



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Service Theme

We pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Knowing the magnitude of the unpayable debt that Jesus paid for us by giving his life on the cross, we are strengthened by our Lord to forgive our brothers and sisters from the heart.

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Hymn

780 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love, pour down your
 3 Teach us to work with all our might, put Sa - tan's
 4 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day, our thoughts as
 5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, all praise to



ter - nal bring - ing light, O Light, of light the
 ra - diance from a - bove, and shed the Ho - ly
 fierce as - saults to flight; turn all to good that
 pure as morn - ing ray, our faith like noon - day's
 Christ e - ter - nal - ly, whom with the Spir - it



foun - tain - spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
 Spir - it's ray on all we think or do to - day.
 seems most ill, help us our call - ing to ful - fill.
 glow - ing height, our souls un - dimmed by shades of night.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

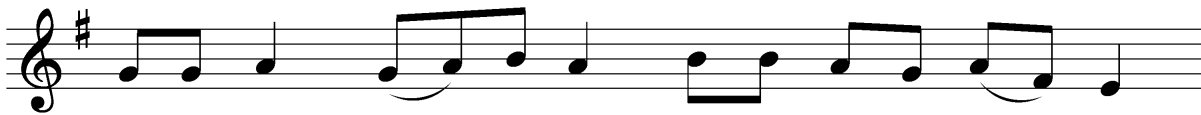
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - be - ing



of the Church of God, and for the un - i - ty of all,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their



wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

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Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

The first staff of music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, and a quarter rest. This is followed by a quarter note on B-flat4, an eighth note on C5, and an eighth note on B-flat4. The next measure contains a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a quarter note on F4. The final measure of the staff contains a quarter note on E4, a quarter note on D4, and a quarter note on C4.

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

The first staff of music is written on a treble clef. It contains two measures. The first measure has a quarter note on G4, followed by an eighth note on A4, and another eighth note on B4. The second measure has a half note on C5 and a whole rest. This is followed by a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb). The third measure has a quarter note on Bb4, followed by an eighth note on A4, and another eighth note on G4. The fourth measure has a half note on F4 and a whole rest. The fifth measure has a quarter note on E4, followed by an eighth note on D4, and another eighth note on C4. The sixth measure has a half note on B3 and a whole rest.

peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

The first staff of music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a sequence of notes: a half note B-flat, a half note A, a quarter note G, a quarter note F, a half note E, a half note D, a quarter note C, a quarter note B-flat, a half note A, a half note G, a quarter note F, and a quarter note E. The notes are grouped into measures: the first measure contains B-flat and A; the second measure contains G and F; the third measure contains E and D; the fourth measure contains C and B-flat; the fifth measure contains A and G; the sixth measure contains F and E.

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29—5:2

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:13



Refrain



Bear with each other and forgive one another.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Refrain

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²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



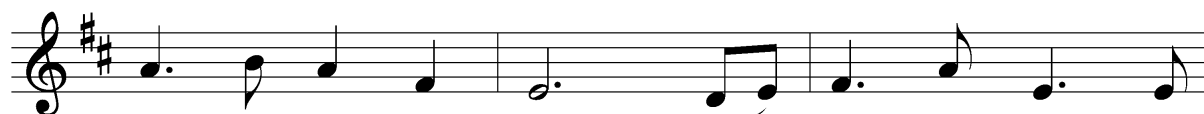
1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge
 2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -
 3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -



sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and
 freshed. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives
 cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion



wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
 way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and
 yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and



find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he
 find a might - y arm. "The dev - il flees," the
 find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he



gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
 Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.
 pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers

Hymn

726 *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn

When All Thy Mercies BELMONT



1 When all thy mer - cies, O my God, my
2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my
3 Through ev - 'ry sea - son of my life thy
4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to thee a
ris - ing soul sur - veys, trans - port - ed with the
dai - ly thanks em - ploy, nor is the least a
good - ness I'll pur - sue and af - ter death, in
joy - ful song I'll raise, but, oh, e - ter - ni -
view I'm lost in won - der, love and praise.
cheer - ful heart that tastes these gifts with joy.
dis - tant worlds, the glo - rious theme re - new.
ty's too short to ut - ter all thy praise!

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Dates to Save

Friday, September 18th, 7pm – next Ladies’ Book Club

Monday, September 28th, 7pm – Faith Builders

Saturday, October 10th, 9:30am – LWMS Rally

Sunday, October 11th, 10:30am – Fall Festival (one service; meal; activities)

Sunday, December 6th, 2pm to 4pm – Ladies “Advent by Candlelight”

Saturday, December 12th, 9am to Noon – Christmas for Kids

Sunday, December 20th – Christmas Sing Along

Ladies’ Book Club – Friday, September 18th; home of Marianne Rekstis 5795 Split Oak Ln. (850) 443-8380. Book: The Sirens by Emilia Hart.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Rally – Saturday, October 10th

Location: Victory Lutheran Church, Jacksonville

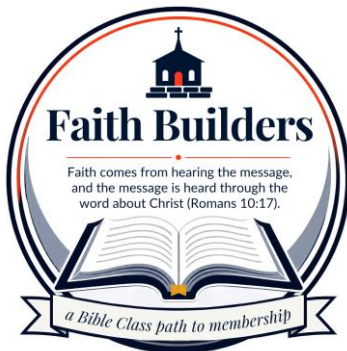
Cost: \$12.00 RSVP deadline: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Rally registration: 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM Rally begins: 9:30 AM

Rally Presenter: Linda Petersen, Special Projects Coordinator for Branch Lutheran Schools, will be speaking on Branch Lutheran Schools’ 11 years of ministry. If you are interested in attending contact Candi Aubin 850-508-3107 cuaubin@gmail.com

Fall Festival – October 11th

Contact: Richard Hackmann (228) 224-8458



Next Session Begins
Monday, September 28th, 7pm

Register with Pastor Schultz asap

