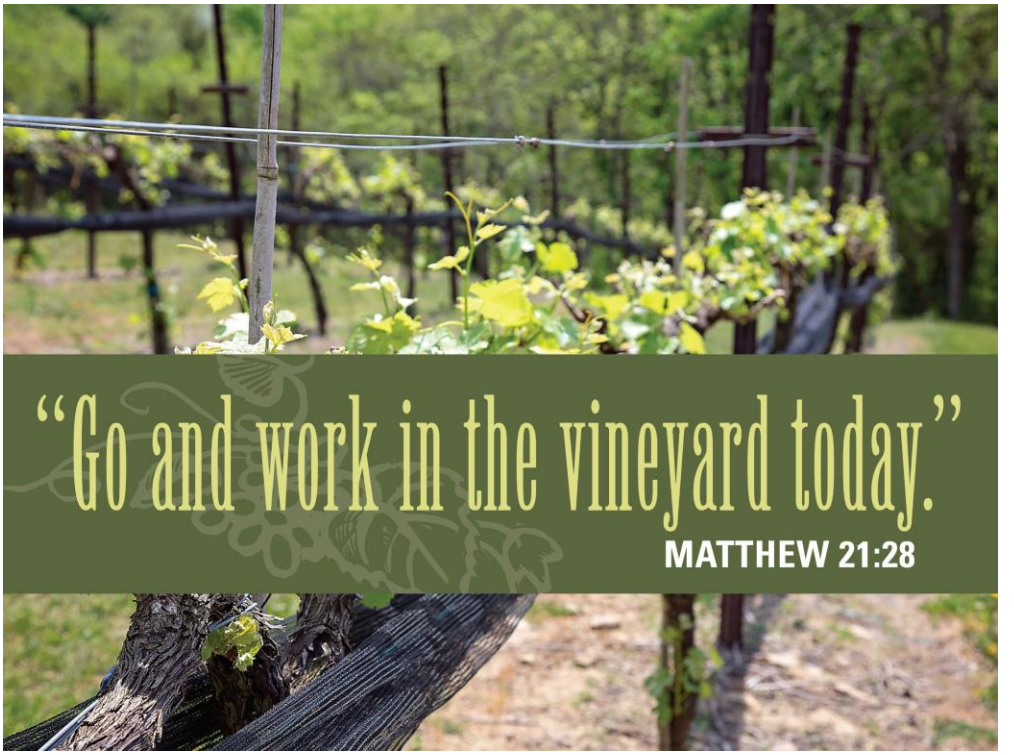
Sunday Worship Service



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18th Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 27, 2026
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Chorus:

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

1. One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (vv. 1, 2, 4) ELW, #772

GREETING

KYRIE

P For a renewed vision of Your mission,
C Lord, have mercy.
P For hearts committed to advancing the Gospel,
C Christ, have mercy.
P For the courage to rebuild, renew, and reach others in Christ's name,
C Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Come Share the Lord" Choir

WORD

1ST READING: Psalm 25:1–9 *Read responsively*

2ND READING: Philippians 2:1–13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23–32

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison

Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (vv. 1 & 4) ELW, #802

SERMON "Forward in Faith: From Words to Action" Pastor Barb Lemke

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 into hell.*
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.

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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 CHURCH *see inside back page*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER, GREAT THANKSGIVING, WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Create in Me, a Clean Heart"

Refrain:

Create in me a clean heart
and renew a steadfast spirit in me.
Create in me a clean heart
and renew a steadfast spirit in me.

Verse:

Cast me not from Your presence,
or take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of salvation,
and give me a willing spirit,
give me a willing spirit,
give me a willing spirit, O God.

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"Come to the Table" (sing 2X)	ELW, #481
"Here I Am, Lord"	ELW, #574
"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"	ELW, #469

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

See back cover for remainder of order of service

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.

