

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcement, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Service of the Word

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW #556 (Attached)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷ The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 125

¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

² **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

⁴ **Lord, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.**

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways the Lord will banish with the evildoers.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 13
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

GOSPEL RESPONSE:

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pr. Andrew Young

SERMON

“God Equips the Called”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638 (Attached)

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, In Your Mercy

RESPONSE: “*Hear Our Prayer*”

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“May The Lord Mighty God”
(tune of Edelweiss)

*May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you Peace, perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor*

*Lift up your eyes and see His face, And His Grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever.*

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Soon & Very Soon”

ELW #439 (Attached)

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and serve the Lord.....**Thanks Be To God.**

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD’S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastors: Andrew Young

Piano:	Jinx Sorensen
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Greeters/Reader:	Nick & Katie Sorensen
Refreshments:	Julie Hanson/Char Somers
Council:	Debbie Porter/Jinx Sorensen/Nick Sorensen
Altar Guild:	Sandy Speerstra/Karlene Swenson/Kris Bell

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Continued prayers for Jerry & Karlene’s 2-month-old great nephew....at Stanford Medical Center on dialysis for liver failure. Pray that the medical team can determine the cause.

Elaine Gliko, sister-in-law of Jinx & Becky....for resolution regarding her medical needs.

From Annie K.: Prayers for her parents....for her stepdad who fell and is now paralyzed from the waist down, and for her Mom who is now the caretaker. Please pray for strength and healing.

Mary Gregory, cousin of Becky Murray and Jinx Sorensen.....diagnosed with lung cancer & has started chemo treatments.

Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!

Prayers for Diane Oddy’s sister-in-law, LuAnn, as she has been moved to a long term care facility. Her ALS is quickly advancing.

Dee Feddes’s friend Megan continues her battle with ALS.

Kane Tandy – ongoing medical issues.

Jodi Robbins has started a new treatment plan, due to the recurrence of her cancer.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson’s.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers of Thanks and Praise

Vickie Streich is back home after rehab in Townsend. Welcome home!

Prayers of Comfort and Peace

Vera Falkenhagen, Great Aunt of Kelsey Stevens passed away this week. Prayers for Kelsey and her family.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ’s Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya

SERMON NOTES