

Grace Lutheran Church

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18th Sunday after Pentecost Consecration Sunday

September 27, 2026

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- + Pastor Emeritus Rev. Gene C. Bost +

+ *Those who are able please stand.*
(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS-FALL

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

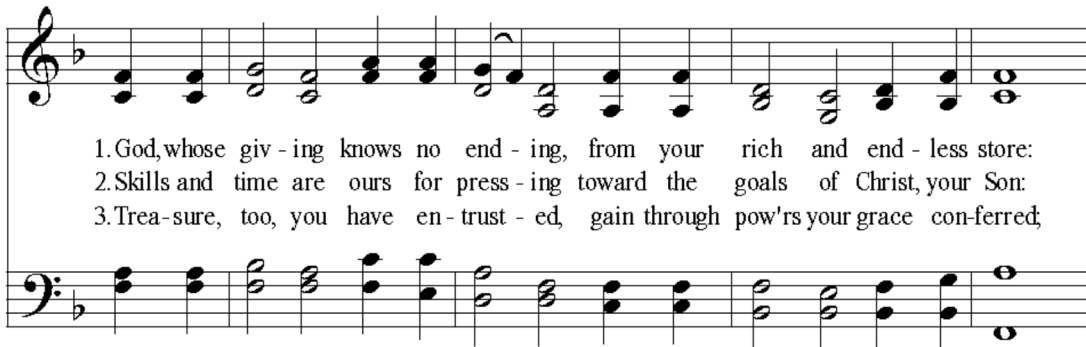
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have squandered your bountiful gifts. We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due. We have been indifferent in planning and planting for the future needs of your church. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts, and wisdom to mature in our minds, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

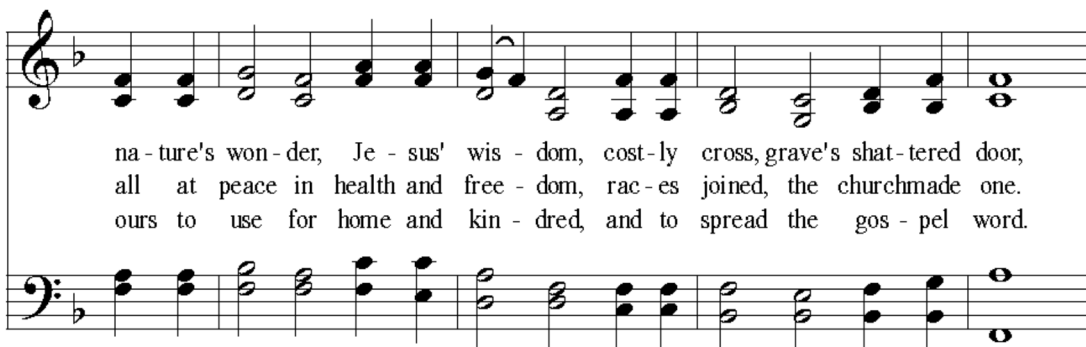
Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3. Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the churchmade one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 Op-en wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,
 thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gracious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

+ GREETING

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

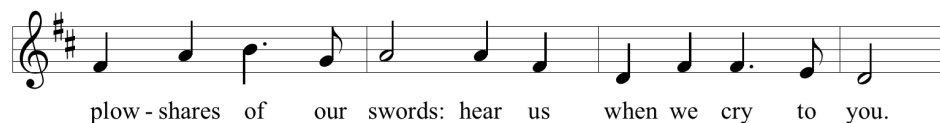
And also with you.

+ KYRIE

Cantor



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make



plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un-til we see your face, un-



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1	A -	bove	the	hills	the	an -	gel	hosts
2	In	heav'n,	on	earth	reigns	God	Most	High,
3	Sing	jus -	tice,	mer -	cy,	joy,	and	peace,
4	We	wor -	ship	you,	our	thanks	we	bring,
5	To	Je -	sus	Christ,	God's	Son,	our	Lord,



glo -	ry!	Glo -	ry!	Glo -	ry!	God's	love	is	come	to
						Yet	ten -	der -	ly	God
						God's	own	good	will	grants
						We	bow	be -	fore	you
						The	Lamb	of	God,	e -



seek	the	lost.			
hears	our	cry.			
sin's	re -	lease.	Give	glo -	ry to God in the high - est!
as	we	sing.			
ter -	nal	Word.			

