

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Announcements, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service #4

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Great is the Lord”

(Attached)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:23-32

²³ Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? ²⁴ “But if a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked person does, will they live? None of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness they are guilty of and because of the sins they have committed, they will die. ²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸ Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹ Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ³⁰ “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 25:1-10

¹ In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

² **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ **Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.**

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ **Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

⁸ **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

¹⁰ **All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?"



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 4

Glory to you, Oh Lord

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:16-20

¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pr. Andrew Young

SERMON

"It's Time for a Change"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838 (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 INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE 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.

SENDING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821 (Attached)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks Be To God.

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD’S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastors: Andrew Young

Piano:	Connie Holton
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf & Khristy Barber
Greeters:	Nick Sorensen Family/Zach Rogers-Sherman
Refreshments:	Becky Murray/Jinx Sorensen/Mark & Linda Keehr
Reader:	Linda Keehr
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 for Blessings and Encouragement

Prayers for Stuart Murray as he embarks on his first teaching assignment in North Carolina.....seven electrician classes from October through April.

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya

SERMON NOTES