

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2026

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures. May we find in the moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Let us open ourselves continually to God’s presence. Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.
- All: Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness. The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.
- One: Who can separate us from the love of God? Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?
- All: Nothing can separate us from God’s love. We can face all things while knowing God’s care.

*OPENING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #379

*CALL TO CONFESSION

You know us, O God, our little schemes, our efforts to make our own little kingdoms from the stuff of our lives. Like castles made of sand, our feeble attempts to control the world melt away when surrounded by the rising tides of distress or suffering. Hear us as

we confess our lack of trust in your ability and desire to take us through the times of trial. Let us silently confess all that separates us from God.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON “Change My Heart, O God”
Lt. Blue Songbook #61

Singing: Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

- One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty, gracious Father, the true understanding of your holy Word helps us to grow into the fulness of the salvation you so freely offer in Christ. Grant to all of us that our hearts be freed from worldly affairs, that we may rightly understand your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honor. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 29: 15-28 p. 26

ANTHEM “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Choir

SECOND READING Romans 8: 26-39 p. 158

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 p. 14
One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Pearl - Is It Worth the Price?” David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lord, When I Came Into This Life” #522

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

- *OFFERING RESPONSE
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592
- Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The gift of your kingdom is more precious than anything else in the universe, O God. It is worth all we have. As we give ourselves to you in loving service, we offer our gifts as well. Receive them for the building of your kingdom and the support of your work among us here. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

- One: Lord in your mercy,
- All: hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name

*CLOSING HYMN “O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go” #384

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** “Go with God”
Lt. Blue Songbook #138

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

Please check out our website <https://www.conradfirstpres.org> to find our list of current Session Elders and active Deacons as well as other updated information. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

PW Bazaar Workshops meet on Monday mornings in Room #3 at 10:00 AM and it will end at noon.

Prayer Ministry meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

The Church Secretary will be out of the office on **Wed., July 29th**.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of Rev. Tim Lanham, Colby Stenerson, Ralph Stordahl, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

“Proclaiming God’s word and Sharing God’s love”



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Church Secretary: Wendi Dayrider