

Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER In every congregation, there are those who once sat together with us in the pews but have since been lost to error or sin. Those who used to be Christian may constitute a number larger than those who are currently Christian. It is one thing to lament this and criticize from the sidelines. It is quite another to warn the wicked. Though some might assume that the chief purpose of church discipline is to condemn the sins and errors of others, our Lord reminds us that discipline is an act of love that seeks to restore the fallen. While this idea may seem out of step with the emphasis in our times on tolerance without judgment, if our Lord loves the lost enough to save us, then we are called to do no less. Key to this is warning the wicked (as Ezekiel puts it) with the voice of God's Word. This certainly includes condemning sin and error, but it also includes restoring the fallen through forgiveness. It is not the will of our Father in heaven that any should perish, and it is the joy of heaven to welcome them back. Is it also our passion to seek them out, to warn them with the voice of God's Word, and to welcome them home through forgiveness?

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“His Mercy Is More”

by M. Papa & M. Boswell

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.**

Chorus **Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.**

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Please stand.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.

Pastor: 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.

[John 20:19-23]

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

Surrounds Me

by Reuben Morgan, Sarah Griffiths

**You have searched my heart, oh God,
You have known my ways.
Every detail and every thought,
You reveal Your grace
And call me deeper.**

Chorus

**You will be the one I trust,
You will be the one I love.
Your goodness surrounds me.
Your goodness surrounds me.
You will never leave my side,
You will never change Your mind.
Your goodness surrounds me,
Your goodness surrounds me.**

**If the night brings a troubled heart,
Will You meet me there?
You light up every road I run,
All Your plans are good,
And You're always faithful. *Chorus***

Bridge

**I'm gonna' sing at the top of my lungs
With all I am.
I'm singing Your praise,
I'm singing Your praise.
I'm gonna' sing at the top of my lungs,
I won't hold back.
I'm singing Your praise,
I'm singing Your praise. *Repeat bridge***

Instrumental

Jesus is the one I trust,
Jesus is the one I love.
Your goodness surrounds me.
Your goodness surrounds me.
You will never leave my side,
You will never change Your mind.
Your goodness surrounds me,
Your goodness surrounds me.

Your goodness surrounds me,
Your goodness surrounds me.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I have made you a watchman.

Ezekiel 33:7–9

Reader: "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 32:1–7

Leader: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People: whose sin is covered.

Leader: Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

People: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

People: through my groaning all day long.

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

People: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,

People: and I did not cover my iniquity;

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly

People: offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

Leader: surely in the rush of great waters,

People: they shall not reach him.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me;

**People: you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

EPISTLE READING

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:1–10

Reader: Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

The Son of Man came to seek the lost and save them.

Matthew 18:1–20

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter

the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG

“Reckless Love” by C. Culver, C. Asbury, & R. Jackson

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.

You have been so, so good to me.

Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.

You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.

You have been so, so good to me.

When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.

You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus*

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up,

Mountain You won't climb up,

Coming after me.

There's no wall You won't kick down,

Lie You won't tear down,

Coming after me. *Repeat*

Chorus

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SERMON

Matthew 18:1–20

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Agnus Dei" *The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*, Arr. by T. A. Bode

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

“Jesus Son of God”

by C. Tomlin, J. Ingram, & M. Maher

**You came down from Heaven's throne.
This earth You formed was not Your home.
A love like this the world had never known.
A crown of thorns to mock Your name.
Forgiveness fell upon Your face.
A love like this the world had never known.**

Chorus

**On the altar of our praise, let there be no higher name:
Jesus, Son of God.
You laid down Your perfect life; You are the sacrifice,
Jesus, Son of God. You are Jesus Son of God.**

**You took our sin, You bore our shame,
You rose to life, You defeated the grave,
And a love like this the world has never known.
'Cause You took our sin, You bore our shame,
You rose to life, You defeated the grave.
A love like this the world has never known. *Chorus***

Bridge

**Be lifted higher than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder than any other song.
There is no power that can come against Your love.
The cross was enough, the cross was enough,
The cross was enough, the cross was enough.**

Chorus twice

**You are Jesus Son of God.
Be lifted higher than all You've overcome.
Your name be louder than any other song.
There is no power that can come against Your love.
The cross was enough, the cross was enough. *Repeat this section.***

Ending

**The cross was enough, the cross was enough,
The cross was enough, the cross was enough,
The cross was enough, the cross was enough.**

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - ues still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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SILENT PRAYER & POSTLUDE

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Readings for next week, 9/13:
Genesis 50:15–21, Psalm 103:1–12
Romans 14:1–12, Matthew 18:21–35
