

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.



CTK Congregation Camp at Wilderness Canoe Area

If you're planning on attending the CTK Congregational Camp at Wilderness Canoe Area in August, please join us for an informational meeting after worship today in the library.



Date Change: September 6th

**We have moved the Blessing of the Animals
during worship to September 6th.**

Bring your pet to be blessed during outdoor worship. Dogs, cats, hamsters, photos, or stuffed animals are all welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor to worship!



This Week at CTK

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
Tuesday -Thursday 9am-3pm

Sunday 7/26

Outdoor Worship 9am
Congregational Camp meeting 10:15am

Saturday 8/1

Bread Ministry 7am

For pastoral care or other needs please contact
the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026

Worship Leader
Pastor Rebecca Sullivan

Music Leader
Betsy Murray

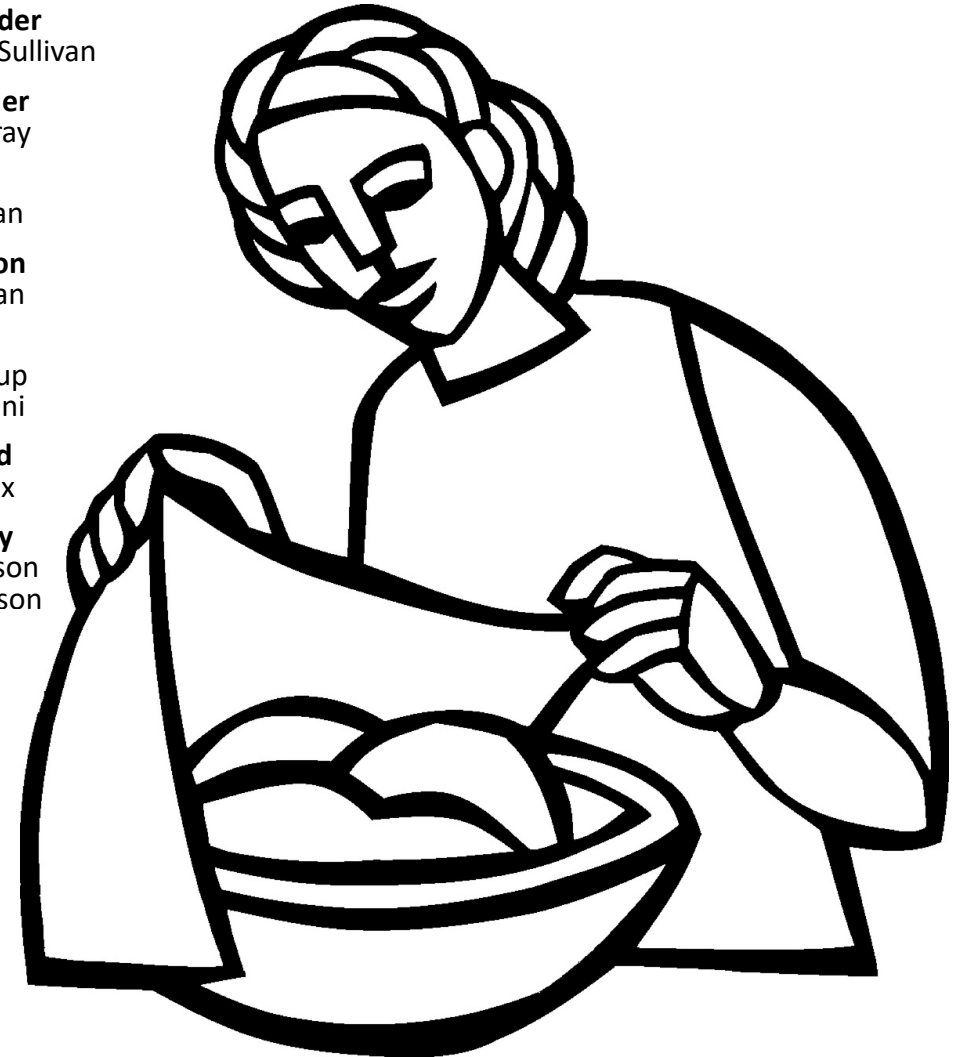
Reader
Trip Sullivan

Communion
Jack Sullivan

Ushers
Scott Tradup
Howard Juni

Altar Guild
Kathy Felix

Hospitality
Sharon Nelson
Connie Carlson



**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE “May This Church Be Like a Tree,” ACS 1042 Betsy Murray

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN “Gather Us In,” ELW 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

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*BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN “May This Church Be Like a Tree,” ACS 1042

May this church be like a tree, behind your house, there in your garden,
meeting-place for joy, and feast, and simple prayer beneath its branches.
With its roots in earth so fertile, and its arms raised high to heaven,
may this church bear fruits of justice, acts of loving and compassion.

Refrain
Tree ever growing by living water, running eternal, flowing from God.
Tree ever growing by living water, running eternal, flowing from God.

May this church be like a tree there in the street or in the plaza,
for the birds a nesting-branch, for passersby a welcome shelter.
May it stand as if it's watching, near my house, just round the corner,
waiting for this weary pilgrim with its arms wide to embrace me. *Refrain*

May this church be like a tree, O God, that thrives where you have planted;
may it stand to show the way, your way of loving and self-giving,
off'ring shade, and fruit for sharing, giving up its wood for burning.
May this living church that names you be a tree of life eternal. *Refrain*

*SENDING

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Betsy Murray
African-American Spiritual

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

Pour out your Spirit on us, your gathered people, and on this meal, your gifts of bread and cup. Through a holy mystery, let this become for us the body and blood of Christ. Let it strengthen us, that we will become the body of Christ for the world you so love.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

“Lamb of God,” *ELW* p 191, setting 8

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

“Let us Break Bread Together,” *ELW* 471

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord...

...and also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LESSON

Genesis 29:15-28

PSALM

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.

Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

The Lord is our God, whose judgments prevail in all the world,

who has always been mindful of the covenant, the promise made for a thousand generations:

the covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,

which God established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia," p 102, setting 1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON Pastor Rebecca

*HYMN OF THE DAY “Be Thou My Vision,” *ELW* 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING	"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," <i>by Becker, Davis, Cook and Greenaway</i>	Betsy Murray
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*OFFERTORY “As the Grains of Wheat,” *ELW 465*

Refrain
As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

*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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed... and join in their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS “Holy, Holy,” *ELW p 108, setting 1*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.