

Time after Pentecost September 13, 2026

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church. The Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi leads our service today and shares his message. Rosemary Rader is our musician and Denise Chisveto is worship assistant for this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister

A Worship Assistant

All Congregation



GATHERING

Bell rings to announce the start of the service.

We light the candles.

Prelude

Jesu, tawa pano

Jesus, We Are Gathered

Shona (a Bantu language spoken in Zimbabwe)

Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James M. Capers

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Words of Welcome

Denise Chisveto



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

All Amen

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence for Reflection)

P Compassionate God,

**All we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✚ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

All Amen.

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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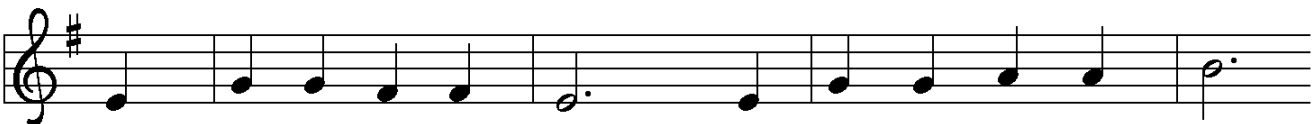
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GREETING

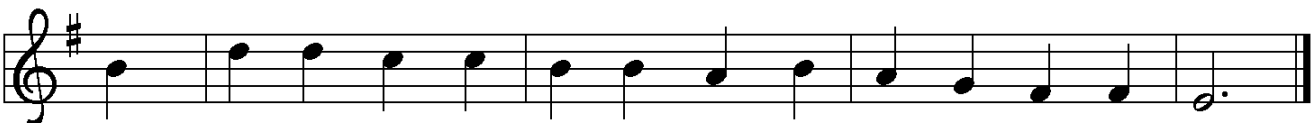
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

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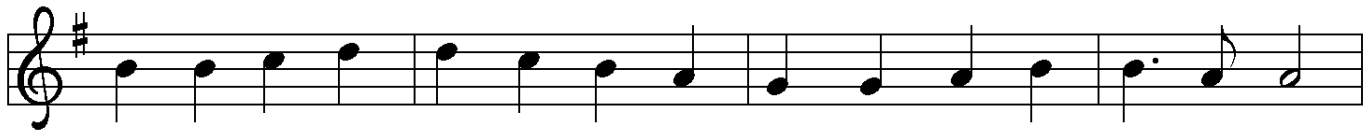


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

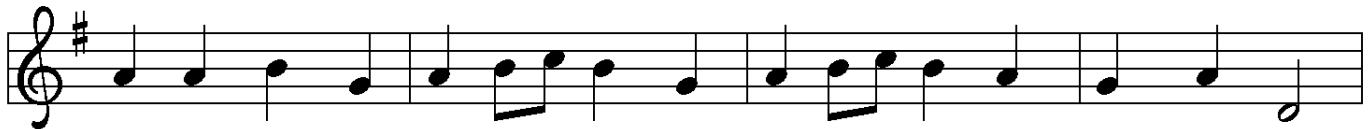
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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The Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-13

A ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

All ² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

A ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

All ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

A ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

All ⁶ **O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

- A** ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- All** ⁸ **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- A** ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- All** ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- A** ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- All** ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- A** ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

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Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

- A** The word of the Lord.
- All** **Thanks be to God.**



The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon **Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi**

Hymn

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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The 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

P Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love,
we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Responses after each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus'
name.

All Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Song

ELW 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

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Offertory Prayer

A God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

All Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

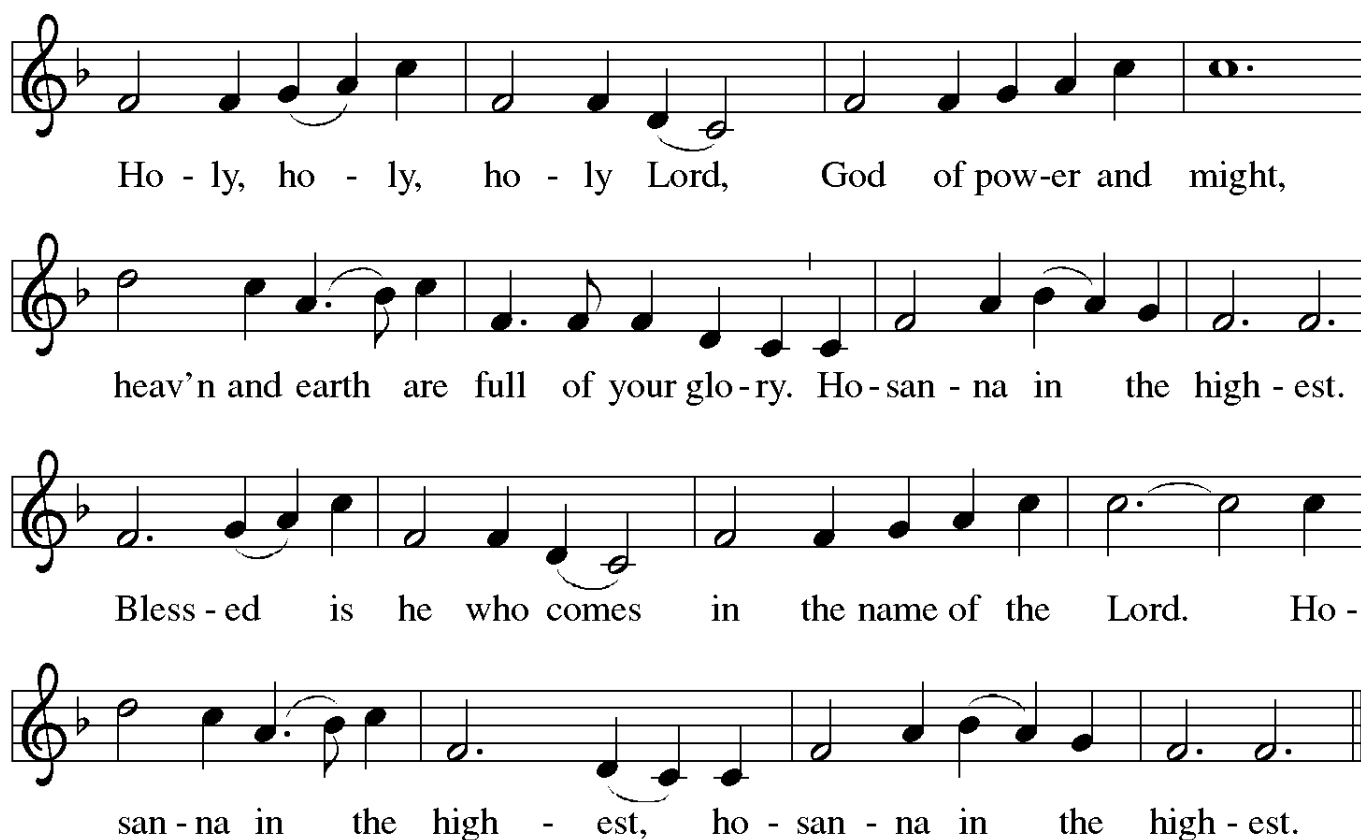
All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your
abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Communion Invitation

P Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome.



Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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The Communion

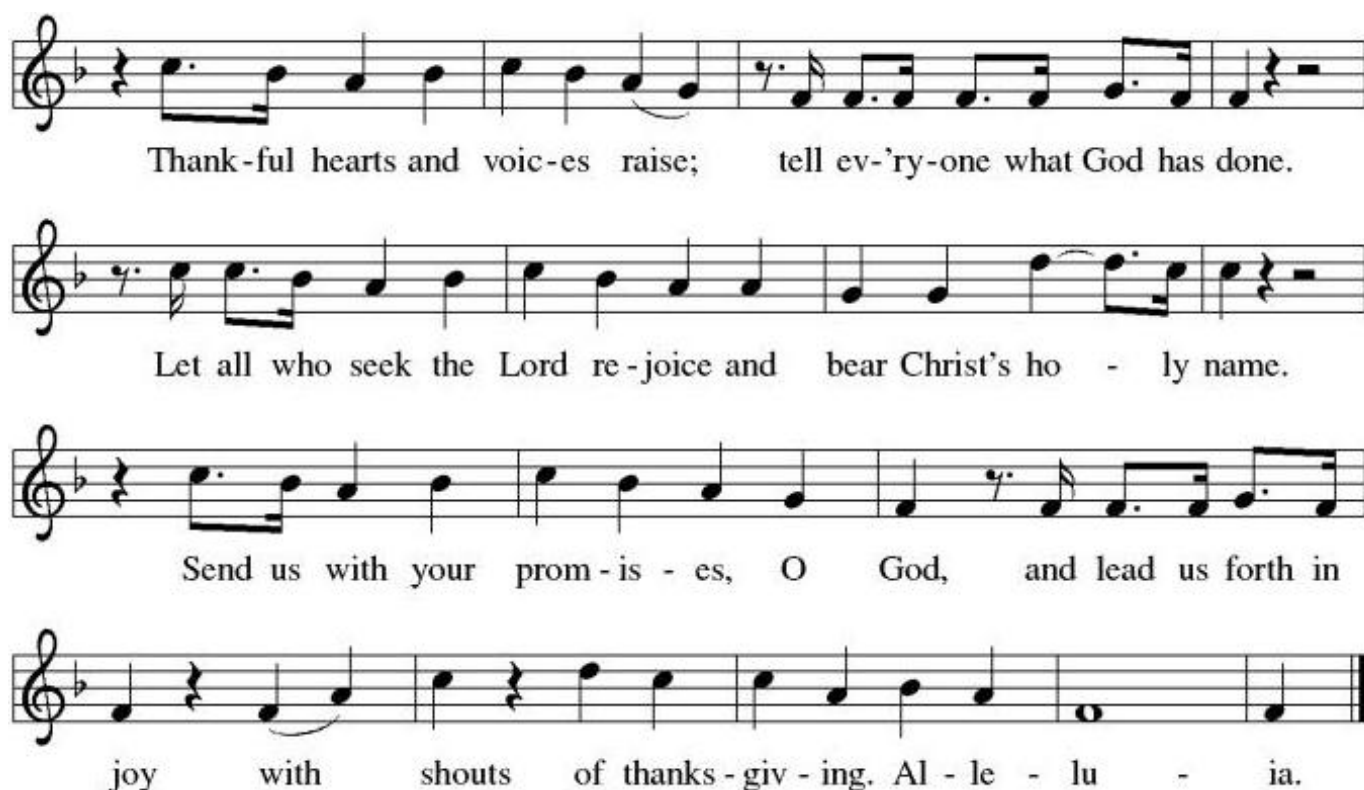
Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Post-Communion Canticle

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

Liturgy of Joy

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Prayer After Communion

A Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All Amen.

SENDING

Announcements and Prayer Concerns



Benediction

P The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

All Amen.

P The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

All Amen.

P The God of grace
✚ bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

I Come with Joy

ELW 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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