



St. Mary's Lutheran Church

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 4:00pm & Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 9:00am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

3 Chimes will sound before the prelude as an indicator that service is about to begin. Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them. And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free and regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Hymn #853 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast"* (new Setting 8, ELW pg. 187-188)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow insert)

Please be seated

WORD (see yellow insert)

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10-4:11

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS CONNECTION (Sun)

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #588 *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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

Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING (Sun)

Adult Choir

"In Heavenly Love Abiding" - Deborah Govenor

*In heavenly love abiding, No change my heart shall fear; And safe is such confiding, For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar around me, My heart may love be laid; But God is round about me, And can I be dismayed?
Wherever He may guide me, No want shall turn me back; My Shepherd is beside me And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim; He knows the way He taketh, And I will walk with Him.*

*Green pastures are before me, Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me Where darkest clouds have been.*

My hope I cannot measure, My path to life is free; My Savior has my treasure, And He will walk with me.

Please stand in body or spirit

OFFERING Hymn #692 "We Are an Offering"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

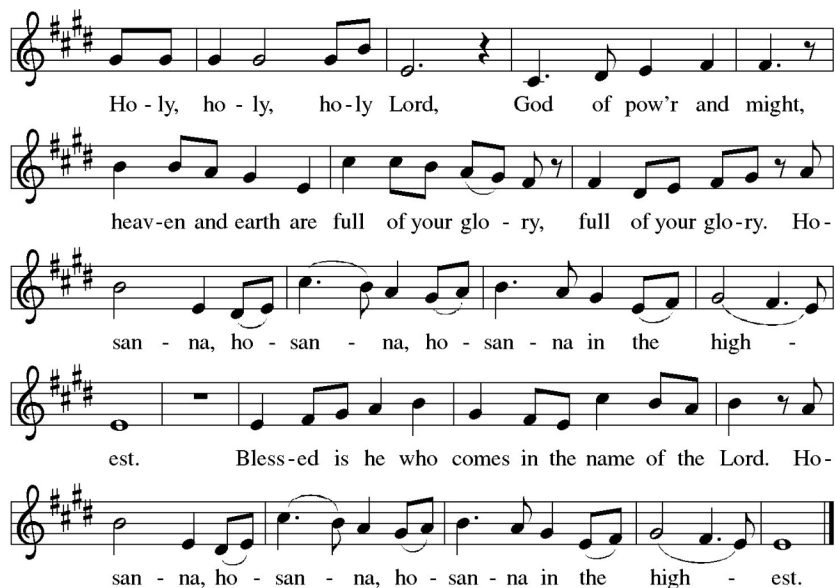
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*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.*

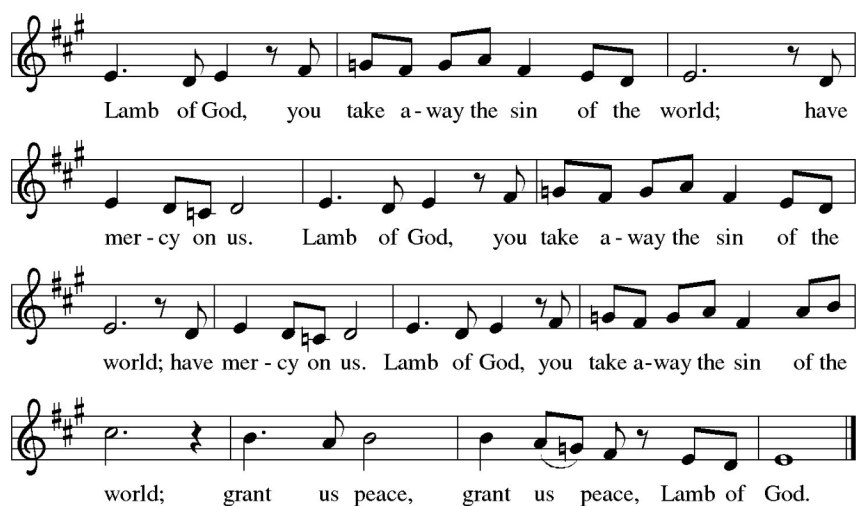
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #629 "Abide with Me"

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Hymn #841 "Lift Every Voice and Sing", vs. 1, 3

DISMISSAL

We are God's people.

Followers of Jesus Christ.

Gifted by the Spirit.

Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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