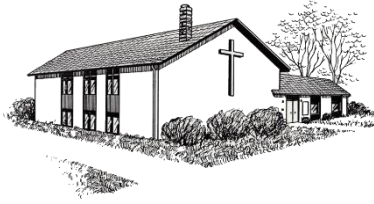


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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

July 26th, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

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~Joanne Diplock

GREETING

***GATHERING VERSE: #130 MV – "Rise Up, Rise Up"**

(sung 2X)

(Good)

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~Joanne Diplock

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.

Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.

Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Anisininew, Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Heidi McIlwain*

*May the light of this candle remind us of the light of Christ,
which shines on us, around us, within us, and through us,
and which illuminates our path and guides us on the way.*

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

As we light this second candle, we pray for peace:

peace in our hearts,

peace in our homes,

peace in our world.

*As we journey with Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.*

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Romans 8: 26-27, *The Message*) (From the *re:Worship* blog online.)

*We've gathered together in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.*

**We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
giving shape to our wordless hopes and longing,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.**

*So let's come with joy to offer our worship
to God who knows and loves us all.*

*OPENING HYMN: #79 MV – "Spirit, Open My Heart"

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(Duck/Clyde)

~Joanne Diplock

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love,
In receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

- 1 God, replace my stony heart,
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
To your grace I now surrender. R**
- 2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R**
- 3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. R**

OPENING PRAYER (for Romans 8: 26-39) (Written by Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2026*.)

*Great and wonderful God,
through the movement of the Spirit,
you experience the cries of our hearts,*

*even when we don't have words or ways
to express what we are feeling.
You feel the vibrations of the shouts of our celebration.
You note our tears of sadness,
even when we don't have words or ways to express what we are feeling.*

Bless our cries, our shouts, our tears.

Bless our words and our actions.

**Bless them with your love,
through the gift of your Spirit. Amen.**

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

VOCAL SOLO: **"You Raise Me Up"**

~sung by Shirley Alleyne

~accompanied by Joanne Diplock

Scripture Reading: *read by Heidi McIlwain*

Romans 8: 26-39

...the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."*

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Response to Scripture:

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION: "Words of Comfort and Assurance: Romans 8"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: #182 MV – "Grateful" (*chorus only, sung 2X*)

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(Tomaszek/Hart)

~Joanne Diplock

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

*Offertory Prayer

*(Adapted from Irma Nadeau; from *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2026.)*

(Please remain standing, until the gifts have been placed on the table)

**Gracious God, who calls us to generosity,
we give many different gifts in many different ways
to the mission and ministry of this congregation.
We give of our abundance – our money, time, and talents.
We give because we are grateful.
In this way, we offer our thanks to you. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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,
the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION to COMMUNION

INVITATION to COMMUNION

GIVING THANKS

SONG of CREATION: #203 MV – "Holy, Holy, Holy" (sung)

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(Kerwin/Stott)

~Joanne Diplock

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

REMEMBERING JESUS

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: #204 MV (sung)

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(Kerwin/Stott)

~Joanne Diplock

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION of the ELEMENTS

GREAT AMEN: #205 MV (sung)

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(Kerwin/Stott)

~Joanne Diplock

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!**

BREAKING the BREAD and FILLING the CUP

(From *Celebrate God's Presence.*)

The bread that we break
is our sharing in the life of Christ.
The cup for which we give thanks
is our sharing in the life of Christ.

COMMUNION is SHARED

PRAYER after COMMUNION

(Adapted from Bob Root, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

*Bread of Life, you invite us,
you welcome us, you feed us.*

And we are blessed.

*Because we have been at your table,
may we now go out
to invite, to welcome,
and to bless, in your name,
all the days of our lives. Amen.*

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: VU #481 – "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

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(Westendorf)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

***COMMISSIONING** (for Romans 8: 26-39) (Adapted from Gill LeFevre; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2026*.)

**Let us go from here,
assured that God is at work in the world and in our lives.
Let us trust that God is watching over us,
with a love too deep for words,
too broad for comprehension,
enduring and sustaining,
and that nothing in all Creation
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Amen.**

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

(Price/Besig)
~Joanne Diplock

POSTLUDE

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~Joanne Diplock