



CHURCH OF THE ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader [TFF]=This Far By Faith Hymnal*=Stand if you are able

OPENING

PRELUDE

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] **Amen**

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, 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.

[C] **Amen**

[P] 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.

[P] Most merciful God.

[C] **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We 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.**

[P] 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 the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

SHARING THE PEACE:

[Pastor] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] **And also with you.**

*** OPENING HYMN – My Hope Is Built**

*** GREETING**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Refrain: This Is The Feast Of The Risen Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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1. Worthy is Christ who died for us, who set us free on the cross.
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2. Power and riches, wisdom thanks, be to our God and the Lamb.
Power and riches, wisdom, thanks, be to our God and the Lamb. *(Refrain)*
3. Sing to the Lord a glorious hymn, and join creation's amen.
Sing to the Lord a glorious hymn, and join creation's amen. *(Refrain)*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Reading: First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of

hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

PSALMODY : The Choir

SECOND READING: : Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. — ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

[R] The Word of the Lord

[C] Thanks Be to God

*** ALLELUIA VERSE: ALLELUIA! LORD, WHERE SHALL WE GO**

Verse 1: (Call) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go? **(Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?**

(Call) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go? **(Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?**

(Call) Alle **(Response) Alle**

(Call) Alleluia! **(Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?**

(Call) Alle **(Response) Alle**

(Call) Alleluia! **(Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?**

Verse 2: (Call) For you have the words of eternal life. **(Response) For you have the words of eternal life.**

(Call) For you have the words of eternal life. **(Response) For you have the words of eternal life.**

(Call) For you **(Response) For you**

(Call) For only you. **(Response) For you have the words of eternal life.**

(Call) For you **(Response) For you**

(Call) For only you. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life. (Repeat Verse 1)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. Matthew 21:33-46

[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

[P] The Gospel of the Lord

[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON – Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

* THE SERMON HYMN: I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

* THE CREED SONG

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Creed Song.

SONG – I Believe I Do Believe

*Refrain: I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It.
I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It.*

1. I believe in God the almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator.
(Refrain)

2. I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
(Refrain)
3. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
(Refrain)

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH [Assisting Minister]**

OFFERING

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshiping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Choir

*** OFFERTORY: We Praise You God**

1. We praise you God, the creator of the heavens! We praise you God, the creator of the heavens! We praise you God the creator of the heavens! We praise you for giving us life!
2. We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you for giving us life!
3. We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless you for giving us life!
4. We praise you God, the Creator of the heavens! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We thank you for giving us life!

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

[C] 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.

MEAL

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give God thanks and praise

[P] It is indeed

1. Holy, holy, Lord, almighty, glory fills the earth. Holy, holy, Lord, almighty, glory fills the earth.

Refrain: Holy holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.

Holy holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.

3. Sing Hosanna in the highest to the Holy Lord. Sing Hosanna in the highest to the Holy Lord. *Refrain:*

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

*** PRAYER SONG – Lord God Of Power and Fame**

1. (Call) Lord God of power and fame, **(Response) Lord God of power and fame**

(Call) Hallowed be your name; **(Response) Hallowed be your name**

(Call) Humbly your will be done, **(Response) Humbly your will be done**

(Call) Until the kingdom come; **(Response) Until the kingdom come**

(Call) The living depend on you, **(Response) The living depend on you**

(Call) Forgiven and forgiving too; **(Response) Forgiven and forgiving too**

(Call) Lord God of power and fame, **(Response) Lord God of power and fame**

(Call) Hallowed be your name. **(Response) Hallowed be your name.**

2. (Call) Glory to you, O Lord, **(Response) Glory to you, O Lord,**

(Call) Holy forevermore; **(Response) Holy forevermore**

(Call) Stay in temptation's hour! **(Response) Stay in temptation's hour**

(Call) Breaking the tempter's pow'r. **(Response) Breaking the tempter's pow'r**

(Call) The living depend on you, **(Response) The living depend on you**

(Call) Forgiven and forgiving too; **(Response) Forgiven and forgiving too**

(Call) Glory to you, O Lord, **(Response) Glory to you, O Lord**

(Call) Holy forevermore. **(Response) Holy forevermore.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Now Behold The Lamb

Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,
who bore all my sin, that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God.
Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God.
Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: Rock Of Ages

* HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
[C] Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is worthy to be praised and adored. So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord. *(Repeat)*

SENDING

* PRAYER

[A] 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.

[C] Amen.

* BENEDICTION:

[P] 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.

[C] Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN: Lead Me Guide Me

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BIBLE STUDY** will be cancelled this week as Pastor Carroll will join rostered leaders across the synod and Bishop Emily Hartner at Lutheridge for Fall Convocation.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

DISMISSAL

[P] Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**