

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 #835 “ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH!”

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

GENESIS 50:15-21 | PSALM 103: [1-7] 8-13 | ROMANS 14:1-12

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 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – Blessing Backpacks/Sunday School

SERMON – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

HYMN #359 “WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL”

Holy Baptism

PRESENTATION

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Briar Florence to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: Dylan and Kodi, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Briar baptized into Christ?

Parents' Response: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Dylan and Kodi, do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents' response: We do.

P: Wade and Sadie do you promise to nurture Briar in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors' response: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Briar and pray for her in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Briar Florence, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and
the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth,
cleanse them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Briar with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the
spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in
your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Briar Florence child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy
Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

Congregation Representative: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in
heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we
share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and
bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

HYMN #732 "BORNING CRY"

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.

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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 are welcome at the Lord's Table.

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 #779 “AMAZING, GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND”

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 #544 “PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING”

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: Mike Miller, Emerson Marsh, Mallory Bousselot, Cathy Goddard; the homebound: Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military, Benjamin Baur.

This morning through Holy Baptism, Briar Florence Bousselot, child of Dylan and Kodi Bousselot, will be received into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Her sponsors are Wade and Sadie Gerlach.

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

Organist: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

Acolyte: William Burke

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This Week at a Glance

Week beginning September 13, 2026

Wednesday,

September 16th 6:00 pm Confirmation at Faith
 7:00 pm Bible Jam at Faith

Sunday,

September 20th 8:00 am Worship at Our Savior's
 9:25 am Sunday School at Faith
 10:30 am Worship at Faith

Monday,

September 21st

October Newsletter items are due

Fall Worship Schedule

8:00 am Worship at Our Savior's

9:25 am Sunday School at Faith

10:30 am Worship at Faith

Announcements

Feeding the Children

The sign-up sheet is located on the table by the church office at Faith. Please email or call Nicole to sign up.

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.

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.

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.

DCHA Lunch

You can support the DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary by eating lunch at their Made Right food stand on Thursday, September 24. The auxiliary will be set up in the south parking lot of MercyOne Genesis DeWitt Medical Center from 11AM to 1PM. A free-will donation will be accepted for a sandwich, chips, cookie or apple, and bottle of water.

Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Gathering

All women are invited to take part in the 38th Annual Gathering of the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City. It will be a full day of worship, learning, fellowship, and inspiration centered on the theme I AM WORTHY. This gathering offers a meaningful chance to connect with women from across the region and reflect on the deep worth and belovedness each person carries. To register, please see Nicole in the church office for the registration form. Registration forms need to be mailed by Friday, September 11th. The day will include a silent auction. You're invited to bring an item to contribute – crafts, books, theme baskets, or other creative offerings are all welcome.

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.