

HOLY COMMUNION (continuous)

- ✚ Words of Institution
- ✚ The Lord’s Prayer
- ✚ Distribution of the Sacrament

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - God of all, *you have gathered us around your table and you have given us abundant nourishment and life. May we be filled with your grace and open our arms to one another, knowing that you hold all in your love. Amen.*

BENEDICTION May the God of care hold you. May the God of connection tend you. And may the God of all creation bind us together in love. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW #774

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

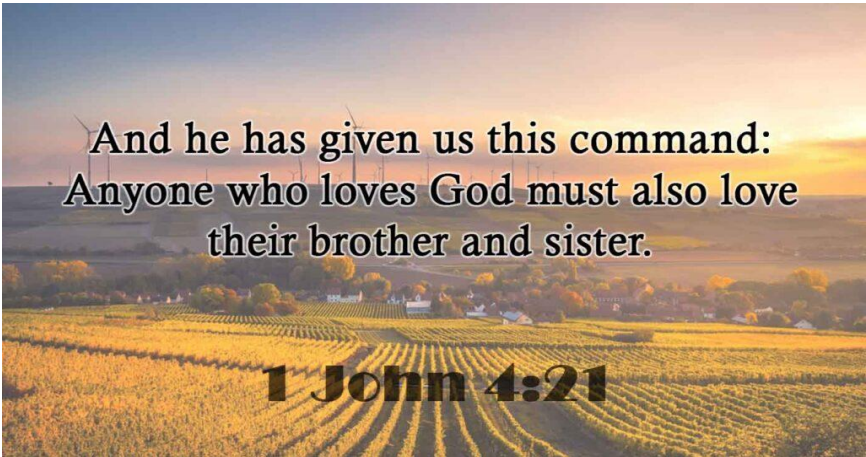
Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*) safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*) leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord and your neighbors. C) **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches
July 19th, 2026

Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer
Accompanist: David Olson, Willow Creek, Kari Vosburg, Benton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and gathers us into one body through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for Reflection*)

Gracious God, *long ago you brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt so your people could live in freedom. We know that you desire good things for all your children. Yet we confess that we have not fully trusted your promises. We have separated ourselves from one another in ways that cause loneliness, pain, and grief. Forgive us, O God. Reconnect us to you and to one another. Heal all that sin has broken. Forgive our sins. Draw us again into lives of freedom and joy. Amen.*

Hear the good news: The same God who freed the Israelites from slavery and then gave commandments that allow for connection has come among us in Jesus Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ has broken down the walls that divide us and reconciles us to God and to one another. By grace you have been saved, and all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

“Abide with Me” v, 1-3

ELW #629

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
 change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
 Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
God of the Covenant, ***you call us into community and relationship with all of creation – to abide with you and with one another. Fill our hearts with your care. Help us to honor our relationships and commitments and ground us in your abundant love. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.***

FIRST READING Psalm 25:4-10
⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
⁵ ***Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.***
⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
⁷ ***Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!***
⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ ***He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.***
¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
L) Word of God, Word of Life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

SECOND READING 1 John 4:19-21
¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
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CHILDREN’S SONG/MESSAGE “Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”
 Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-21
¹ Then God spoke all these words,
 ² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.
 ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
 ⁷ “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.
 ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
 ¹³ “You shall not murder.
 ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.
 ¹⁵ “You shall not steal.
 ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”
 ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.” ²¹ Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.
L) Word of God, word of life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE

“Because We Belong”

Pastor Renae Boehmer

SONG OF THE DAY “You are Mine” ELW #581
1 "I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
 You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here."
2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
 In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me."
Refrain
 "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
 Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."
3 "I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name." *Refrain*
4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
 I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

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SHARING THE PEACE L) The peace of Christ be with you all. ***C) And also with you.***

OFFERING/OFFERING SONG “We Give Thee but Thine Own” ELW #686
 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
 all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L) Lord in your mercy C) Hear our Prayer