

FAITH LUTHERAN & NORTH NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

“Gathered in Christ to Serve, Love, and Welcome All”

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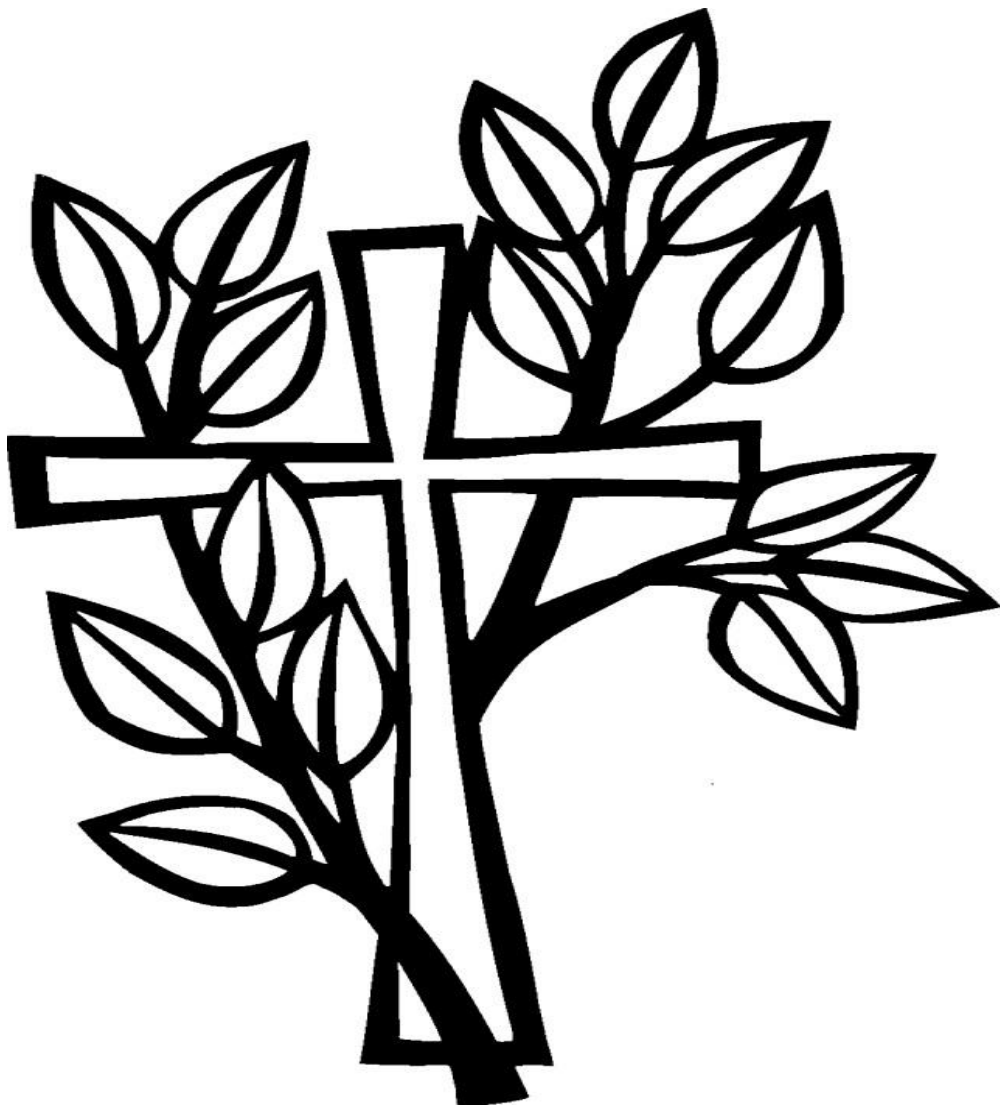
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Sunday August 30th, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word



Preparation for Worship – Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a spirit willing to worship and serve you wholeheartedly.

Words of Welcome – The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends!

OPENING STATEMENT/PURPOSE:

Betsie: Why are we here?

All: *We are Gathered in Christ to Serve, Love, and Welcome All.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Red Hymnal p.94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. *Amen.*
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, *have mercy on us.*
We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we
have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that
we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with
Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty
God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through
faith. *Amen.*

GATHERING SONG For the Beauty of the Earth (Red Hymnal #879)

1 *For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 *For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

3 *For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

4 *For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

5 *For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21 *A reading from Jeremiah.*

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² *Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.*

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ *I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.*

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ *I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,*

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ *LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.*

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21 *A reading from Romans.*

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Red Hymnal #172)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.

Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON BETSIE GRAHAM

HYMN OF THE DAY Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (Red Hymnal #623)

*1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

*2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.*

*3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.*

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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Today we pray for our siblings at First English Lutheran Church of Wisconsin Rapids and Pastor Cheryl Davis.

Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (*especially*).

Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*).

Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PEACE

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

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal p.219)

*Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways,
O Ruler of all the nations.
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,
and sing the glory of your name?
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
For you alone are the Holy One,*

*and blessed is the one
whose name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (Red Hymnal p.220)

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God, *we give you thanks and praise.*
By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God, *we give you thanks and praise.*
Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God, *we give you thanks and praise.*
Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

*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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SENDING SONG Beautiful Savior (Red Hymnal #838)

*1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.*

DISMISSAL (Red Hymnal p.222)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

FAITH & NORTH NEW HOPE PURPOSE STATEMENT:

Adopted at the Purpose & Values workshop

Gathered in Christ to Serve, Love, and Welcome All.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NORTH NEW HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Preschool through 6th grade. Sunday School on Summer Hiatus. Noisy Offering last Sunday of every month. Please be generous, this funds our Sunday School. September 20th, Sunday School starts with packing School Kits for LWR. Sunday School accepting donations of school items until 9/13/2026. Items needed listed on bulletin board. Sunday School provides drawstring backpacks.

FAITH LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Faith Sunday School is held during worship, inform ushers your child is attending & Josh/Chelsea will lead them to the Fireside room for lessons, crafts, treats, & fun!

GREETING CARDS AT FAITH: Greeting cards at Faith-Free Will donation

PRAYERS FOR CONGREGATIONS IN TOMORROW RIVER CONFERENCE: We pray for our siblings at First English Lutheran Church of Wisconsin Rapids and their Pastor Cheryl Davis.

FAITH WELCA COLLECTING FOR SALVATION ARMY PB&J DRIVE: Now thru August 31st Faith WELCA has baskets out to collect peanut butter & jelly. M.O.M. Jar donations to Salvation Army.

ROSHOLT PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: Soup, Jelly, Juice, Rice, Toilet paper, and brown paper bags with handles. Drop off donations on Sundays & office hours. Pantry now has freezers/fridges and can now accept fresh or frozen meats & dairy. There is a tub in the kitchen fridge to store donations. Rosholt Food Pantry open 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month 3-5pm. If you have a need or know of families in need, *Call Dawn Cherek 715-570-3045.*

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF PORTAGE COUNTY: ADRC Nutrition Program for seniors aged 60 and older. Rosholt ADRC dining site Nelson/Kaminski American Legion Hall. Meals are served on the 2nd & 4th *Thursdays* every month. Noon lunch. Suggested donation of \$5. *RSVP Lisa, 715-347-4856.*

BINGO AT THE PORTAGE COUNTY FAIR: Faith will man the BINGO booth at the Fair again this year. Shifts are: 9/5/26-Saturday 2-4, 9/6/26-Sunday 6-8, & 9/7/26-Monday Noon-3 Not only is this a great fund raiser, but it is a lot of fun! Shift on Saturday is not filled yet. Please sign up to help.

JOINT WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 20, 2026: There will be a Joint service on 9/20/2026 10:30am at North New Hope Faith Sunday School invited to help pack Lutheran World Relief School Kits at 9:30am. No worship at Faith on the 20th, 2026

PASTOR HEINTZ OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Joyce will usually be in the office on Wednesdays 12:30 to 3pm.

DEADLINE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER September 22nd 2 pm DEADLINE BULLETINS-WEDNESDAYS 2 pm

Prayers for Healing Please remember those who are ill or otherwise in need of prayer, especially:

Our Members: Jackie, Dawn & Paul, Betsy & Al, Rose, and Heidi.

Our Friends: John, Robert, Ed, Roger, Alice, Bob, Kathy, Patty, Jake, Laura, Mallory, and Kathy.

NORTH NEW HOPE:

Our Members: Alyce, Berniece, and Addison.

Our Friends: Ron and Margaret.

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