

WORSHIP OUTLINE

August 9, 2026

WE ARE GATHERED

Worship Song – **MAKE US ONE**

Worship Song – **TEN THOUSAND REASONS**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (*pastor front center*)

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- WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... **<PAUSE>**

WL:

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Friends, God's spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Worship Song – **FAMOUS ONE**

Litany for Ending Sabbatical

Pastor Katie: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for the ministry God gives this congregation, and for the leadership of Pastor Craig Brown.

We ask God's blessing on us and on Pastor Craig as he returns to us from this Sabbatical time.

We give thanks to God for bringing Pastor Craig and his family back into our community safely and we look forward to the new things God is doing in our midst as we seek to discover more together God's call to serve all people.

All: We rejoice that God has brought you back into our presence refreshed, and we welcome you with open arms.

Pr Craig: It is good to be back among God's people at First Lutheran. This sabbatical was a time of rest and renewal for my spiritually. Thank you for giving me sacred space to accompany my father and my three sisters through the emotional journey of selling my boyhood home, and for the opportunity to spend meaningful time in London and Scotland with my wife Katie and our sons Hayden and Brock. At Holy Trinity Brompton in London I had a holy encounter unlike any other in my life. Visiting the birthplace of The Alpha Course I discovered how this class on Christian basics still speaks to the hearts of young seekers today and how it might transform our church in the months ahead. Also, this sabbatical I got to visit several other expressions of the Christian church. This reinforced my deep appreciation for our Lutheran lens of Jesus Christ's love and grace for us all through God's incredible act of sacrifice on the cross. What a gift. I am very motivated to preach this good news to you all again in new and dynamic ways. Thank you and God bless you.

Pr. KLL: Let us Pray: Eternal God you will us with every good thing and your steadfast love endures forever. We thank you for Pastor Craig and family and for our life together. As we receive Pr. Craig from Sabbatical time, enfold us all back into the life and ministry of this congregation for our community, and fill us with your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Children's Message

Word –Matthew 14:22-33 *NRSVue*

Introduction: Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

P: ²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Katie

SERMON RESPONSE – OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

WL: Please stand. We join in a time of prayer. Following each petition, please join me in saying: hear our prayer. Let us pray.

After each petition, please respond with:

P: God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Offering Song- GOOD TO ME

Communion

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.
There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution – AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Post communion prayer:

P: Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending & Blessing

WL:

ALL: Amen.

Sending Song – I AM

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

ALL: Thanks be to God!