daugh - ter  | and   | son!   | Loud  | pray - ing  | mem - bers! |               |



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*Refrain*  
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **THE SERMON – SONGS OF FAITH – VOL. 2**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*Pastor Frank Waugh*



## HYMN OF THE DAY – I Love to Tell the Story – ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Pastor:* With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Pastor:* God of mercy,

*People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

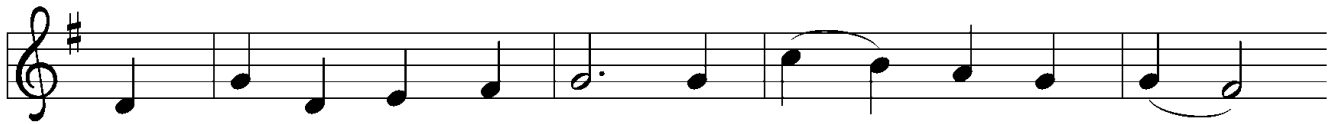
**And also with you.**

## **THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERING MUSIC** – Melodia Simplice – *Lani Smith*

## THE OFFERING RESPONSE – We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686 v. 2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Pastor:* Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
 Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
 you pour out the fire of your Spirit on your church,  
 uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
 And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS – Holy God, We Praise Your Name – ELW 414 v. 2



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,  
and make us one in this community of faith  
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

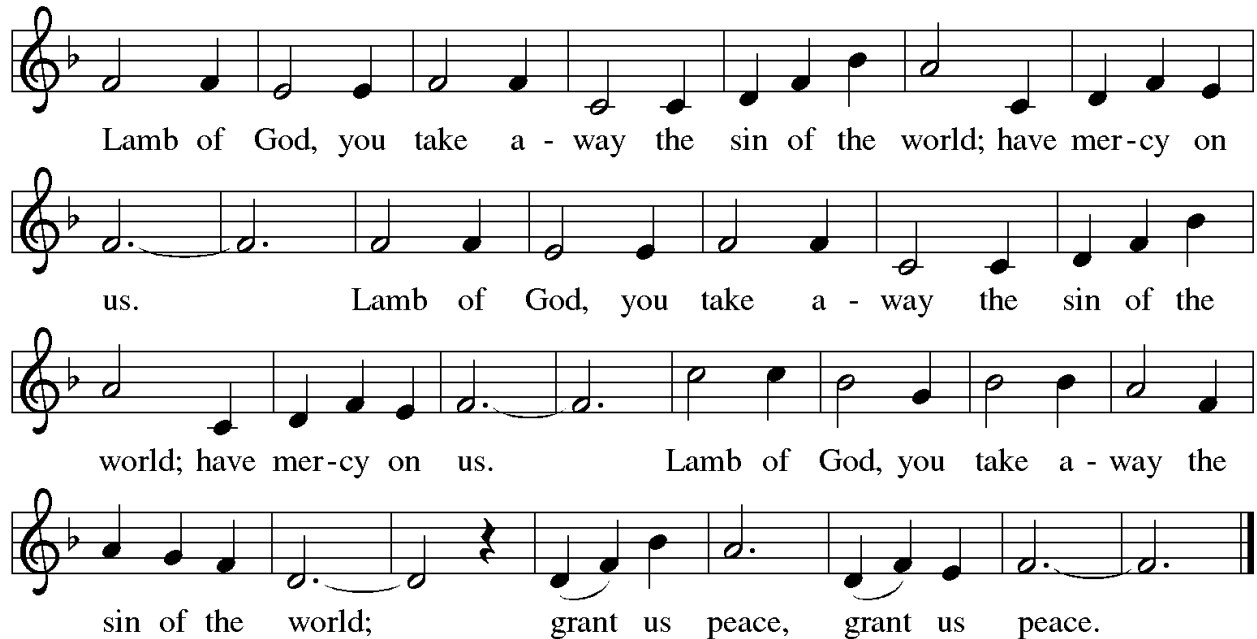
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – ELW 195



The musical notation for the Agnus Dei is presented in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where a single note spans multiple syllables. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

*We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC – I Love to Tell the Story – *William Fischer* *arr. Gene Roberson*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you  
with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### THE SENDING SONG – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886 v. 1-2, 5



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,<br>O fallen human race!<br>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br>be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be now and ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the church in earth and heav'n. |
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## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** – Epilogue for Trumpet – *Tom Birchwood*

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*All Are Welcome!*

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