

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, September 26, 2026 @ 5pm
Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

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

Opening Hymn "O Day Full of Grace" (vs. 1-3, 5) Hymn #161

**O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, When he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone, That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.**

**When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place, With angels his name adoring.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, You call us to turn from our sin that we might live.

But we judge by our own standards and are quick to judge.

Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself becoming a servant even to the point of death on the cross for our sake.

**Forgive us when we serve our own desires and we don't give You the awesome reverence
You deserve.**

Holy Spirit, You call us to faith in Christ that we may fulfill Your will in the world.

May we respond to Your call and conform to what You desire.

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

Almighty God, You have called us to repentance that we may live. Guide us to center our lives in Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may serve You in thought, word, and deed. Through faith in Jesus Christ and the promises in the waters of baptism, your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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, You know our frailties and failings better than we do. When we are weak, You are strong. Teach us to come to You and trust in Your guidance. Keep us from those things that harm us and guide us in the way of Your salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ 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 **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32** **OT p. 769**

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SECOND READING **Philippians 2:1-13** **NT p. 1071**

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.) **"Grace Alone"** **arr. Joey**
Hoelscher

Saving Grace Choir, Sue Seeger (piano)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **"Alleluia"** **p. 83**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 21:23-32** **NT p. 901**

(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 **"Following the Will of The Father"** **Pastor David**
Irgens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"** **(vs. 1, 4, 6, 7) Hymn #328**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call—
The God Incarnate, man divine—And crown him Lord of all.
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!

**We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
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RECEPTION OF OFFERING

TEACHER INSTALLATION & BIBLE PRESENTATIONS (SUNDAY)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator 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 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 (SATURDAY)

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors; 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 (SATURDAY)

SENDING

**Sending Hymn
#320**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(vs. 1-4) Hymn

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

DISMISSAL

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

Psalm 25:1-9 (6)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

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