

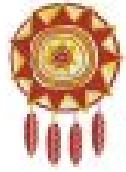


18th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Heather Brown

October 12th, 2025 | 9 AM

ELW – red pew hymnal; WOV – blue pew hymnal; This service is live streamed and recorded.



INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES DAY

To Faith Lutheran Members & Friends!

Indigenous People's Sunday

Today's order for worship is based on a resource developed by the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA with input from Native American members and neighbors. We echo the words of NGL Synod Bishop Katherine Finegan from 2021, *"I/We hope that by worshipping in the cadence and spiritual perspective of our Indigenous neighbors, we will have greater awareness and understanding to build future relationships. May it also deepen spiritual understanding of our relationship with our Creator God, the earth that is God's creation, and God's Son, our Brother, Jesus. May this liturgy be a blessing to you as we engage in a different language of faith."*

Worship Notes:

A-Ho, at the end of the prayers, is an affirmation or acknowledgement, much like our traditional use of *Amen*. Please feel free to use either (or both!). Some tribal members pronounce A-Ho as Ah-Hoe' while others pronounce it Ah-Hau' (both of which are correct). Within the 574 federally recognized Tribes in the United States, traditional worship elements vary much like within our own congregations. For instance, some tribal members hold tobacco, a sacred herb, in their left hand (closest to their heart) when praying. Some bow their heads in reverence while others raise their head and hands towards Father Sky. Many Indigenous People use the term *Creator* when talking about *God*. It does not disrespect or minimize the power of the *Holy One*. One doesn't have to go far in the Bible to make the connection that God *is* Creator (Genesis). Likewise, many Indigenous People use the term *Brother Jesus*, acknowledging a close, personal relationship with our Lord.

Statement from the American Indian and Alaska Native Ministry of the ELCA:

The Lutheran witness of the gospel with American Indian and Alaska Native people has a history of more than 350 years. The Lutheran witness was seen among the Cherokee as they walked the infamous trail of tears and continues all the way to the Northern shores of Alaska's Inupiat Eskimo people. The ELCA's American Indian and Alaska Native membership is around 4,850. The American Indian and Alaska Native Ministries works closely with 30

native congregations around the country and is working to open new faith communities as well.

Relationships with American Indians and Alaska Natives in the ELCA are firmly grounded in reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints — people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and unique needs. Together, we work with a common vision to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, share in the ministry of word and sacrament, participate in God’s work of reconciliation in the world and creation, seek justice for all people and celebrate diversity within Christ’s unifying love. In our shared work, we strive to nurture and uphold the dignity of American Indian and Alaska Native people, their congregations and communities, and the church.

American Indian and Alaska Native – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (elca.org)

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING SONG *Nature’s Song* (Please listen to the sounds of creation; birds chirping, papers rustling, children chattering.; the sounds around you.)

FAITH LUTHERAN LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP *Prayer of the Four Directions and Mother Earth and Father Sky*

Pastor (P): Creator is the Center of Creation. The central reality of Creator’s plan for the world is the central reality of our lives. As we face each of the four directions, as we kneel to Mother Earth, and as we reach to the Heavens, we will respond in prayer. Following each prayer, we will return to face the center, reminded each time that it is our Brother who is able to bring healing and salvation and who, by His Spirit, is able to renew the face of the earth. First let us all face a center point. (*all face center, pause*)

The start of life’s journey, the new day, is the East. It is the place of beginnings, first light, and the possibility of starting again. You have sung us into existence. Let us face East (*all face East, pause*) and let us pray:

Congregation (C) - Enable us, Creator Spirit, to be wise in our use of the resources of the earth, sharing them in justice, partaking of them in thankfulness. (*all face center, pause*)

P: The South holds the warmth of summer. It is a time of innocence, of learning and growth. You have sung us into existence. Let us face South (*all face South, pause*) and let us pray:

