

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)

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The **hymns** begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

HYMN #526 “GOD IS HERE”

GREETING (PAGE 138)

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 [PAGE 203]

♪ Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may
begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...now and forever.*)

C: Amen.

READINGS

EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32 | PSALM 25:1-9 | PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]

♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring. ♪

GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

SERMON – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

HYMN #517 “LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

(A brief silence)

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

PEACE (PAGE 143)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE [PAGE 207]

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C: **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TODAY

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
 Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

HYMN #767 "LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #884)

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #777 “COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY”

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace

C: Thanks be to God.

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Those to keep in prayer: Lee Kline, Annie Droll, Duane Petersen, Mike Miller, Emerson Marsh, Mallory Bousset, Cathy Goddard; the homebound: Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military, Benjamin Baur

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

Organist: Jason Bousset or Linda Whitman

Acolyte: William Burke; **Next Month:** David Burke

Lector: Eva Burke; **Next Week:** Joe Morehead

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This Week At A Glance
September 27, 2026

Monday,
September 28th Pastor Leah out of the office

Tuesday,
September 29th Pastor Leah out of the office

Wednesday,
September 30th 6:00 pm Confirmation at Faith
 7:00 pm Bible Jam at Faith

Sunday,
October 4th 8:00 am Worship at Our Savior's
 9:25 am Sunday School at Faith
 10:30 am Worship at Faith

Announcements

Pastor Leah out of the office

Pastor Leah will be out of the office on Monday, September 28th and Tuesday, September 29th. Pastor Leah will be attending the Southeastern Iowa Synod Fall Theological Conference on Monday and Tuesday. She will be available by phone or email.

Free Kids Meal at Texas Roadhouse

Nicole has a few Kids Meal (with a purchase of an entrée) coupons left for Texas Roadhouse. Expires 10/1/2026. Davenport location only. If you'd like a free coupon, stop by or contact Nicole in the church office!

Confirmation and Bible Jam

Confirmation classes are at Faith on Wednesday's at 6:00 pm and Bible Jam is at 7:00 pm at Faith. All 7th-12th graders are invited to Faith for food, fellowship and fun following confirmation classes.

Distinguished Service Award

Myrna Kay (Olson) Peterson is receiving a Distinguished Service Award on [Friday, October 2](#), as part of Luther College Homecoming. Myrna Kay is being honored for her work to make the city of Grand Rapids, MN accessible for people with mobility issues. Myrna Kay's Luther softball teammates would like to shower her with congratulations. You can give your notes to Marsha Witte and she will deliver them to Myrna Kay on [October 2](#).

October Feast at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church

Please join us on Sunday, October 11th, from 3:30 pm -7:00 pm for our annual OctoberFeast at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church. The meal includes roast beef & gravy, BBQ pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, grape salad, seven-layer salad, rolls, and desserts. Tickets are available at Grace Lutheran Church, 415 10th Street, Dewitt. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$17 for adults. Carry outs available.

Halloween Fun Night

God Squad is hosting a Halloween Fun Night on Sunday, October 25th, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Wear your costume and join us for Soup, Games and Candy! Church members, contact Heather or Peyton if you are interested in donating candy or would like to volunteer with the fun! Decorated trunks with treats are welcome!

2027 Youth Gathering

2027 Youth Gathering, we have 6 youth interested in attending the Youth Gathering next summer in Minneapolis! Please watch for Fundraising announcements, they are coming soon!

Sunday School

Staff is already in place, but the Education Committee is looking for volunteers to substitute for the teachers and music leader when they are absent. The lessons will be prepared for you. Please contact Cindy Burke or Pastor Leah if you would be willing to help.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

Would you like to help support sending our youth to the NEXT Youth Gathering? Thrivent makes this easy, via your Thrivent Choice Dollars – because it costs you nothing! Please consider contacting your Thrivent Rep or log into your account online, and request your Thrivent Choice Dollars are sent to either **FAITH LUTHERAN or OUR SAVIOR's LUTHERAN CHURCH**. Then confirm support intent with Heather Grau. Thank you and we appreciate your support!!

Prayers of Intercession

Other petitions for the prayers of intercession are welcome! If you have a petition, you would like included during the prayers, please reach out to Pastor Leah and Nicole to have it included.

Seeking new Education Committee Members

Two volunteers are needed to serve on the Education Committee – one from Our Savior's and one from Faith. One does not need to teach Sunday School to participate.



Fall Worship Schedule

8:00 am Worship at Our Savior's
9:25 am Sunday School at Faith
10:30 am Worship at Faith