

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, October 17, 2026 @ 5pm

Sunday, October 18, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **Hymn #543**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do If with his love he befriend you.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, You are the God of history. You raise up nations, and You bring them to nothing.

We think we have figured You out. We presume to know exactly how You will act and operate in the world.

Lord Jesus, You have revealed who God is in and through Your life, death, and resurrection.

Yet we hold onto questions and doubts as if they are a badge of honor, when we should wholeheartedly place our trust and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, help us to see that the things that are impossible for us are possible through You.

Open our hearts to lay aside everything that keeps us from following Christ.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God, the world around us is terrifying without You. We'd like to think the world is in our control, but we know it's in Your hands. Forgive us when we accuse You of the bad things that happen in life. You have claimed us through waters of baptism and faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare to you who truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You have revealed Your glory to all the nations. Teach us to place our trust in Christ, and follow Your Word, that we may lean not on our own understanding; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD		
FIRST READING	Isaiah 45:1-7	OT p. 661
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)</i>		
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	NT p. 1077
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)</i>		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	“Alleluia”	p. 83
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.		
GOSPEL	Matthew 22:15-22	NT p. 902
<i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says “Glory to you, O Lord”)</i>		
<i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, “Praise to you, O Christ”)</i>		
SERMON	“There Is No Other”	Pastor
David Irgens		

RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Hymn of the Day	“O God, My Faithful God”	Hymn #504
O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing, Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing: Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.		
Give me the strength to do With ready heart and willing Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling— To do it when I ought, With all my strength—and bless Whatever I have wrought, For you must give success.		
Keep me from saying words That latter need recalling; Guard me, lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;		

But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace, Lest I offend the weak.
When dangers gather round, Oh, keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheerless;
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,
And, by your Spirit's might, To live at peace with all.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (SUNDAY)

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

Hymn #520

**Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**He sent his Son with pow'r to save From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**Give to the Lord of lords renown; The King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure When lords and kings are known no more!**

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Psalms 96:1-13 (7)

¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷**Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³before the LORD; for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Notes:



A member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
3735 Jeffers Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703
715 - 514 - 3552
www.saving-gracechurch.com

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

WORSHIP:

Sat 5:00 pm, Radio Broadcast on FM 107.1

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am Livestream

David Irgens, Senior Pastor, Dan Doran, Associate Pastor

Katherine Altreuter, Office Administrator, Music Director

Cheryl Eberhardt, Education Director, Keith Muchow, Videography

Noli Hadt & Shayla Menter, Pianists, Melissa Kuziej Winder, Sunday Reader,

Chris Heacox, Saturday Audio, Seth Anderson-Lind, Sunday Audio

All music reprinted/podcast/streamed with permission under One License #A-738182 and CCLI License #1113414