C: May we walk good paths, Creator Spirit, living on this earth as sisters and brothers should, rejoicing in one another's blessings, sympathizing in one another's sorrows, and together with You renewing the face of the earth. (*all face center, pause*)

P: The West reminds us of the wisdom of maturity with the approaching of the sunset. It is the time of parenthood, responsibility, and good sense – the time to teach, acknowledge, and give thanks. You have sung us into existence. Let us now face West (*all face West, pause*) and pray that the Spirit of Creator may again breathe over the waters making them pure, making them fruitful. Let us pray:

C. We pray that we too may be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth. (*all face center, pause*)

P: The North holds the hard, cleansing wisdom of the time of winter and white hair; the elders breathe through the sacred pipe, the grandparents who, on life's great circle, are closest to the little children. You have sung us into existence. Let us face North (*all face North, pause*) and let us pray:

C. May the air we breathe be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth. (*all face center, pause*)

P: From Mother Earth comes all that has life. (*Bend and touch Mother Earth*) You have sung us into existence. Let us kneel or symbolically touch Mother Earth (*as we are able*) and let us pray:

C. May we walk gently upon the Earth and leave our footprints softly on what we touch.

P: We raise our hands toward Father Sky. In love, Father Sky embraces all the Earth with His love. (*Raise your hands and extend your palms toward the sky.*)

You have sung us into existence. Let us raise our hands to Father Sky and pray:

C. May we see the vastness of Your arms and feel Your embrace of love at all times.

A-Ho or Amen (*or both!*).

GATHERING SONG *Canticle of the Turning* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

ELW 723 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

P: Great Spirit, look at our brokenness.

C. We know that in all creation the human family has strayed from the Sacred way—the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life. We know that we are the ones who are divided. And we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way—the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life. Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor, that we may heal the earth and heal each other.

P: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved; you are restored. In Christ, you are made new. **A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

REFLECTION *Ryann Rhodes*

**O Great Creator, we come before you in a humble manner. We pray for all our relations in nature, all those who walk, crawl, fly, and swim, seen and unseen, and to the good spirits that exist in every part of creation. May there be beauty above us. May there be beauty below us. May there be beauty in us and beauty all around us. We ask that this world be filled with peace, love, and beauty.
A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

FAITH CHOIR ANTHEM *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (Medema & Schrader)*

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who You are creating us to be.

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

PSALM 111 *(Responsively)*

2 Timothy 2:8-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hallelujah*

Luke 17:11-19

SONG OF THE DAY *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

We believe in Creator, Father-Mother Spirit, who called the world and all that is in it into being; who spoke the creative-forming word, and all came forth; who created

women and men and set them free to live in love and humility to the will of supreme love, and in community with all.

We believe in Creator, Son and Brother, who because of love for all creation beyond our understanding, entered the world to share our humanity; to set before us the paths of life and death, and walk them with us; to be rejected and die, but finally to conquer death and in new life, draw the world to himself for all time.

We believe in Creator, in-dwelling Spirit, who calls us into community, that we may, through faith and that community of oneness, experience uplifting and sustaining grace; that we may fulfill our human responsibility to reach out to our neighbor, whomever that may be; that we may rejoice in the constant nature of creation and the wondrous joy of life itself.

We believe in Creator, whose word teaches us that all things grow together, the Circle of Life; that the paths of life and death, good and evil, too often come together; that choices are not clearly defined, but that we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose and only the true One can be our judge.

We believe in Creator, who is present and working in this world through all Creation. A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Based on Chief Seattle's Words*

L: All is Sacred!

C. All is Sacred!

Every part of this earth is Sacred.

Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,

Every mist in the dark woods,

every clearing and insect is holy.

The rocky crest, the juices of the meadow, the beasts and all people;

all belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the Earth is our Mother.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

The water's murmur is the voice of our father's father.

We are a part of the earth and the earth is a part of us.

The rivers are our brothers; they quench our thirst.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters.

The air is precious,

For all of us share the same breath.

