

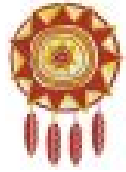


20th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Heather Brown

October 11th, 2026 | 9 AM

ELW – red pew hymnal; WOV – blue pew hymnal; This service is live streamed and recorded.



INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES DAY

To Faith Lutheran Members & Friends!

Indigenous People's Sunday

Today's order for worship is based on a resource developed by the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA with input from Native American members and neighbors. We echo the words of NGL Synod Bishop Katherine Finegan from 2021, *"I/We hope that by worshipping in the cadence and spiritual perspective of our Indigenous neighbors, we will have greater awareness and understanding to build future relationships. May it also deepen spiritual understanding of our relationship with our Creator God, the earth that is God's creation, and God's Son, our Brother, Jesus. May this liturgy be a blessing to you as we engage in a different language of faith."*

Worship Notes:

A-Ho, at the end of the prayers, is an affirmation or acknowledgement, much like our traditional use of *Amen*. Please feel free to use either (or both!). Some tribal members pronounce A-Ho as Ah-Hoe' while others pronounce it Ah-Hau' (both of which are correct). Within the 574 federally recognized Tribes in the United States, traditional worship elements vary much like within our own congregations. For instance, some tribal members hold tobacco, a sacred herb, in their left hand (closest to their heart) when praying. Some bow their heads in reverence while others raise their head and hands towards Father Sky. Many Indigenous People use the term *Creator* when talking about *God*. It does not disrespect or minimize the power of the *Holy One*. One doesn't have to go far in the Bible to make the connection that God *is* Creator (Genesis). Likewise, many Indigenous People use the term *Brother Jesus*, acknowledging a close, personal relationship with our Lord.

Statement from the American Indian and Alaska Native Ministry of the ELCA:

The Lutheran witness of the gospel with American Indian and Alaska Native people has a history of more than 350 years. The Lutheran witness was seen among the Cherokee as they walked the infamous trail of tears and continues all the way to the Northern shores of Alaska's Inupiat Eskimo people. The ELCA's American Indian and Alaska Native membership is around 4,850. The American Indian and Alaska Native Ministries works closely with 30 native congregations around the country and is working to open new faith communities as well.

Relationships with American Indians and Alaska Natives in the ELCA are firmly grounded in reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints — people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and unique needs. Together, we work with a common vision to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, share in the ministry of word and sacrament, participate in God's work of reconciliation in the world and creation, seek justice for all people and celebrate diversity within Christ's unifying love. In our shared work, we strive to nurture and uphold the dignity of American Indian and Alaska Native people, their congregations and communities, and the church.

American Indian and Alaska Native – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (elca.org)

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

We're so glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out a blue visitor card, available at the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area. When you place it in the offering plate or share it with the pastor after worship, we'll be delighted to give you a small gift to show our gratitude for joining us today.

Welcome to Families

Families with children and infants are a cherished part of our worship community. An unstaffed nursery is available for little ones to play in during worship, and quiet activity bags can be found near the sanctuary entrance for children who remain in the service—our ushers will be happy to assist you.

After worship, we offer programs for all ages:

- **GLOW:** For children ages 3 through 8th grade, 10–11 AM.
- **FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth):** For high school students, meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship in the Youth Room, 10-11 AM.
- **Adult Bible Study:** Open to all adults, 10–11 AM in the Mission Office.

We hope you'll find a place to grow in faith and fellowship with us.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit it via the app or website or use the orange prayer request card in pew. You may also email: pastor@faithmarshfield.com.

PRAYER LIST: *Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Tom Stram; Linda Lysne; Treva Tisdell; Judy Rhodes' son, Ken; Mike & Lisa Behling's friend, Mike; Cathy Seever's brother, Alan; Dianne Swanson; Darlene Krake; Susan Tremi's husband, Mark, and twin grandsons, Ray & Russ; Dave Herron; Mark Cournoyer's friend, Shirley; Carol Skaden's mother, Ruth; Darlene Wittlinger & Nicole Quarne's daughter/sister, Shelly.

OUR SYMPATHIES to Kevin & Mary Schweiger and family on the death of Mary's mother, Virginia.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING *Nature's Song* (Please listen to the sounds of creation; birds chirping, papers rustling, children chattering.; the sounds around you.)

