

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th, 2026
Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA
Pastor Tim Ehling, 320-226-7074

Gathering Songs
Welcome shared...

Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water-
For the oceans that surround the earth,
For the rivers that nurture the land,
For lakes, streams, and rivers that sustain life in our midst
Especially Lake Superior, Littlefork River, Rainy Lake, Lake
Kabetogama, Kettle River, Lake Jessie, Mississippi River, Mille Lacs
Lake, and Oak Lake.

We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:

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We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water-
For the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,
For the floods that restore the fields,
For the dew that freshens dry places-
We honor you, O God, for the waters you send:
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We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism-
For the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,
For the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,
For the water that illumines us with your Word,
For the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,
For the water that bathes the church universal-
The Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants,
Pentecostals, Evangelicals, Independents-
We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:
We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.

We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Almighty, merciful, and gracious.

Well of forgiveness, you revive us,
Cup of cold water, you refresh us,
Pool of rebirth, you renew us.

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever.

Opening Song # 543

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Apostolic Greeting p. 78

Kyrie p. 78

Hymn of Praise p. 81

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson- Jonah 3: 10-4:11

Second Lesson- Philippians 1: 21-30

Gospel Acclamation p. 83

Holy Gospel- Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon

Song #229

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offertory Song # 407 vs 1

Offering Prayer

God's Giving Continues...

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Song during the meal # 327 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

#481

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. To love, cherish, and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in becoming a member of our fellowship, tell us and please keep coming back! Please join us for a coffee fellowship following the worship service today.

Calendar Announcements:

September 23 – Newsletter deadline; Confirmation 6 pm-
Bethlehem in Askov

September 26 - Edin's "Last Pioneer Harvest" Event - lunch served
at noon by WELCA

September 27 – Worship at 11:15 followed by potluck

September 29 – Mission Support Dinner, Our Savior's Lutheran
Church, Cloquet

September 30 – Confirmation 6 pm at Bethlehem

WELCA Fall Gathering – October 10 8:30 at First Lutheran in
Hinckley

Walking Together – October 10th – First Lutheran Church in
Brainerd