



SERMON NOTES...

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Communion Sunday



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Are We Out of Our Minds?

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Order of Worship Sunday, September 6, 2026

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Please prepare yourself for worship in quiet prayer.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it." *(adapted from Proverbs 8:1, 4-5)*

Welcome and Announcements

Barbara Kipila

Prelude

Call to Worship *(adapted from 1 Corinthians 12:12-13)*

Carol Reese

One: God gathers us together as God's beloved children.

ALL: God shapes us into the one body of Christ.

One: No matter where we have come from,

ALL: God makes us one in Christ.

One: We are baptized into one body,

ALL: And we all drink of the same Spirit.

One: Here we come to celebrate the enduring truth of the gospel:

ALL: We are one body, with one Lord of all.

Choral Introit "Let Us Break Bread Together"

***Hymn: Immortal, Invisible**

v. 1, 2, 4

#25 in Red Hymnal

Calendar

Wed. Sept. 9th Handbell quartet 5:00 pm

Wed. Sept. 9th Choir practice 6:00 pm

Saturday Sept. 12th

Church rummage Sale 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. Set up at 6:30 am

The shed will be open for donations Sunday, August 23rd—Sunday, September 6th.

Tuesday September 15th

W.O.W. meeting Tuesday @ 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday September 15th

Session Meeting The session will meet on Tuesday at 1PM in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday September 20th Food pantry to start up again *(weather permitting)*

Wednesday September 23rd Large group bells resume

Adult Bible Study Weekly on Sunday Morning at 9AM

Flowers Dedication

A basket of flowers placed in honor of Mabel Rogers, our Mom and Granny and in celebration of her birthday Sept. 8th. Love, Dawn and Emily

The second basket is in memory of our parents, Irv and Juanita Mumford as they celebrated their 77 th wedding anniversary in Heaven with Sue and our Lord and Savior. They were married on September 4, 1949, in our 'old' church by Rev. Postlewait.

From David and Julie, Danny, and Liz.

Chancel vases available for dedications

2 vases September 13th, & 20th

1 vase September 27th

***Hymn: The Lord's Prayer**

#426 in Red Hymnal

Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

Music License CCLI—#1650329

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Fellowship Host:

September 6th Mabel Rogers

September 13th Jackie Bates

September 20th Vicky Cairns

September 27th Oceans Calling – No Fellowship

We invite you to bring additional food to share

Birthdays

September 01 Carol Reese

September 08 Mabel Rogers

September 11 Donna Greenwood

September 14 Ann Hales

September 16 Beth Fisher

September 23 Virginia Miller

September 28 Jack Cairns

***Passing the Peace**

Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ.

Call to Confession *(based on 1 John 4:1-11)*

We seek God's peace, God's wisdom, and God's love. But these things seem elusive. We do not know how to gain what God gives us so freely, and they slip through our fingers. For these and all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O God, we confess that you have called us to belief, but we have relied on our own thoughts and opinions. You show us the way, and we prefer our own path. Instead of living in your love, our faith waivers, and we fail to show your love to everyone. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. This is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Surrounded by God's love, called forward by God's love, filled with God's love, reassured of God's love by the dying and rising love of Christ, we can love each other and all God's people. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** *(unison)*

#622 in Red Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** *(unison)*

#624 in Red Hymnal

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "At the Table of the Lord"

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

O God, may our ears be open to your truth. May these words lead us to follow you. May we learn of your everlasting life, and become courageous enough to live to our fullest in the midst of your teaching. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-3

*Betsy Kipila
page #1133 in pew Bible*

2nd Scripture reading: Acts 26:24-29

*Pastor Jon Berquist
page #1108 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon:

Pastor Jon Berquist

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***Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**

v. 1, 2, 3

#325 Red Hymnal

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed** *(unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**All are invited to the table, whether they are members of this church or not.*

*"The pastor will share a gluten free plate in the aisles
Please signal if you would like to be served from this plate."*

Communion of the People

Words of Institution

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you

Please wait in your pews, as elders pass the plates. Then pass the plate to your neighbors.

Please meditate on the gifts of God, and you may partake of the elements at a time of your choosing.