FAITH LUTHERAN LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP *Prayer of the Four Directions and Mother Earth and Father Sky*

Pastor: Creator is the Center of Creation. The central reality of Creator's plan for the world is the central reality of our lives. As we face each of the four directions, as we kneel to Mother Earth, and as we reach to the Heavens, we will respond in prayer. Following each prayer, we will return to face the center, reminded each time that it is our Brother who is able to bring healing and salvation and who, by His Spirit, is able to renew the face of the earth. First let us all face a center point. (*all face center, pause*)

The start of life's journey, the new day, is the East. It is the place of beginnings, first light, and the possibility of starting again. You have sung us into existence. Let us face East (*all face East, pause*) and let us pray:

Congregation: Enable us, Creator Spirit, to be wise in our use of the resources of the earth, sharing them in justice, partaking of them in thankfulness. (*all face center, pause*)

P: The South holds the warmth of summer. It is a time of innocence, of learning and growth. You have sung us into existence. Let us face South (*all face South, pause*) and let us pray:

C: May we walk good paths, Creator Spirit, living on this earth as sisters and brothers should, rejoicing in one another's blessings, sympathizing in one another's sorrows, and together with You renewing the face of the earth. (*all face center, pause*)

P: The West reminds us of the wisdom of maturity with the approaching of the sunset. It is the time of parenthood, responsibility, and good sense – the time to teach, acknowledge, and give thanks. You have sung us into existence. Let us now face West (*all face West, pause*) and pray that the Spirit of Creator may again breathe over the waters making them pure, making them fruitful. Let us pray:

C. We pray that we too may be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth. (*all face center, pause*)

P: The North holds the hard, cleansing wisdom of the time of winter and white hair; the elders breathe through the sacred pipe, the grandparents who, on life's great circle, are closest to the little children. You have sung us into existence. Let us face North (*all face North, pause*) and let us pray:

C. May the air we breathe be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth. (*all face center, pause*)

P: From Mother Earth comes all that has life. (*Bend and touch Mother Earth*)

You have sung us into existence. Let us kneel or symbolically touch Mother Earth (*as we are able*) and let us pray:

C. May we walk gently upon the Earth and leave our footprints softly on what we touch.

P: We raise our hands toward Father Sky. In love, Father Sky embraces all the Earth with His love. (*Raise your hands and extend your palms toward the sky.*)

You have sung us into existence. Let us raise our hands to Father Sky and pray:

C. May we see the vastness of Your arms and feel Your embrace of love at all times.

A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

GATHERING SONG

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

ELW 837

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Great Spirit, look at our brokenness.

C. We know that in all creation the human family has strayed from the Sacred way—the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life. We know that we are the ones who are divided. And we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way—the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life. Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor, that we may heal the earth and heal each other.

WORDS OF RESTORATION

P: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved; you are restored. In Christ, you are made new. **A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Prayer by Medicine Grizzly Bear

C: O Great Creator, we come before you in a humble manner. We pray for all our relations in nature, all those who walk, crawl, fly, and swim, seen and unseen, and to the good spirits that exist in every part of creation. May there be beauty above us.

May there be beauty below us. May there be beauty in us and beauty all around us.
We ask that this world be filled with peace, love, and beauty.
A-Ho *or* Amen (*or both!*).

FAITH CHOIR ANTHEM *Consider the Lilies* Hoffman/Lyon

SACRED SCRIPTURE READINGS *Prayer for Illumination*

Leader: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

C. Send forth Your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

L: Open up the soil of our hearts to Your word of life.

C: May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who You are creating us to be. A-Ho *or* Amen (*or both!*).

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:1-9

PSALM 106:1-5 (*Responsively*)

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hallelujah* ELW 171

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON *Pastor Heather Brown*

SONG OF THE DAY *Light Dawns on a Weary World* ELW 726

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Creator, Father-Mother Spirit, who called the world and all that is in it into being; who spoke the creative-forming word, and all came forth; who created women and men and set them free to live in love and humility to the will of supreme love, and in community with all.

We believe in Creator, Son and Brother, who because of love for all creation beyond our understanding, entered the world to share our humanity; to set before us the paths of life and death, and walk them with us; to be rejected and die, but finally to conquer death and in new life, draw the world to himself for all time.

We believe in Creator, in-dwelling Spirit, who calls us into community, that we may, through faith and that community of oneness, experience uplifting and sustaining grace; that we may fulfill our human responsibility to reach out to our neighbor, whomever that may be; that we may rejoice in the constant nature of creation and the wondrous joy of life itself.

We believe in Creator, whose word teaches us that all things grow together, the Circle of Life; that the paths of life and death, good and evil, too often come together; that choices are not clearly defined, but that we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose and only the true One can be our judge.

We believe in Creator, who is present and working in this world through all Creation.
A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Based on Chief Seattle's Words*

L: All is Sacred!

C. All is Sacred!

Every part of this earth is Sacred.

Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,

Every mist in the dark woods,

every clearing and insect is holy.

The rocky crest, the juices of the meadow, the beasts and all people;

all belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the Earth is our Mother.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

The water's murmur is the voice of our father's father.

We are a part of the earth and the earth is a part of us.

The rivers are our brothers; they quench our thirst.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters.

The air is precious,

For all of us share the same breath.

The wind that gave our grandparents breath also received their last sigh.

The wind gave our children the spirit of life, and will continue.

This we know: the earth does not belong to us;

we belong to the earth.

This we know: all things are connected;

like the blood which unites our family.

All things are connected.

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

We did not weave the web of life;

we are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web,

we do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the web in the circle that connects us.

Thanks be to Creator, the God of All! A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

P: Jesus Christ, Holy Child of God, you have prayed for us. With your Spirit that intercedes for us, hear our prayers. Help us to commend our worries and fears to you. In you, our hope rises, and we look for the new life you alone can bring. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the risen one, we lift our prayers. **A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

PEACE

L: As a community let us embrace the ongoing work of being reconciled.

C: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

We give thanks to our Creator.

You are invited to share peace with your neighbor

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God ELW 840

OFFERING PRAYER

"All Things Hold Beauty"

A Mohawk Prayer

Thank you, Creator, for all that You have given us. Thank you for the beauty of the universe that You created: the trees, the sky, the mountains, the rain. All things hold beauty in themselves and all are related and touch each creature of the earth. You created the rhythm and pattern of the universe in a harmony of movement, sight and sound. Help us to appreciate Your creation and to live with our eyes, ears, and hearts open to Your message. **A-Ho or Amen (or both!).**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *From the New Zealand Prayer Book, September 2018*

Eternal spirit, earth-maker, pain-bearer, life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. AMEN!

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (see insert)*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TEMPLE TALK **FLC Endowment** **Dr. Lori Bents, Treasurer**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: Walk tall as the trees,

C. Live strong as the mountains,

Be gentle as the spring winds,

Keep the warmth of the summer sun in your heart

And the Great Spirit will always be with you.

A-Ho or Amen (or both!).

SENDING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and make peace,

C: remembering the cross of Christ the King.

Announcements

*Thank you to our Social Concerns/Green Team for leading our worship service today:
John & Kathy Campbell, Nancy Young, Joyce Cesar, Dave and Jen Smith, Susan Trembl,
Renee Stafford, and honorary member Lisa Helstein.*

EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRY

FamilyEd@FaithMarshfield.com

For more information about these events and other Education updates, visit our online Info Hub: faithmarshfield.com/info

October 11 | GLOW/RISE Sunday Classes | 10:00 AM

Students will meet in their classrooms for attendance before beginning their Sunday classes.

October 11 | Christmas Program Practice | 6:00 PM

Christmas Program practice for students with speaking parts. Please plan to attend.

October 17 | Trunk or Treat | 5:30–7:30 PM

Help us fill the parking lot with decorated trunks and a fun evening for our families and community! We are also accepting candy donations, which can be dropped off in the Upper Room. Thank you for helping make this a great night!

October 18 | First Communion Class | 4:30 PM

This class is for 2nd-grade students who have been notified. Please plan to attend.

October 21 | RISE Confirmation Class | 5:45–7:15 PM

RISE Confirmation students in 6th–8th grade will meet for their Wednesday evening confirmation class.

October 31 | GLOW Kids Halloween Party | 2:30–4:30 PM

GLOW Kids, come party with us before heading out for trick-or-treating! Wear your Halloween costume and enjoy food, games, and yes—candy!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth@FaithMarshfield.com

For more information about these events and other FLY updates, visit our new online Info Hub: faithmarshfield.com/info

Oct. 14 | FLY Advisory Team Meeting | 5:30 PM | Upper Room

FLY Advisors will meet to discuss recent events, upcoming opportunities, mission trip destination and ways we can continue to support and grow FLY Youth Ministry.

Oct. 18 | FLY Time!! | 10AM-11AM | FLY Room

High School (9th Grade & Up) FLY Sunday Gathering. All are welcome to attend!

Oct. 24 | United Way Make a Difference Day – Quilt Loading | 8:30AM-11AM

Youth are asked to help with Quilt loading beginning at 8:30 AM and will finish with Yard Cleanup and ending by 11:00 AM

Oct. 31 | FLY 2027 Mission Trip | First Commitment Deadline

Interested in going on the 2027 Mission Trip. First count deadline will be October 31!

Nov. 7 | FLY Italian Spaghetti Dinner | 5PM-7PM | Fellowship Hall

We are looking for anyone with a hidden talent that they would like to share during our Italian Spaghetti Dinner, please reach out to Justin

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO-BAKE BAKE-SALE: The FLC Women have sent out a letter for their No-Bake Bake-Sale to raise funds for the Care kits, FLY Mission Trip, Capital Campaign and Lutheran World Relief shipping for quilts. Use the same amount as you would pay for making baked goods and put towards these causes.

FALL FELLOWSHIP/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Please sign-up for German Baking (Sat Nov 21st, 8:30-11:30am) and Reformation Study Series in the Gathering Area. See Pastor Heather for more information.

