

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.



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1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #229 "By Faith We Are Divinely Sure"

1 By faith we are divinely sure
That grace to us is given.
No human effort can secure
This precious gift from heaven.
'Tis God Himself who must begin
The blessed work of faith within
And lead us to the Savior.

4 The Word of God can never fail;
It is the rock of ages,
When Satan doth my faith assail,
Or doubt its battle wages.
No more shall fear my soul enfold,
Since I by faith God's grace behold,
Which ev'ry fear doth banish.

2 A wondrous blessing is our faith,
It gives the peace we treasure;
It comforts us in life and death
And grants us joy's full measure.
It helps us overcome our grief,
And for our doubts we find relief
By trusting in God's promise.

5 Now in this faith I will abide
Until my days are ended.
I will not fear what may betide--
I am by faith defended.
God's Word a token doth remain
That in this faith I shall retain
The promised crown and glory.

3 Though in a dark and fearsome house
My sins may sore accuse me,
God shall sustain me by His pow'r
And ne'er His grace refuse me.
More than my sins His grace abounds,
A truth that in His Word resounds
For all repentant sinners.

3. Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

4. The Confession of Sin

Pastor Let us confess our sins:

Congregation Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins

for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

5. The Kyrie - Hymn #34 "Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above"

*Kyrie, God Father in heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love
Of all things the Maker and Preserver. Eleison, eleison!*

*Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,
Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, eleison!*

*Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;
Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison, eleison!*

6. The Gloria Hymn - Hymn #35 "All Glory Be to God on High" verse 1

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

*God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
O thank Him for His goodness!*

7. The Collect for the Day

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You reconciled us to Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

8. Psalm 119:57-64 (read responsively by whole verse)

⁵⁷ The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹ When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.

⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

9. The Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

10. The Epistle – Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because^[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

11. Chief Hymn #196 “Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided” (Tune: Aurelia, ELH #486)

1 Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on ev'ry page;
Our fathers owned Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record,
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings,
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In ev'ry deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

5 Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right hand to help us,
The vict'ry shall be won;
And then by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3 Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Their Gospel of redemption,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the nation's life.

12. The Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

13. Children's Message The 3rd Commandment: Hymnary page 31

14. The Creed Hymn #37 “We All Believe In One True God”

1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

15. The Sermon “The Patient King: Judgment Delayed Is Mercy Extended” Matthew 13:36-43

16. The Offering

17. The Prayers *prayer requests and general prayers for the needs of all people*

18. The Lord’s Prayer (sung by all)

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.

19. The Closing Prayer

Pastor Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

20. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

21. Closing Hymn #233 “The Gospel Shows The Father’s Grace”

1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.

4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.

2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made th'atoning sacrifice,
And call the souls with guilt opprest
To come and find eternal rest.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The heavy-laden souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

6 May we in faith its tidings learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord our Righteousness!

Announcements

Worship Times – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 27 – 30. We will be having some fun activities on the last day of VBS – bounce house, dessert truck, etc. We have about 60 children signed up for VBS. See the flyer below.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday night Women's Bible Class will resume in the fall.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study will resume in the fall.

Meditations – The meditations are available on the welcome stand.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Spring Clean Up – Please see the volunteer board for opportunities to help around the church grounds. There are indoor and outdoor projects. Please take a look and see if there are any projects that you would like to help with.

Summer Choir – Summer Choir meets in the sanctuary on Sundays after fellowship time. Join us – even if you can't be here every week. High schoolers welcome!

Special Parking Lot Fundraiser – The Voters approved a project to refurbish the parking lot later this summer. The cost is \$65,000 for a mill and overlay of the entire lot. If you would like to contribute to this project, please specify your donation is for the parking lot project.

