

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcement, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Service of the Word

PRELUDE

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

"In Christ Alone"

(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.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:27-31

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 104:13-15

¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

¹⁴ **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth:**

¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:23-24

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 9

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:37-38

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

GOSPEL RESPONSE:

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pr. Andrew Young

SERMON

“Wow! This Gift! We get to!”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821 (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.**

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 our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, God of pow'r almighty.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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.

COMMUNION

All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is in outside rim of serving tray. All bread is gluten free).

***THE BENEDICTION**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW #856 (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

Musicians:	John & Grace Bent
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Greeters:	Stan & Dorean Olean
Reader:	Rick Moler
Refreshments:	Steve & Tiina Smith
Council:	Tiina Smith/Adam Byrd/Megan Paulson
Altar Guild:	Kristy Rieger/Jinx Sorensen/Michelle Clark/Marcia Zankowski

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Linda Miller's 10-year-old great niece Ava has been diagnosed with a rare cancer. Prayers for the family and the medical team treating her.

Charlie Taylor, friend of Becky & Gil Murray, had a major heart attack two weeks. He was life flighted to Seattle and his wife Theresa and daughter Faith are with him. Prayers for his recovery.

Mike Mattson's brother Peter is undergoing surgery very soon to remove a cancerous kidney.

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.

Continued prayers for strength and health restoration for Vickie Streich

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

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

Jodi Robbins continuing her cancer treatment; prayers appreciated.

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.

Prayers of Comfort and Peace

Yoki Johnson, longtime friend of Larry & Char Somers passed away after a long courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer!

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya

SERMON NOTES