MEN'S GROUP

A Bible study open to men of any age will take place the first Wednesday of each month, from 5 pm to 6 pm. Contact Dave Iversen at 715-240-8600 or davidsiversen9563@gmail.com if you have questions.

FAIR TRADE ORDERING

Scan the QR code to connect with the Equal Exchange website. See what is available. If there is interest to buy and try a new item the Fair Trade team can add that item to our next order. We sell products individually, but most items are sold in boxes of 6. Please send your requests or questions to Joyce Cesar at jjcesar@charter.net, by October 24th. Our next Fair Trade sale will be November 22nd.



JESUS ON THE MOVE

Yes.....Jesus IS on the Move! Just like all the other activities going on around here at FLC. I'm sure many of you have been watching Jesus move around the sanctuary. Now, join in on the fun. Fill out one of the "Jesus on the Move" sheets each time you see Him, then place it in the basket kept on the Welcome Table. These forms can be found on the Welcome Table, the table as you walk into the sanctuary and now, at the children's table at the back of the sanctuary. It's that simple to have some fun! The top 3 winners from the Sunday School/FLY groups and the "young at heart" group will win a prize. We can't wait to see that basket fill up with all the entries! Thank you! Many Blessings, Dave & Diane Herron

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to the people who have donated items for the Quiet Bags, thank you so much! It is very much appreciated! ~ The Bag Lady

FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM:

Join PFLAG Marshfield for a fun evening with fellow supporters as we connect and celebrate at Hop & Grape on Thursday, October 15 from 5:00-9:00pm. Whether you're a long-time member, newly joined, or just curious to learn more about PFLAG Marshfield, this event is a chance to build community and enjoy time with people who care deeply about creating a more inclusive Marshfield.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH Sunday, October 11 – Pastor Appreciation Day

This month, we celebrate and give thanks for our pastor's faithful service and dedication to our church family. Pastor Heather, your commitment to sharing God's Word, guiding us in faith, and caring for our congregation is a true blessing. Your compassion, wisdom, and steadfast faith reflect Christ's love in all you do.

If you would like to leave Pastor Heather Brown a note of encouragement or appreciation, please place it in her mailbox or drop it off at the church office.

SERVING US TODAY at 9:00 AM

Welcome: Cathy Seevers
Greeters: Joyce Baker
Arlene Norberg
Ushers: Need 2 Ushers
Organ/Piano: Kathy Biederwolf
Choir Director: Kaitlyn Konrardy
Audio/Visual: Bill Yanke, Jeff Johnson
Reader: Social Concerns Team,
Acolytes: Brooklyn Corcoran,
Ronald Post
Comm. Prep: Sue Vick, Dr. Lori Bents
Comm. Assists: Cheryl Ashbeck
Coffee Host: Sue Vick
Baked Goods: Jean Abel
Jamy Yohn

WAYS TO GIVE:

CHURCH: Offering basket will be passed.

ONLINE: Go to www.faithmarshfield.com and click on **GIVE**.

TEXT: Text fclmarshfieldgiving to phone number 1-888-364-4483

MAIL: Mail a check directly to *Faith Lutheran Church, 207 S. Cherry Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449*

WAYS TO ACCESS THE SUNDAY SERVICE

- 1) Live-streaming on YouTube at 9 AM every Sunday.
- 2) On the Cable Access Channel 989 on
Sundays at 12 Noon
Monday at 11:30 AM
Friday at 11 AM
- 3) Watch anytime on our YT Channel.
- 5) Watch anytime on our App.

FAITH NUMBERS CORNER

Service Attendance

Last Week Attendance: 99

Average Service Attendance

Sept. Average Attendance: 115

Sept. Average Online Views: 51

Weekly General Giving October 5th:

Actual (Includes online giving) \$10,795.87

(Weekly break even amount \$6,166)

Year to Sept. 30th, Income vs. Expenses:

Actual All Income \$256,422

Actual Expenses \$242,243

Surplus \$ 14,179

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH:

October 11^h—October 17th

- Oct. 11th 9:00 AM – Worship Service
10:00 AM – GLOW/RISE/FLAME
6:00 PM – Christmas Practice
- Oct. 12th 7:00 PM – Al-Anon in CR
- Oct. 13th 10:30 PM—PEO Meeting in UR
5:30 PM – Immigrant Advocacy Zoom
7:00 PM—Boy Scouts #382
- Oct. 14th 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting
3:00 PM – Personnel Mtg in MO
5:30 PM – Youth Adv. Mtg in UR
6:00 PM—NA Meeting in CR
6:30 PM—Choir Practice
- Oct. 15th 8:00 AM – Piece Corps
- Oct. 16th 9:00 AM—Elizabeth Circle
- Oct. 17th 9:00 AM – Faith Fire Praise Band Practice
5:30-7:30 PM—FIA Trunk or Treat