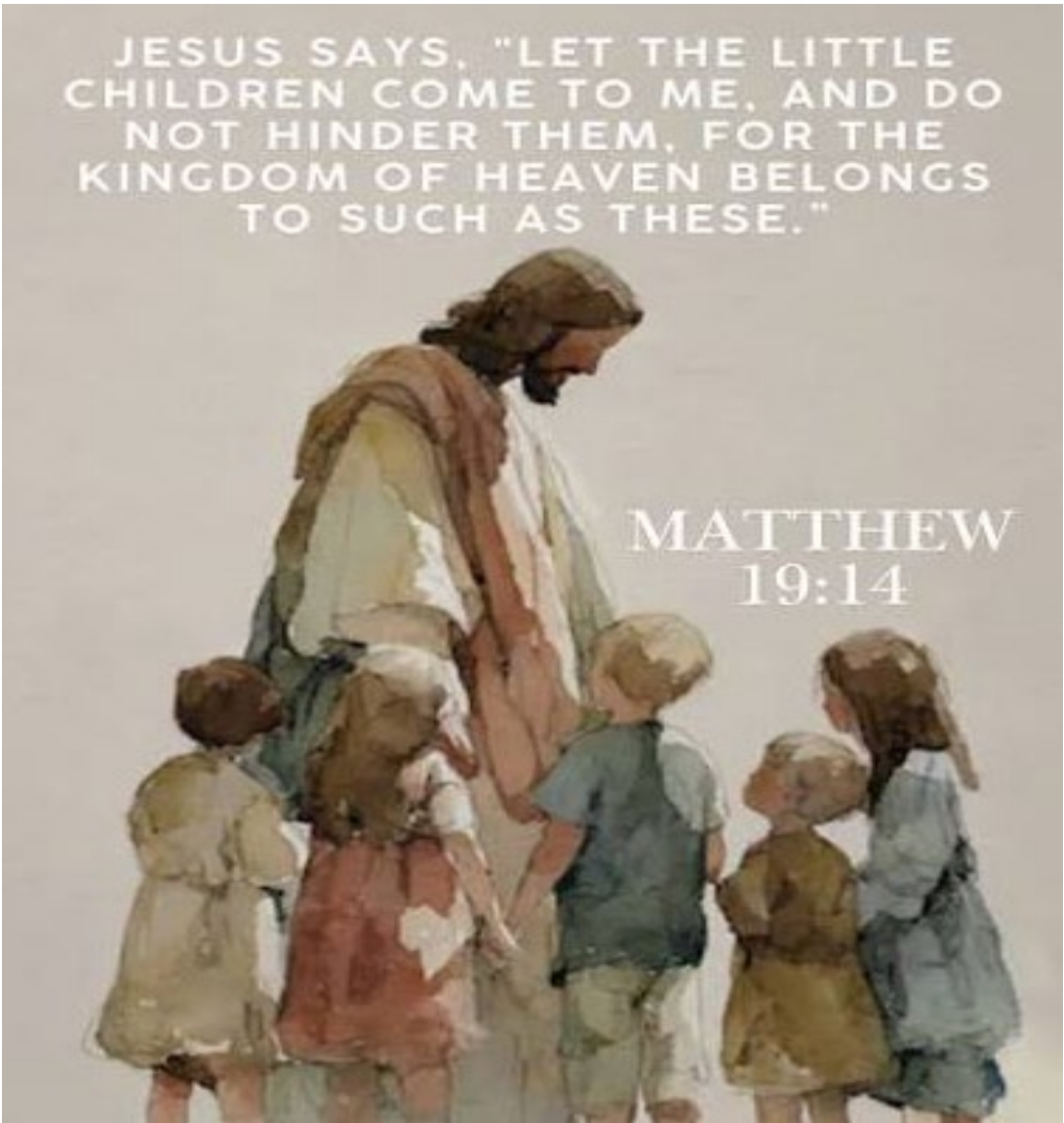


**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026**

JESUS SAYS, "LET THE LITTLE
CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO
NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS
TO SUCH AS THESE."