The wind that gave our grandparents breath also received their last sigh.

The wind gave our children the spirit of life, and will continue.

This we know: the earth does not belong to us;

we belong to the earth.

This we know: all things are connected;

like the blood which unites our family.

All things are connected.

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

We did not weave the web of life;

we are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web,

we do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the web in the circle that connects us.

Thanks be to Creator, the God of All! A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

P: Jesus Christ, Holy Child of God, you have prayed for us. With your Spirit that intercedes for us, hear our prayers. Help us to commend our worries and fears to you. In you, our hope rises, and we look for the new life you alone can bring. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the risen one, we lift our prayers. **A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

PEACE

L: As a community let us embrace the ongoing work of being reconciled.

C: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

We give thanks to our Creator.

You are invited to share peace with your neighbor

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God ELW 840

OFFERING PRAYER

"All Things Hold Beauty" A Mohawk Prayer

Thank you, Creator, for all that You have given us. Thank you for the beauty of the universe that You created: the trees, the sky, the mountains, the rain. All things hold beauty in themselves and all are related and touch each creature of the earth. You created the rhythm and pattern of the universe in a harmony of movement, sight and sound. Help us to appreciate Your creation and to live with our eyes, ears, and hearts open to Your message. **A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *From the New Zealand Prayer Book, September 2018*

Eternal spirit, earth-maker, pain-bearer, life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. **AMEN!**

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION *God, We Gather As Your People* (see screen)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: Walk tall as the trees,

C: Live strong as the mountains,

Be gentle as the spring winds,

Keep the warmth of the summer sun in your heart

And the Great Spirit will always be with you.

A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

SENDING SONG *Let Streams of Living Justice*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and make peace,

C: remembering the cross of Christ the King.

POSTLUDE



A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

We're so glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out a blue visitor card, available at the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area. When you place it in the offering plate or share it with the pastor after worship, we'll be delighted to give you a small gift to show our gratitude for joining us today.

Welcome to Families

Families with children and infants are a cherished part of our worship community. An unstaffed nursery is available for little ones to play in during worship, and quiet activity bags can be found near the sanctuary entrance for children who remain in the service—our ushers will be happy to assist you.

After worship, we offer programs for all ages:

- **GLOW:** For children ages 3 through 8th grade, 10–11 AM.
- **FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth):** For high school students, meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship in the Youth Room, 10-11 AM.
- **Adult Bible Study:** Open to all adults, 10–11 AM in the Mission Office.

We hope you'll find a place to grow in faith and fellowship with us.

PRAYER LIST: *Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Paul Dietsche; Ken Swenson; Ardith Hendrickson; Diane Herron; Darlene Krake; Mike Voss; Sally Rakovec.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit it via the app or website or use the orange prayer request card in pew. You may also email: pastor@faithmarshfield.com.



HEARING & VISUAL ASSISTANCE

Ask an Usher for help to sit in the Hearing Assistance section in the sanctuary. Switch hearing aid to T-Coil Loop Listeners. Magnifiers are also available.

Announcements

Thank you to our Social Concerns/Green Team for leading our worship service today: John & Kathy Campbell, Nancy Young, Joyce Cesar, Dave and Jen Smith, Susan Trembl, Renee Stafford, and honorary member Lisa Helstein.

From Education & Family Ministry Team

Justin/Brianne at FamilyEd@FaithMarshfield.com

October 12 | “The Life of Esther” | Adult Education

Join us at 10:00 AM, following worship, for an engaging session on *The Life of Esther*. Whether you’re new or a longtime member, all are welcome to learn, reflect, and grow together in faith.

GLOW & RISE

October 18 | 5:30–7:00 PM – Trunk or Treat

This is a *Faith in Action* event—and one our kids truly love! The GLOW Education Team will have a special entry, and our 7th graders will be creating their very own trunk. We’d love for you to join in the fun and show your support for our education programs!

