

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026

10:15 a.m.



Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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Introducing the New Church Phone System!

This summer, we changed over from AT&T to Armstrong for internet and phone service. In order to have 2 voicemail boxes (one for the office and one for the Pastor), we had to incorporate a whole new phone system with new phones. There are 3 . Two are landlines, and they are located in the church office and the pastor's office. One is a cordless phone and it is in the kitchen.



□ If you call the office during office hours (Monday through Friday, 9 am-1 pm) and no one picks up, the voicemail system will pick up but there will only be one option for leaving a message, and that is in the office voicemail box.

□ If you call the office during office hours to speak to Pastor Becky and Carol picks up and directs your call to Pastor's phone in her office but Pastor doesn't pick up, then you will be directed to Pastor's voicemail box.

□ The phones do not currently ring outside office hours. Instead, the auto attendant feature takes you straight to options to leave a message for the office, the pastor or to hear worship times. Please make note of this change, especially if you tend to try to call someone you know is at the church outside of office hours. The phone will not ring, so you are not able to get ahold of someone at the church outside of office hours on the

church phone.

Cluster-Wide study on "Faith and Civic Life"

While the exact dates/times are TBA, Pastor Becky will be leading a study on the social statement approved by the 2025 Churchwide Assembly called "Faith and Civic Life," starting in mid-October. The study will be open to all Mahoning County Lutheran



GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

*All items in **bold** are congregational responses*

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
- C

Amen.
- P

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

Compassionate God,
**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.
- C

Amen.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of ***Barb Drotleff*** by ***Alta Johnson***.



For anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about Lord of Life, we will hold a 2 session New Member class on Sunday October 4th and 11th after worship. These 2 classes will cover our basic beliefs as ELCA Lutherans, as well as more specific information about this congregation. Those who decide to join as members will be welcomed into membership



Wednesday Bible Study (10:30 am)

Sept 16th
Tom Drotleff will introduce the class to some on-line Bible study tools
Sept 23rd-Oct 21st

Pastor Becky will lead a study on the challenging parables of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel that we will be hearing in worship during these fall months

Oct 28th-Dec 16th
Pastor Mark Williams closes out our liturgical Year of Matthew, with a study on the Sermon on the Mount.



SCAN ME



Daniel and the Fiery Furnace

Save the date!

Saturday, Sept 19th

Online study starts August 24th



GriefShare Grief Support Group

The next session of our GriefShare group will start Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00pm. There are thirteen sessions, and all are on Tuesdays, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Please register for the group at GriefShare.org.



CHOIR RESUMES!



Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir should talk to our **Director of Music, Tim Elder**, for more information. No audition is required, only a desire to sing praises to our God. Hope to see you there!

Rally Day

We will celebrate our new program year on Sunday, September 13 *Come and join us!*



Gathering Hymn

Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

Greeting

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

Glory to God

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



Prayer of the Day

- P O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Please be seated

CHILI COOK-OFF

Do you have a favorite Chili recipe? Hot? Mild? Smoking Hot? Secret Ingredients? Have you always wanted to enter it in a chili cook-off? Here's your chance—enter it in the Lord of Life Chili Cook-Off coming September 27th. *Details will follow soon.*



MORNING and EVENING PRAYERS RESUMING!



Evening Prayer will begin again on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** This simple service of prayer, readings and song will be broadcast live on our Facebook page each week.

Morning Prayer will begin again on **Friday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** Once again, this service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page.

We hope you can join us each week for these mid-week prayer events. You are also more than welcome to join us in person for these prayer opportunities as well.

Cluster-wide Blessing of Animals

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Poland will hold a Blessing of Animals service on Sunday October 4th at 2 pm in their outdoor pavilion. Members and friends of all Mahoning County Lutheran Cluster churches are welcome.



First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

Daily Scripture Readings for September 7 through September 12					
Mon 09/07	Tues 09/08	Wed 09/09	Thurs 09/10	Fri 09/11	Sat 09/12
Psalm 119: 65-72	Psalm 119: 65-72	Psalm 119: 65-72	Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13	Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13	Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13
Leviticus 4: 27-31, 5:14-16	Deuteronomy 17: 2-13	Leviticus 16: 1-5, 20-28	Genesis 37: 12-36	Genesis 41: 53-42:17	Genesis 45: 1-20
1 Peter 2: 11-17	Romans 13: 1-7	Matthew 21: 18-22	1 John 3: 11-16	Acts 7: 9-16	Matthew 6: 7-15

Serving in Worship in September				
	09/06	09/13	09/20	09/30
Greeter/Usher	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West
Lector	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark Williams
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer				
Acolyte				

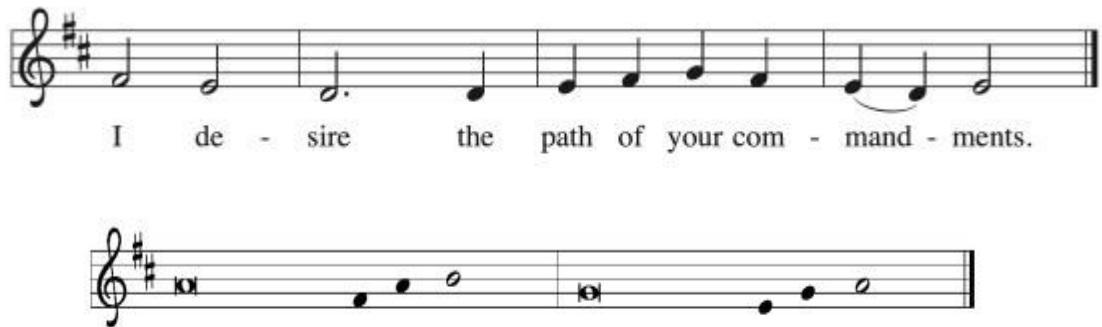
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Psalm 118:33-40



33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
36 **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain. R**
37 Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**
39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.
40 **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me. R**

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,
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.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Song **Go, My Children, with My Blessing** **ELW 543**

Blessing

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of
Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**
P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Go out in joy. Be lead forth in peace.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Lamb of God

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher’s direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution In the Singing ELW 466

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ 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.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L Word of God, word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation in B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are: Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace ELW 716

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent us to Jesus, you Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for your. 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever.

C **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Invitation to Communion

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

Holy, Holy,

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

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 life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

- P Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
- A brief silence.*
- Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

P Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We especially pray for those we name out loud or in our hearts.

Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Michael Jacques, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Tami Kuhlmann, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Frank Scott, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, and Debbie Williams.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

C Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.
C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for *(name/s, and)* all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.
C **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.
C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offering Response **Now the Feast and Celebration** **ELW 167**

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
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.
C **Amen.**

Dialogue

.P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: