



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Classes have resumed, and students, families, faculty, and staff have settled into the routine of a new school year. In our worship during these early-autumn months, we focus on Jesus as teacher, explaining life in the Kingdom of God. *This is Part 8 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 864 *"Shepherd of Tender Youth"*

BAPTISM OF DIANA ELIZABETH HENTGES (10:30 am, see page 268)

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 32:5*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the

stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

P How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

P It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C and your faithfulness by night,

P to the music of the lute and the harp,

C to the melody of the lyre.

P For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

GLORIA PATRI | Glory to the Father *For text and tune, see page 186.*

C (sung) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47*

For text and tune, see page 186.

C (sung) Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text and tune, see pages 187–189.

P (sung) Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY *For text and tune, see page 189.*

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Ephesians 4:15*

C Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–9*

Ezekiel is to be a watchman for Israel, warning them of their sinfulness that they may repent.

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to

turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1–10*

Saint Paul teaches about the Christian's responsibility to civil authorities.

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

³For rulers are not a terror to good

conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out

C Thanks be to God.

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

15⁴⁴“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16⁴⁵But if he does not

NICENE CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal. (8:00 am)*

SERMON *Glimpses of God's Kingdom: "Reconciled and Reconciling"*

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

C hear our prayer.

listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn 686, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 8:00 am service continues with the Preface on page 194 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 605 *"Father Welcomes"*

HYMN 609 *"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"*

HYMN 616 *"Baptismal Waters Cover Me"*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship
of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Bendicamus, and Benediction on pages 199–202.

CLOSING HYMN 686 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week's takeaway: God relentlessly pursues sinners with His love, seeking not merely to resolve our conflicts but to restore our relationship with Him and with one another. Through Christ's cross and empty tomb, we are reconciled to God and called to be ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16–21), seeking the lost, confronting sin in love, and extending forgiveness and restoration to others.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*; Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Kathryn Oetting, *Organist*

Jade Brandt, Kim Brandt, *Vocalists (8:00 am)*

Evelyn Pottschmidt, *Vocalist (10:30 am)*

Eden Beissenherz, Quinn Marsh, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Emma Cooper, Elaina Martens, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Eddie & Linda Kammeyer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Mary Schlueter, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

Jim Beerman, Jeff Martens, Pat McKeage, Darren Starbuck, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Daniel Schwiegert, Chet Fiene, Kevin Crawford, Mark Oetting, Gloria Driver, Debbie Woodall, Brenda Frerking, Mark Tolias, Ruth Rodewald, Rebecca Camp, Sandy Alvey, Ann Wolters, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Arleen Fiene, Annette Kirchhoff, Konner McKnight, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos

Ongoing: Susan Reeves, Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhous, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Death: Sharon Bobzin, Donnie Fiene

Nation and World: the people Uzbekistan; those affected by earthquakes, wild-fires, and flooding

Partners in Mission: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church; Oak Grove, MO; Lutheran Bible Translators

Birthdays: (8/6) Betty Brackman, Ray Schuknecht, Bryce Strobel, Leanna Watts, Arianna Wilson; (9/7) Jennifer Clayton, Saylor Hentges, Bill Ivie, Konner McKnight, Helen Rehkop, Leslie Spells; (9/8) Lauryn Bonar, Beth Hoppman, Peter Williams; (9/9) Randy Langewisch, Marjorie Storck, Robert Tebbenkamp; (9/10) Janice Kirchhoff, Sharon Riesterer, Larry Schnakenberg; (9/11) Emma Cooper, Walter Finley; (9/12) Joyce Beerman, Jonathan Haase, Tina Oetting, Karsyn Steinkuhler, Kaiden Wiles

Anniversaries: (9/7) Dennis & Sandra Oetting; (9/8) Donnie & Joan Hemme; (9/10) Roger & Barbara Bushman

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Genesis 50:15–21; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 915, 611, 606, 610, 622, 643, 843



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