



September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Tripolis
LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “Take My Life and Let It Be” *F. Havargal*

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take hands and let them move;
at the impulse of thy love,
at the impulse of thy love.

3 Take my love; my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold,
Not a mite would I withhold.

2 Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee.
Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King,
always, only for my King.

4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my self and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

Your mercy and compassion is beyond our imagination.

Forgive us when we doubt your presence.

**When we harm or neglect your creation,
or any of your beloved children, grant us mercy.**

**Replace anger, jealousy, and doubt
with compassion, gratitude, and trust in your grace.**

**Make us bold witnesses to the gospel
in all we do and say. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Through Christ, God always has a full measure of grace and mercy. We are invited to full participation in the kingdom not because of our works, but because of God's generosity. Whenever we sin, stray, forget, or neglect God's loving intention for us, God has abundant grace. In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ELW 765 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you call us continually to your service, and you show abundant lovingkindness toward us. Grant that we live in a manner worthy of the gospel. Strengthen us to show merciful judgment toward others with gratitude for your gifts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

READING

from *Exodus 16* The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day...At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The gospel according to Matthew, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 20:1-16 [Jesus said,] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'"

They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Let No Ambition Rule Our Hearts” Chris Shelton

*1. 2. 3. 4.

1. Let no am - bi - tion rule our hearts, nor lust for great-ness cloud our
2. Through Christ the world is turned a - round: the poor are rich, the weak are
3. Christ comes to us a child at play, not as a king who wears a
eyes. Teach us the truth Christ's love im-parts: through death he shows us how to rise.
strong, the first are last, the lost are found, once - out - cast stran-gers now be - long.
crown; he leads us in his hum-ble way, to turn this cruel world up-side down.

**May be sung as a canon.*

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PRAYERS Petitions will conclude, “God, in your mercy.” Please respond, “Hear our prayer.”

SPECIAL MUSIC Greta Fiskness, Claudia Oyen

OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, with trust in your grace and mercy, we offer these gifts. Guide us to share generously with our neighbors. We pray in Jesus' name, through the Spirit who abides with us always. Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ELW 659 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW 525 "You Are Holy, You Are Lord"

Gold 292 "Because He Lives"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. Amen.

BLESSING

May God our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

TABLE GRACE:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Praise God for all that He has done. Praise Him for He has overcome.

The grave is beaten; love has one. Praise God, our Savior, Christ the Son.

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored;
these mercies bless and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be. Amen.

DISMISSAL Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL SONG *To the tune of "Edelweiss"*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face; feel His grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

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Worship Leaders Today

Pastor Sherri Larson

Musicians: Tom & Marlys Gustafson, Dana Vruwink,
Greta Fiskness, Claudia Oyen

Readers: Colton Fostervold, Ella Jo Jeseritz

Council Members on duty: Ron Swenson, Pam Vruwink

Altar Committee: Joyce Helmke, Laura Jeseritz

Ushers: Matt & Jennifer Wattnem



Children and Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We're excited to begin our "rotation" Sunday School plan. Students will learn key Bible stories through music, drama, lessons, and art. Each week, we will need volunteers to help. See sign-up or talk with Paula or Jeanette.



Students currently in 6th - 12th grade are eligible for our youth mission trip next summer, June 27-30 to Madison, WI. The trip is organized through Waters Edge Ministries. Information is available now. **Sign up deadline is October 1.**

Coming Up at Our Church

Today: Potluck after Worship

Monday: Newsletter article information due

Tuesday: 9am Quilting

Next Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

LYO to 2pm Twins Game

Fall Ditch Cleaning

For LYO Youth & Families and
any others who want to help

Wednesday,
September 30

Start at
5:30 PM



Supper will be
served afterward
and before our
Confirmation
Meeting



**Informational meeting
for students (6th - 8th
grade) and parents**

Wednesday, September 30
6:30pm at church



Fall Fun Night Saturday, October 17

Hayride will leave at 4:30pm

Potluck supper at about 6:30pm

Join us for a night of fun
and fellowship.
All are welcome!!

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