



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE [10:45]

"Berceuse"
(Saxophone/Keyboard)

Gabriel Fauré

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Hymn 793*
([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Page 203*

Leader: In the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Glory to God in the Highest" *Page 204*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Hymn 843

THE SERMON

“Forgiven and Forgiving”

Genesis 50:15-21

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
 People: Hear our prayer.

*PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
 People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

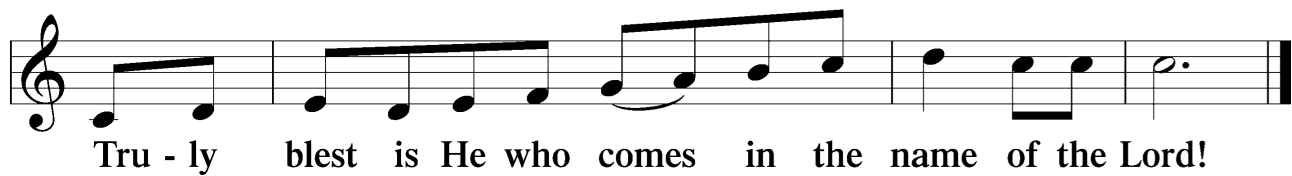
Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“When Peace, like a River”
“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Hymn 763
Hymn 814

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD’S WORK**

***THE BENEDICTION** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymn 895

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Jacob Weber

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Preacher
Organist
Communion Deacons
Lector
Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Tom Block
Thomas Schulteis
Jackie Stine, Roger Walker
Jan Struck
Rodney & Jane Petersen

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher
Celebrant
Liturgist
Organist
Instrumentalist
Sound Technician
Elder on Duty
Communion Deacons
Lectors
Crucifer
Acolytes
Greeters
Ushers

The Rev. Tom Block
The Rev. Steven M. Braun
Vicar Harrison Hulse
Thomas Schulteis
Jon Peterson, saxophone
Mark Bryan
Jennifer Smith
Krista Bernthal, Ron Booth, Cindy Sensabaugh
Ted Broer, Linda Aceto
Vera Terry
Lucy Terry, Annie Witcher
Jason & Britta Witcher
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