October 19 – Kindergarten Spotlight Sunday

During worship, our Kindergarten students, parents, and teachers will shine brightly as they share their gifts with our congregation. Sunday School classes will follow the service.

October 19 – Christmas Program Practice Begins

Students with speaking parts are asked to attend practice beginning this Sunday at 6:00 PM.

From Social Concerns & Green Team

Contact Kathy Campbell at jkcamp3@gmail.com

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, and Stockbridge-Munsee peoples. Central Wisconsin remains home to Indigenous persons—resilient friends and neighbors—who continue to work, worship, and create better futures for all. As a community rooted in faith and stewardship, we commit to listening, learning, and caring for these sacred lands and waters - in the spirit of healing and hope. (Corrected version from Digital Monthly Newsletter)

From Women of Faith Lutheran Church

No-Bake Bake-Sale: The FLC Women have sent out a letter for their No-Bake Bake-Sale to raise funds for the Capital Campaign. Use the same amount as you would pay for making baked goods and put towards this cause.

From Pastor Heather Brown

Contact pastor@faithmarshfield.com

We are pleased to announce that Justin Polzin has accepted the position of Youth Director. He will officially begin serving in this new role on Mon. Oct. 13th. Justin will continue as Co-Director of Education & family Ministry, but will resign as the FLC Custodian. The first FLY Youth Gathering will be October 19th at 10:00 AM.



Small Group for Parents

Contact Diane Herron at ddherron6@gmail.com

Refresh in God's Word is a small group for parents of our FLY Youth, Confirmation and GLOW students. We will be discussing and connecting through faith-based topics. Please join me the 2nd Sunday of the month right after the service in the Community Room in the lower level. It begins Oct. 12th. I am looking forward to meeting each of you. God's Blessings, Diane Herron

From Pastor Heather Brown

Contact pastor@faithmarshfield.com

DINNER FOR 8 GROUPS ARE BACK! This year we are offering 3 different options for "Dinner for 8" groups. You can sign-up for a group that meets one time, two times or three times. The goal is for the group of 8 people to complete their required number of meetings by January. You can eat together at a restaurant, have a potluck at church, or meet in someone's home. There will be time set aside for fellowship and sharing. Sign-up at church. See Pastor Heather for more information.

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READ: FAITH ALIVE IN 2025: Did you know that 14 people have been participating our year-long Bible reading program? And the good news is that it's not too late to join in! On October 1st, we started reading the New Testament. A daily Bible reading schedule is available at church or it can be emailed to you. We usually meet once-a-month for discussion (in-person and/or via zoom). Our meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm and 5:00pm. See Pastor Heather for more information.

SCANDINAVIAN BAKING: Have you ever wanted to learn how to make krumkakke, kringle, sunbakkels or other Scandinavian goodies? At Faith Lutheran, we have some folks who are very skilled in this area. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please sign-up at church. Once we know who is interested, we can schedule a time to meet. Please see Pastor Heather for more information.

DISH WITH THE BISH – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 4:30–7:00PM

Join Bishop Martin Halom at Faith Lutheran Church for an evening of food, fellowship, and

conversation! Enjoy a delicious fried chicken dinner (free-will offering), take part in a cross-generational service project, and engage in Q&A with the Bishop about the ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. We'll also assemble "WE CARE" kits for survivors of sexual assault served by the Health First Network. Visit nswsi.org/event/i9tbxn2/dish-with-the-bish to RSVP by October 16 and sign up to contribute kit items. All are welcome!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SUNDAY: Today we welcome Fred & Germaine Pidgeon, who live in Wisconsin Rapids. Fred is from the Potawatomi & Ho-Chunk Nation. We are grateful that Fred & Germaine seek to build bridges between communities through cultural interpretation and historical education. Thank you for joining us today!

SHIRLEY'S HOUSE OF HOPE: Following our worship service on Sun Oct 19th, Angie Loucks from Shirley's House of Hope will hold a forum in the back of the sanctuary. They will share about SHOH's work in our community and answer any questions people may have.



