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

"MEAL"

OFFERING **Hallelujah Hooligans**

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



HOLY COMMUNION *(around the rail)*

- ✝ **Words of Institution**
- ✝ **The Lord's Prayer** - ELW page 112
- ✝ **Distribution of the Sacrament**

"SENDING"

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

CLOSING SONG **"This Is Amazing Grace"** **Hallelujah Hooligans**

POSTLUDE SONG **"I'll Fly Away"** **Hallelujah Hooligans & Congregation**

1. Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a home on Gods celestial shore, I'll fly away

Chorus
I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away. When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye, I'll fly away

2. When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away *(chorus)*

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away *(chorus)*

4. Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away *(chorus 2x)*

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

All are welcome to stay and join us for dinner following worship.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Joint Worship Service

Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches

November 8th, 2026
Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer
Special Music by the "Hallelujah Holligans"

"GATHERING"

PRELUDE

OPENING LITANY
Leader: Blessed be the God who calls us together.
People: We come from different places, but we gather as one people in Christ.
Leader: We come with different stories, different traditions, different gifts, and different experiences.
People: Yet there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.
Leader: Christ is our peace.
People: In him, what divides us is overcome by the love that unites us.
Leader: Like the disciples gathered on the shore, we come at the invitation of the risen Christ.
People: He welcomes us, feeds us, restores us, and calls us to follow.
Leader: We are many members,
People: But together we are one Body in Christ.
Leader: Together we rejoice.
People: Together we bear one another's burdens.
Leader: Together we worship.
People: Together we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.
Leader: We give thanks for the gifts of both our congregations.
People: May our different voices become one song of praise.
Leader: We celebrate the ways God has been faithful in the past.
People: We trust God to lead us into the future.
Leader: As Christ welcomed his disciples to the table on the shore,
People: So Christ welcomes us with grace, mercy, and abundant love.
Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, knit us together in faith, hope, and love.
People: Make us one in Christ, so that the world may know your love through us.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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, ***we confess that we do not always wait well. We grow impatient when things take longer than we expected. We become discouraged when we cannot see what lies ahead. We get caught up in our own worries, plans, and busy lives, and we lose sight of your promises. We grow weary in doing what is good, turn away from our neighbors, and forget to let your light shine through us. Forgive us when we fall short. Renew our faith, strengthen us for the journey, and remind us that we do not wait alone. Hold us in your grace, and teach us to live faithfully in the time you have given us. Amen.***

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. ***Amen.***

OPENING SONG **"Holy Spirit"** **Hallelujah Hooligans**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, ***through your risen Son you meet us in the ordinary moments of life, calling us by name, feeding us with your grace, and restoring us in your mercy. Knit us together as one body in Christ, that our worship may reflect your love, our fellowship may strengthen our faith, and our lives may bear witness to your abundant goodness. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to follow where Christ leads and to serve one another with joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

"WORD"

FIRST READING **Psalm 78:1-7**

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 ***I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—***
3 that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.
4 ***We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done.***
5 The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel, commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;
6 ***that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;***
7 so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.
L) Word of God, Word of Life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
L) Word of God, word of life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S SONG **"This Little Light of Mine"** **Hallelujah Hooligans & Congregation**

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!
2. Hide it under a bushel, NO, I'm gonna let it shine…….
3. Don't let satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine…..
4. Let is shine til Jesus Comes, I'm gonna let it shine…..

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Hallelujah Hooligans**

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
L) Word of God, word of life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

SERMON **"Burning the Midnight Oil"** **Vicar Kendra Kappler**

HYMN OF THE DAY **"The Goodness of God"** **Hallelujah Hooligans & Congregation**

1. I love you Lord – Oh, your mercy never fails me, All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire, In darkest nights, You are close like no other
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend, And I have lived in the goodness of God *(chorus)*

3. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now I give You everything, Your goodness is running after, it's running after me *(chorus 2x)*