

June 26th, 2026
9th Sunday after
Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion
Setting Four

PRELUDE/BELLS

GATHERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregation Stands*



***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*ELW p. 94*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

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 SONG** *Gather Us In (ELW #532)*

***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** (ELW p. 147) **(SING)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (ELW p. 148) **(SING)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*ELW p. 151*) **(SING)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Seek Ye First (WOV 783)*

***APOSTLES CREED**

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**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs
of the world.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees,
those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all
who seek to lead your disciples in any way.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence
among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to
family farms, from ranches to wild places.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories
with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can
never be separated.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and
recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and
uncertainty.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that
distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift
of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give
you thanks.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW #186)*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray... **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (*ELW p. 152*)

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 (*ELW p. 153*)

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*ELW p. 153*) **(SING)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***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 glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God (ELW p. 154)

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in His grace.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray... **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***BLESSING**

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.

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

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

We Walk by Faith (ELW #635)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

BELLS / POSTLUDE

JOYFULLY SERVING

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Announcements:

Tuesday, July 28th

- 5 PM VBS

Wednesday, July 29th

- 6 PM BIO Girls

Sunday, August 2nd

- 9 AM Fisher Service

Wednesday, August 12th

- 5:30 PM Community Potluck Picnic at Bygland Lutheran Church

God's Work. Our Hands.

Fisher Lutheran Church is collecting supplies for **Lutheran World Relief School Supplies will be gathered and packed on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, following Fisher Lutheran's 11:00 a.m. worship service.**

If you're shopping for school supplies, please consider picking up a few extra items to share. Every donation makes a difference!

Thank you for helping us share God's love through this meaningful ministry.



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