From Faith in Action Team

Contact Treva Tisdell at jttizzy78@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 18 | 5:30–7:00 PM

Get your vehicles ready!!! Sign up on our poster and start thinking about how you want to decorate your car or truck – OR don't decorate and just sign up to hand out candy.

This is a great outreach event, but we do need volunteers to help with it. Please sign up on our poster located in the Gathering Area.

We need:

- Individuals to hand out candy from the trunk of their car
- Individuals to help with our games
- Individuals to help with our snack station
- Donations of cookies for our snack station

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Treva at 715-387-4569.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH Sunday, October 12 – Pastor Appreciation Day

This month, we celebrate and give thanks for our pastor's faithful service and dedication to our church family. Pastor Heather, your commitment to sharing God's Word, guiding us in faith, and caring for our congregation is a true blessing. Your compassion, wisdom, and steadfast faith reflect Christ's love in all you do.

If you would like to leave Pastor Heather Brown a note of encouragement or appreciation, please place it in her mailbox or drop it off at the church office.

SERVING US TODAY at 9:00 AM

Welcome: Dawn Dering
Greeters: Marian Oelhafen,
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Ushers: Dave & Diane Herron
Musician(s): Kathy Biederwolf
Audio/Visual: Tom Loucks
Jeff Johnson
Reader: Social Concerns Team
Acolytes: Hunter McCann,
Emma McCann
Comm. Prep: Sue Vick,
Lori Bents
Comm. Assists: Renee Stafford,
Cindy Semenchuk,
John Semenchuk
Coffee Host: Judy Rhodes
Baked Goods: Cindy Semenchuk,
Carolyn Yanke,
Cindy Mueller

WAYS TO GIVE:

CHURCH: Offering basket will be passed.
ONLINE: Go to www.faithmarshfield.com and click on **GIVE**.
TEXT: Text fclmarshfieldgiving to phone number 1-888-364-4483
MAIL: Mail a check directly to *Faith Lutheran Church, 207 S. Cherry Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449*

WAYS TO ACCESS THE SUNDAY SERVICE

- 1) Live-streaming on YouTube at 9 AM every Sunday.
- 2) On the Cable Access Channel 989 on
Sundays at 12 Noon
Monday at 11:30 AM
Friday at 11 AM
- 3) Watch anytime on our YT Channel.
- 5) Watch anytime on our App.

FAITH NUMBERS CORNER

Service Attendance

Last Week Attendance: 133

Average Service Attendance

Sept. Average Attendance: 128

Sept. Average Online Views: 45

Weekly General Giving October 5th:

Actual (Includes online giving) \$6,704

(Weekly break even amount \$6,166)

Year to Sept. 30th, General Giving:

Actual Contribution Income \$205,718

Budget+(Amount to break even) \$240,456

Year to Sept. 30th, Income vs. Expenses:

Actual All Income \$226,235

Actual Expenses \$238,378

Shortfall -\$ 12,143

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH:

October 5th—October 13th

- Oct. 12th 9:00 AM – Worship Service
10:00 AM – GLOW/FLY/AD ED
10:15 AM—W&M Meeting
10:15 AM – Refresh in God's Word
6:00 PM—Exec. Council Mtg
- Oct. 13th 6:30 PM—Facility Team Mtg
7:00 PM – Al-Anon in CR
- Oct. 14th 1:00 PM—Altrusa
6:00 PM – Council Meeting
7:00 PM—Boy Scouts #382
- Oct. 15th 9:00 AM—Miriam Circle
9:00 AM—Elizabeth Circle
6:00 PM—NA Meeting in CR
6:30 PM—Choir Practice
- Oct. 16th 8:30 AM – Piece Corps
6:00 PM—Faith In Action Mtg
7:00 PM—Scout Troop #345
- Oct. 18th 5:30-7 PM—FIA Trunk or Treat