MATTHEW
19:14



Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People

The Divine Service

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AS WE GATHER

It often irritates us when a kindness extended to others is not returned. When we fail to forgive others as we have been forgiven, something greater is at stake. In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus ties together the forgiveness we receive from God and the forgiveness we offer to others in His name. That connection becomes prayer in the words of the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Part of this is the reminder of the great debt of sin of which we have been forgiven and of the petty things we cling to and refuse to forgive of our brothers. While this might seem to lay a burden upon the Christian, it is instead the call to live out what is the ground and center of our relationship with God in our daily lives with others. This treasure of forgiveness only grows in us as we apply it and give it away to others.

Prelude

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Processional Hymn

“Holy Forever”

Verse 1

A thousand generations
falling down in worship
To sing the song of
ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of
ages to the Lamb

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven
and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Pre-Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Tag

You will always be Holy
Holy forever



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.**

Kyrie

- A** *In peace, in peace...*

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 2/4. The Assistant's part consists of the first six measures, and the Congregation's part consists of the next six measures. The lyrics are written below the notes.

- A** *For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... Refrain*
- A** *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... Refrain*

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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Hymn of Praise

"Now the Feast"

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. O merciful Lord, in Your goodness You acted with patience toward us sinners and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Grant to us patience with the erring and grace to forgive one another as You have forgiven us, presuming nothing but in all things holding fast to Jesus Christ; through Him who died that we might live and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:13–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Hymn of the Day

"Believe For It"

Verse 1

They say this mountain can't be moved
They say these chains will never break
But they don't know You like we do
There is power in Your name

Verse 2

We've heard that there is no way through
We've heard the tide will never change
They haven't seen what You can do
There is power in Your name
So much power in Your name

Chorus

Move the immovable
Break the unbreakable
God we believe
God we believe for it

From the impossible
We'll see a miracle
God we believe
God we believe for it

Verse 3

We know that hope is never lost
Oh for there is still an empty grave
God we believe no matter what
There is power in Your name
So much power in Your name



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Sermon

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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 the Church

*Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy..." Congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer**"*

Offering **"On Eagle's Wings "** Adult Choir, 8:30 a.m.
 "Softly and Tenderly" Deborah & Diego Carvajal, 11:00 a.m.

Offertory Prayer

P God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

A word about Holy Communion *We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

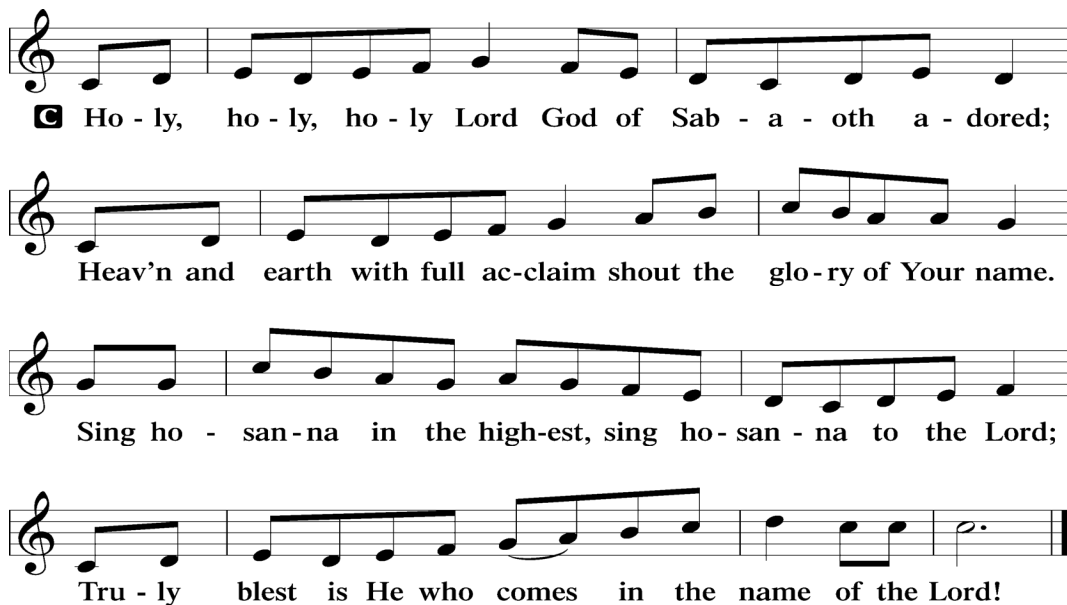
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **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.**

Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

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

(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
you are the way of mer - cy and love.

have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns during Distribution

“O Church Arise”

Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say
that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that
makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the
prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Verse 3

Come see the cross where
love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie
crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with
faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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“Behold The Lamb”

Verse 1

See Him there, the great I Am
A crown of thorns upon His head
The Father's heart displayed for us
Oh God, we thank You for the cross

Verse 2

Lifted up on Calvary's hill
We cursed Your name, and even still
You bore our shame, and paid the cost
Oh God, we thank You for the cross



Chorus

Behold the Lamb
The story of redemption
written on His hands
Jesus, You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours
We sing Your praise
Endless hallelujah to Your holy name
Jesus, You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours

Verse 3

All for us, this sacrifice
For every sin our saviour died
The Lord of Life can't be contained
Our God has risen from the grave
Oh, our God has risen from the grave

Chorus

Behold the Lamb
The story of redemption
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Verse 4

When the age of death is done
We'll see Your face, bright as the sun
We'll bow before the King of kings
Oh God, forever we will sing
Oh God, forever we will sing

Closing of the Table

Post-communion canticle



Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness; strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Post-Communion Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

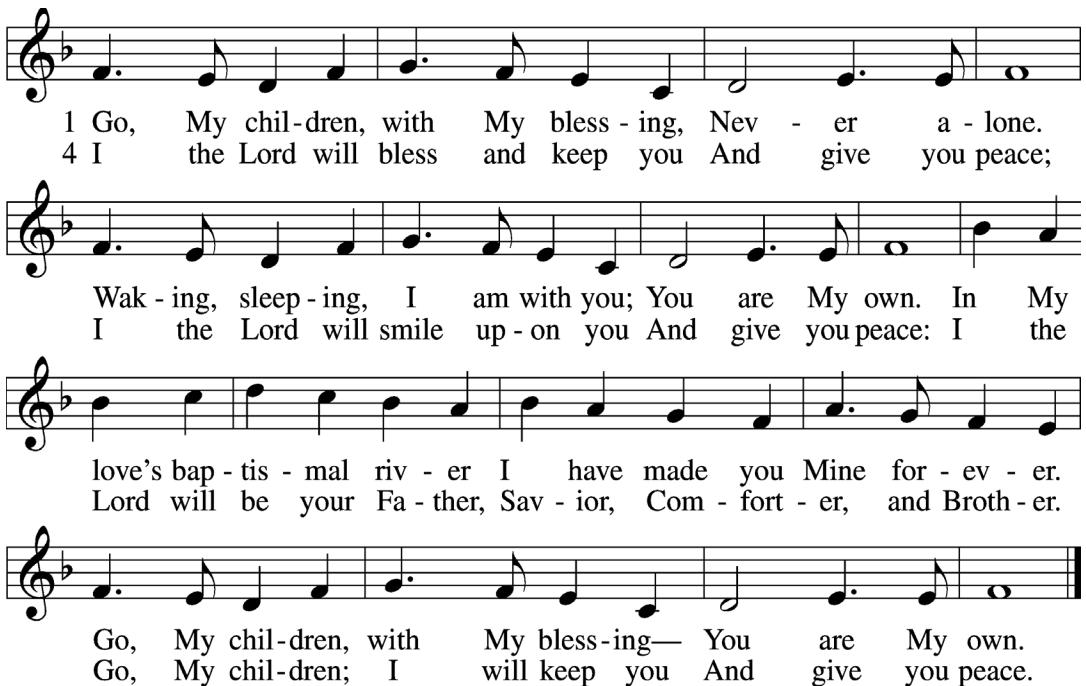
Preschool Teacher Installation

11:00 a.m.

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LSB 922 sts. 1, 4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the

love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.

Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

Prayer Support

If you want to be lifted up in prayer, our prayer team is here to pray for you after the worship service. You can meet with them at the Communion Rail.

Dismissal

P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

C **Disciples making disciples.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Investing for Time and Eternity

"... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where moth nor rust destroys,
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:20-21).



Everyone's welcome—
come enjoy an
evening of great
music, cold beer, and
tasty brats!

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Discovering Life with God

Join us on this journey of faith and discovery as we delve into the rich teachings of Lutheranism. Contact the church office for more information.

**Next Class: Saturday, September 19
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