



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Aug. 30, 2026: 9:30 am

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

"Light the Fire" Bill Maxwell

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING SONG "Song of Praise" *Chicago Folk Service*

Glory be to God on high, praise to you most holy!
O Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father almighty!
O Lord God, Lamb of God, only son of the Father:
Christ who takes away our sin, have mercy upon us.
For you only Lord, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are the most high in the glory of God the Father,
Glory be to God on high! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Father, your Son Jesus Christ is the truth that sets us free. Send his Spirit into our hearts, so that we may live holy lives, the fruit of faith. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1-6, 13-26 *Common English Bible*

L: A reading from Galatians:

Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

Look, I, Paul, am telling you that if you have yourselves circumcised, having Christ won't help you. Again I swear to every man who has himself circumcised that he is required to do the whole Law. You people who are trying to be made righteous by the Law have been estranged from Christ. You have fallen away from grace! We eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness through the Spirit by faith. Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn't matter in Christ Jesus, but faith working through love does matter....

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality,

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moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. Let's not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME *Chicago Folk Service*

Refrain

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia!

Play music to praise his name!

Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia!

Verse (band)

Our passover lamb is Christ,

Who banished the Angel of Death.

Refrain

GOSPEL John 8:31-36 *Common English Bible*

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teaching. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They responded, "We are Abraham's children; we've never been anyone's slaves. How can you say that we will be set free?"

Jesus answered, "I assure you that everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

A slave isn't a permanent member of the household, but a son is.

Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you really will be free.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Kathryn Rothman

NOISY OFFERING

SERMON Pastor Kathryn Rothman

The congregation may stand.

SONG OF THE DAY "Neither Death nor Life" *ELW 622*

Refrain

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Verse 1

Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. Refrain

Verse 2

All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved.

Refrain

Verse 3

All of the suffering we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free.

Refrain

Verse 4

All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope.

Refrain

Verse 5

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: God of grace

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.



MUSICAL OFFERING "Hope of the Nations" Brian Doerkson

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Chicago Folk Service*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
They kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed by thy name.
On earth as it is in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed be thy name.
And forgive us our trespasses, hallowed be thy name.
As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowed be thy name.
Lead us not into temptation, hallowed be thy name.
But deliver us from evil, hallowed be thy name.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, hallowed be thy name.
And the glory forever and ever, hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be thy name.

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

The congregation may be seated

LAMB OF GOD *Chicago Folk Service*

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SONG "Breathe" Marie Barnett

Verse

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus

And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

Verse

Chorus (2x)

Ending

I'm lost without you
This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION "Blessing" *Chicago Folk Service*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, too.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING

SENDING SONG "Simeon's Song" *Chicago Folk Service*

Lord, now send your servant forth in peace according to your word.
Here we have seen your saving work done in the sight of all human-kind.

To those in darkness a promise bright, to believers a living hope.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
World without end. Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Light the Fire" Bill Maxwell

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of Aug 30, 2026

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also ask Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small plastic containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. Place used cups in the baskets. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

HOSPITALITY servers for Sep 6 are Randy & Leann Hoffbeck, Alli Halvorson, Carol Hedlund.

CELEBRATION Shalom member Bob Hildebrandt is turning 100 years young on September 7th. Let's all send him a card! We will also be serving cake in his honor during Hospitality time on Sunday, September 6th. Please join us for the fun of reaching this milestone. Bring your card then if you wish.

DO YOU WANT to delve deeper into your faith? Do you have questions about what Lutherans believe and why? Ever wonder why there isn't something for adults on Wednesday nights? Come join us for a laid-back study group called "Catechism for Grown-Ups" on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the conference room. We promise—no memorization!

WELCA Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention is Sept 18 & 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 205 S Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716. Early registration is due by August 22, 2026. No Cash, Checks only payable to NW MN SWO. All registration **MUST** be postmarked on or before due dates. Full payment is required with registration form. No refunds after Sept 1st, however registration is transferable. Mail registration form and check to NW MN SWO CONVENTION, Attn: Luella Thom, PO Box 103, Carlos, MN 56319.

God's Work Our Hands News

September 13 has been designated **ELCA Day of Service**. Congregations across the country will engage in projects that reflect service to others. Please join us at Shalom as we assemble **Newborn Kits** that will be donated to Global Health Ministries and then distributed around the world. The needed items (diapers, pins, a onesie, stocking cap, wash cloth, soap and receiving blanket) will be wrapped in a towel and boxed for shipping to GHM. This project will be completed in the community room immediately after worship on **Sunday September 13**. See you then!!

Thanks to all who filled LWR school book bags!! As of August 15, 71 bags have been filled and returned. School bags and quilts will be shipped to LWR in October.

DEDICATION of a PRAYER QUILT on August 30, 2026

This Prayer Quilt Ministry combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. As each knot is tied, silent prayers are said for the special recipient, who will receive the finished quilt. There can never be too many prayers (knots) tied to a quilt. Knots on top of knots can be tied. The Prayer Quilt Ministry motto: *"It's not about the quilts, it is all about the prayers."*

David Beyer: Dave has terminal cancer.

Prayers are requested for:

1) Comfort, peace, freedom from pain; 2) Strength for each day; 3) Presence of loved ones

Sponsor: friend, Joann Garland. Please remove the quilt after worship and deliver to the recipient.

DARTBALL resumes on September 8th at 9:00 am.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*John & Carrie Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen,
*Skeeter & Gerry Kingsberg, *Delores Martin, *Evie Raguse, *Charles
& Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, *Jeanette Priebe, *Bonnie Anderson,
*Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), Ben DeLong
(brother of Chrissy O), *LaTelle Bailey, *Kim Casavan, *Amy Schlosser
& family, JP Phelps, (nephew of John & Nola S), Brian Lein (Son-in-
Law of Dave & Barb B) *Dave Beyer, *Dan Rooney, *Diane Koranda,
*John Smith, Nikki (Roy & Deb Kramer's daughter), *Ed Arneson.
**Shalom member*

Jul/26 Activity

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surpl/ (Deficit)</u>	
\$ 40,922	\$ 46,119	\$ (5,197)	Building Fund
\$ 159,434	\$ 177,588	\$ (18,154)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved showing offerings equal to congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$104,528.

Shared Ministry

<u>Shared Ministry</u>	<u>08-30-26</u>	<u>09-06-26</u>
Acolyte		Olivia Flaten
Audio/Visual	Brian C/Dan R	Brian C/Dan R
Assisting Minister	Cami Pexsa	Nola Smith
Communion Assist	Carol Hedlund	Cheryl Burbank
Communion Assist	Corrine I	Dave Morgan
Greeters	Sarah Fleener	Carol Klein
Greeters	Marlys Wanttie	Judy Radjenovich
Lector	Tam Bukowski	Joann Garland
Musicians	SOS Band	
Proclaim/FB Live	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Grant Pexsa	Arvin Pletcher
Ushers	Fritz Bukowski	Dave Malvin
Counters	Vic Dale	Renae Hills
Counters	Charmaine M	Deb Kramer

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

Sunday	08-30	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality GWOH
Monday	08-31	1:00 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	09-01	7:30 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Text Study at Common Ground Gospel of Uke Property Runestone Chorus
Wednesday	09-02	6:30 pm	Shalom Ringers
Thursday	09-03	8:00-9:45 am 10:00-11:00 am 6:00 pm	Shalom Piecemakers Bible Study Shalom Singers
Sunday	09-06	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality Bob Hildebrandt's Birthday Celebration