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

God, our provider, you grant us an abundant harvest so that your children throughout the world may be fed. Establish in us thankfulness and faithful stewardship, that we may return the first fruits of praise and use your gifts of field and livestock, tree and vine to fulfill the needs of the hungry and the sojourner; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (read in unison)

¹ **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ **he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup is running over.**

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

⁹ As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us,
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“O God, Whose Word Well-planted”



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

+ GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Judy Drysdale

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

"God of Abundance"

1. O God who at Ca - na turned wa - ter to wine,
2. O Lord, for - give us, when we doubt your pow'r,
3. God of ab - un - dance, we give thanks to you!

You have shown us your true po - wer di - vine!
in times of great need, you al - ways em - pow'r!
The Grace you give us we do not de - serve!

Re - mind us that with you there's al - ways more,
Yet in our great pride we can - not obs - erve
Teach us to live lives that are full and true,

So that we live and serve and step out the door!
You with us al - ways, still our lives you pre - serve!
tru - sting in your grace, so all we may serve!

Text: Joshua Lewis Copeland 1995-

CONSECRATING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

"Testimony"

Amy Miller

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we
place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now
as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

Pastor sings 3 verses and congregation sings the refrain

Refrain: Assembly

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, God's
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow-er and might.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to
save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from
on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION – All of God's children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together....

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

"As Saints of Old"



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Setting Of the Land and Seasons

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<u>Serving 9/27/2026</u>		<u>Serving 10/4/2026</u>	
Organist	Teresa Yost	Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Randy Basinger	Children's Sermon	Alex Storey
Lector	Chris Sloop	Lector	Jamey Basinger
Communion Assistant	Brent Yost, Pam Roseman	Communion Assistant	Michael Miller, Gene Stirewalt
Acolyte	Coy Weddington	Acolyte	Charley Storey
Security Team	Randall Miller Chris Kluttz	Security Team	Duane Nolan Randy Basinger
Sound System	Keaton Sloop	Sound System	Jamey Basinger
Teller Team	Michael Miller, Aaron Linker, Mike Stout	Teller Team	Marcus Reynolds, Helen Correll, Gene Stirewalt
Ushers	Aaron, Patty, Brody and Clara Linker	Ushers	Gary Elmore, Lindsay Elmore, Myra Sechler, Danny Benfield

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Janis Eury, Maribeth Baker, Kelly Shores, Mel & Faye Heilig

Community Concerns:

Lily Garipey (*Fish Fry Recipient*), David Stirewalt (*Gene Stirewalt*), Jerry Hurlbut (*Jackie Hurlbut*), Brian Collins (*Barbara Collins*), Patsy Myers (*Patty Linker*), Georgia Flanagan (*Tara Mills*), Bobby Barringer (*Tara Mills*), Ruby Faith Tyer (*Shelly Hunter*), Tommy Sloop (*Barbara Schenk*)

Comfort:

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Emily Weddington, Monica Crossen, Mike Stout, Nancy Shue, Roy Morris, Rebekah Safriet, Kelly Shores, Mary Gentry, Gail Srednicki

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families; our school teachers, staff and administrators

This Week's Giving 09/20/2026		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 182			
Current	\$ 5,001.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 60)	\$ 38.00		
Property Fund	\$ 50.00		
Altar Flowers	\$ 75.00		
Benevolence	\$ 435.00		
Total Current:	\$ 5,599.00	\$ 8,251.00	\$ (2,652.00)
Lewis Moose Endowment Fund	\$ 1,269.62		
Basket for Fish Fry	\$ 65.00		
Clean Water 5K	\$ 250.00		
Building Fund	\$ 75.00		
Facility Rental (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$ 100.00		
Cemetery	\$ 100.00		
Youth of Grace	\$ 140.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 100.00		
Total Deposit:	\$ 7,698.62		

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online giving.



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henderson & Lessie Basinger and Jack & Katherine Miller and Robert & Helen Sloop by their Grandchildren,

PRAYERS & PRAISES baskets are located in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary for anyone who would like to submit a Praise or Prayer to be read during the Prayers of the People. They will be taken to Pastor Josh at the Children's Sermon.

DONATIONS will be taken during the month of September for the fish fry start up cost.

RAFFLE BASKETS are still needed for the Fish Fry. You can also place money in the offering labeled "Baskets" and we'll make the basket. We need everything by Sunday, October 4th to give us time to get it ready. Contact Teresa Yost with any questions

WELCOME to Rev. Judy Drysdale who is our guest leader for Consecration Sunday. A catered lunch will be in the FLC following worship.

PATTERSON SCHOOL REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 2-5pm.

Week at a Glance

Tuesday	Quilting	10:00am
Wednesday	Children's Choir	6:00pm
	Chancel Choir	7:00pm