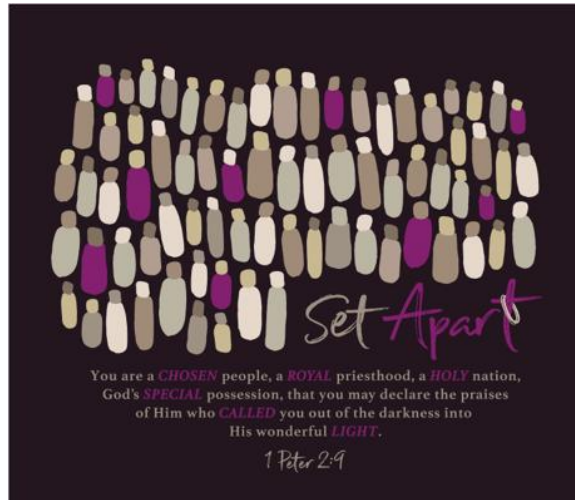


Education Sunday
Pentecost 14
August 30, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.



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1. Prelude, Chimes, Greeting

2. Children's Hymns

#179 "Jesus Loves Me" Children v. 1; Congregation vs. 2-4

*1 Jesus Loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong they are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*2 Jesus loves me See His grace!, On the cross He took my place.
There He suffered and He died, That I may be glorified.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*3 Jesus loves me God's own Son, Over sin the vict'ry won.
When I die, saved by His grace, I shall see Him face to face.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*4 Jesus loves me He is near, He is with His Church so dear.
And the Spirit He has sent. By His Word and Sacrament.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

#177 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" Children v. 1, Congregation vs. 2-3

*1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am,
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.*

*2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.*

*3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.*

3. The Invocation and Confession of Sins

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

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Congregation His mercy endures forever.

Pastor Almighty God, unto 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.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Let us confess our sins:

Congregation Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: 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.

4. 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!*

5. The Absolution

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.

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. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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. The Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

9. The Epistle – Ephesians 6:1-4

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

10. Gradual Hymn #184 “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

11. The Gospel Lesson Matthew 19:13-15

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went away.

12. The Apostles Creed (Spoken)

Congregation I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
And 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 shall 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.

13. Hymn of the Day “Lord Jesus Christ, The Children’s Friend” (Henry L. Letterman, 1932-1996)

Tune: “Wareham” ELH #309

1 Lord Jesus Christ, the children’s friend,
To each of them Your presence send;
Call them by name and keep them true
In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.

2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be
Your blessing to their family;
Let Christian schools Your work extend
In living truth as You intend.

3 That caring parents, gracious Lord,
And faithful teachers find reward
In leading these, to whom You call,
To find in Christ their all in all.

4 For by Your Word we clearly see
That we have sinned continually;
But show us too, forgiving Lord,
Your saving Gospel’s great reward.

5 That all of us, Your children dear,
By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;
Lead us in joy that all we do
Will witness to our love for You.

6 Then guard and keep us to the end,
Secure in You, our gracious friend,
That in Your heav’nly family
We sing Your praise eternally.

14. The Sermon “Bring The Little Children To Me” Matthew 19:13-15

15. The Prayer of the Church page 96

16. The Offertory Verse

Create in Me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the Joy of Thy Salvation and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

17. The Offering Collection

18. Hymn #505 "O Lord, Who In Thy Love Divine" (verses 1,3,6,7,10)

1 O Lord, Who in Thy love divine
Didst safely leave the ninety-nine,
In pity for a world undone,
And gav'st Thy life to save the one,
And didst it on Thy shoulders bear
In joy to heav'n, receive our prayer.

7 As ever in Thy holy eyes,
And stewards of Thy mysteries,
May they the people teach to see
Not, Lord, Thy ministers, but Thee;
To see a loving Savior's face
Revealed in all the means of grace.

3 Look down, with gracious eye behold,
With watchful care protect Thy fold;
Secure from hireling shepherds keep,
Which feed themselves, and not the sheep,
And when the prowling wolf is nigh,
Forsake the flock in fear and fly.

10 So may we, when our work is done,
Together stand before the throne;
And joyful hearts and voices raise,
In one united song of praise,
With all the bright celestial host,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

6 That which the Holy Scriptures teach,
That, and that only, may they preach;
May they the true foundation lay,
Build gold thereon, not wood or hay;
And meekly preach in days of strife
The sermon of a holy life.

19. Installation of Preschool Teacher Katie Henricks

20. Hymn #592 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

21. The Closing Collect (Children Come Forward)

Pastor Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our heart's true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

22. The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.

23. 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.

24. Closing Hymn #175 "God Loves Me Dearly"

1 God love me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. (Refrain)

3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. (Refrain)

4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. (Refrain)

5 Now will I praise You, O love Eternal;
Now will I praise You All my life long. (Refrain)

Announcements

Potluck Lunch –Following the service we invite everyone to stay for a potluck lunch in the gym.

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Starts – Our Kindergarten through 2nd grade class will begin on Monday, August 31st at 8:30 am. Preschool will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th.

Sunday School & Bible Class - begins on Sunday, September 13th.

Catechism Class – Catechism class will begin on Wednesday, September 16th at 4:15 pm. Parents are invited to attend the first class which serves as an orientation.

TLC – The September TLC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m.

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

Special Parking Lot Fundraiser – The parking lot looks great after the mill and overlay project that took place this past week. 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.

Women's Bible Study – Women's Bible class will resume Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30. We will be studying "The Theology of the Cross" and would love for you to join. Please talk to Sarah Smith if you have questions.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study will resume on Thursday, September 10th with a study of the 1st Epistle of John.

The Lutheran Sentinel & Meditations – The Lutheran Sentinel and 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.

Help Needed – 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.

Teacher's Aide Position - Heritage Lutheran School is hiring for a part-time teacher's aide position. This position could be shared by 2 people. Hours would be 11:15 am - 4:30 or 5 pm Monday - Friday. We are looking to hire one or two people for this position. Please reach out to the Heritage office if interested - office@heritagelutheran.org or 952-431-6225.

