

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

SOLA SCRIPTURA

PRELUDE

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19)*

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. *(Psalm 25:4-5)*

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. *(1 John 1:6-7)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen. *(Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)*

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. *(1 John 1:6-7)* He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. *(Acts 10:42-43)*

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

ELW #801 (Attached)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

C: May the Lord your God be with you, also. *(Joshua 1:17)*

VERSES OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! *(Luke 2:14)*

C: **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.** *(Revelation 7:12)*

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! *(John 1:29)*

C: **For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.** *(Hebrews 12:2)*

P: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. *(Revelation 15:4)*

C: **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.** *(Psalm 47:2)*

P: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. *(Acts 10:38)*

C: **And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
(Philippians 2:11)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)***C:** **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 103:1-12

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰ **he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:6-8

⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 18

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of

his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

"Are you grudge free?"

Pr. Andrew Young

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ELW #807 (Attached)

THE 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

P: Lord God of our salvation; we cry out day and night before you.

C: Let our prayer come before you; incline your ear to our cry. *(Psalm 88:1-2)*

P: Let us pray*Here special supplications, intercessions, and prayers may be made.*

THE PEACE

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Philemon 1:3)*

C. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Are an Offering”

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. *(1 Chronicles 29:10-11)*

P: Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering?

C: For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you. *(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

P: May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and
body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23)*

C: Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my
eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light
for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel. *(Luke 2:29-32)*

BENEDICTION, CLOSING HYMN AND DISMISSAL

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Praise to the Lord”

ELW #858 (Attached)

P: May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you
all. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: Thanks be to God. *(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Lorrie Hansen
Greeters:	Zach Rogers-Sherman/Darlene Idland
Acolyte:	Grayson Forsberg
Reader:	Linda Keehr
Refreshments:	Debby Young/Amy Young
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf & Khristy Barber
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 underwent surgery this week to remove his 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.

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

Yokie 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