

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, September 5, 2026 @ 5pm
Sunday, September 6, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

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

Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **Hymn #526**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)

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

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and 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
Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, 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, who do 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, You have called us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Give us the strength and will to lay aside all those things that hinder us that Jesus would be our center. Open our hearts, that through faith we may overcome any doubts, that we may stand with the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 33:7-11** **OT p. 787**
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)

SECOND READING **Romans 13:8-14** **NT p. 1036**
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **“Alleluia”** **p. 83**
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 18:15-20** **NT p. 897**
(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says “Glory to you, O Lord”)
(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, “Praise to you, O Christ”)

SERMON **“Oh, It’s Him”**
Pastor David Irgens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **“Beautiful Savior”** **Hymn #518**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love thee, Truly I’d serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

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. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

Hymn #524

**My God, how wonderful thou art, Thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat In depths of burning light!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful The sight of thee must be—
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, And awesome purity!**

**No earthly father loves like thee; No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done With me, thy sinful child.**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me The love of my poor heart.**

**My God, how wonderful thou art, Thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart Till faith in vision end.**

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

and not to selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

Psalm 119:33-40 (35)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵**Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.**

³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees,

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