All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Missions for September – We are collecting monetary donations for God's Work. Our Hands./Lutheran World Relief/Lutheran World Hunger as September's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:
Groups studying season 5 "The Chosen":
–Sundays after church
–Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
Groups studying "Paul's Letter to the Romans":
–Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
–Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church
We would love to have you join us.

Newsletter Deadline – Please submit contributions for the Oct. newsletter by 3 p.m., Monday, September 28.

CROP Hunger Walk – *October 18, 2 p.m.* If you wish to sponsor a rice bag, they are available on the counter at the east entrance. To walk or support a walker, visit https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/auroraco

This Week at Bethel
September 27–October 4, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	TOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	3:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans Group
Sat	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. *(upstairs)*
	4:00 p.m.	Sisters Fellowship Int'l.
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Save the Date:
–75th Anniversary Celebration: Oct. 17
–75th Anniversary Worship Celebration: Oct. 18

Cards for Women's Prison Please bring in your spare greeting cards to place in the box by the entry for sharing with New Beginnings ministry at the Denver Women's Correctional by **October 25**.

NEW Worship Helpers Sign-up Sheets for Oct. '26 thru Sept. '27 are posted.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Thanksgiving for Families:

Keith Rohrig & Jane Warner-Rohrig, Malia and Garret
Shellie & Rick Sasscer Willi Sanow

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Ryan Blankenship *(Patty Garcia's friend, lymphoma)*
Patty Garcia *(fortitude at work)*
Natalie Seibold *(friend of Pr. Barb's nephew, brain tumor surgery recovery)*
Kayla Yeary *(Vicki Florer's neighbor, post-partum blood pressure and mastitis)*
Eli Haug *(Caitlin Feakes' friend, brain tumor)*
Diana *(Doris Freund's friend, safety at deployment camp)*
DeeDee Pargman *(open heart surgery 9/28)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld
Rev. Mike Lemke
Linda Hardy
Linda Kirkegaard
Wendy *(Kim Evancho's friend)*
Derik McLin
Bob Bliss
Patrick Stephenson
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*
Ruth *(Joni Dammen's friend & roommate)*
Cecelia Morrissey *(Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast)*
Paula Tveit *(multiple myeloma)*
John Beiler *(Debbie D.'s acquaintance, terminal bone)*
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chamber's friend, breast)*
Kathy Suess *(Mary Sellinger's friend, breast)*
Robyn Smith-Serratore *(breast)*
Gary Lantis *(Andrea Newport's brother-in-law, chemo)*
Dennis Schmidt *(Kathy Harrison's brother, pancreatic)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Ray Johnson
Danny Cowan
Kaylee *(friend of Hamptons)*
Gerald Kelley *(Carol Smith's significant other, Alzheimer's)*
Frank Ruhs *(Ev Kelley's brother, heart health)*
Caroline Hailey-Kesler *(Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease)*
Matthew Zenn *(Bob's grandson, heart health)*
Mary Sellinger *(health)* & Michael *(son, stroke recovery)*
Carol Einertson *(heart & kidney health)*
Ron McBroom *(Dana's husband, heart surgery)*
Gypsy *(health, housing)* and the Hendricks *(her friends)*
Andrea French *(migraines)*
Scott Crosby *(infection recovery)* & wife Dawn
Sylvia Cowan *(leg infection, heart health)*
Daughtry Family *(Pr. Barb's friends, husband ALS, hospice)*
Maya Ortega *(mental health, employment)*
Charlotte Larson *(pacemaker surgery recovery at home)*
Noah *(Ron Freund's relative, health issues)*
Leo *(Barb Steinert's father, 90, fall injuries)*
Robin Storm *(Deloris DeLapp's niece, health)*
Eleanor Sims *(physical rehab)*

Sending

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (v. 1) ELW, #547

CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Ron and Doris Freund
Reader: Reyna Garcia **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Video FaceBook: Bob Bliss **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Altar Flowers were given by Carol Kirkegaard in honor of her granddaughter Lauren Sasscer's birthday.

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