

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Full Service Bulletin*  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**September 24, 2023**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

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## Confession and Absolution

### 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

*Hymn of Invocation*



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?"
- 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
- 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;  
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;  
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,  
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.  
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.  
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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## Invocation

LSB 203

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.**

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–9 (p. 615, p. 782 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30 (p. 980, p. 1245 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 205*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16 (p. 825, p. 1048 LP)*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

*LSB 207*

- C** **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.**

## 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

*Hymn of the Day*



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.
- △10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

*LSB 208*

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.





Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 209*

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 209*

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 209*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 209

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210



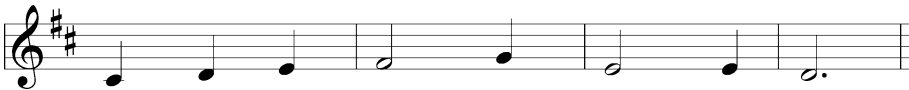
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution & Hymns

### 565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;  
2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;  
3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load  
4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;  
5 Thy right - teous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.  
 Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.  
 Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.  
 Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.  
 No righ - teous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.



To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.  
 Tune: The Parish Choir, 1850, London  
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## 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place



1 The saints in Christ are one in ev - 'ry place  
 2 In chains for Christ! His pris'n - ers love to sing,  
 3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;  
 4 Lord Je - sus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth re - peat;



To serve the Gos - pel of His cost - ly grace;  
 For slaves and free re - joice to praise our King;  
 Where then shall be our hun - ger, dan - ger, pain?  
 The work that You be - gan, You will com - plete.



From those first days to this, our hope the same:  
 What though the Church on earth still suf - fers wrong?  
 Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,  
 By grace let ev - 'ry foe be - come Your friend;



The love of Christ, one Lord, one sav - ing name.  
 The cross of Christ re - mains our pil - grim song.  
 Then be with Christ, to live for - ev - er - more.  
 Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and nev - er end.

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## 757 Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care



1 Lord, it be - longs not to my care Wheth -  
2 If life be long, I will be glad That  
3 Christ leads me through no dark - er rooms Than  
4 Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet Thy



er I die or live; To love and serve Thee  
I may long o - bey; If short, yet why should  
He went through be - fore; He that un - to God's  
bless - ed face to see; For if Thy work on



is my share, And this Thy grace must give.  
I be sad To soar to end - less day?  
king - dom comes Must en - ter by this door.  
earth be sweet, What will Thy glo - ry be!

5 Then shall I end my sad complaints  
And weary, sinful days  
And join with the triumphant saints  
Who sing my Savior's praise.

6 My knowledge of that life is small,  
The eye of faith is dim;  
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,  
And I shall be with Him.

Text: Richard Baxter, 1615-91, alt.

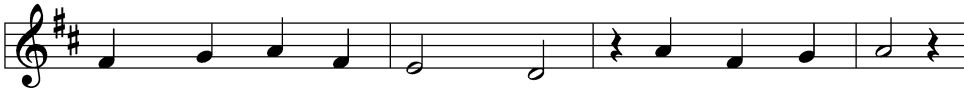
Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-76

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# 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None  
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,  
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;  
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,  
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.  
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,  
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.  
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws  
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied  
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart  
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.  
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.  
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211




**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

# Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

*Closing Hymn*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## Announcements for the Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>9/24</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	<b>9/25</b>	<b>9/26</b>	<b>9/27</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>9/28</b>	<b>9/29</b>  5 PM – Fellowship Friday @ 5	<b>9/30</b>

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

9/26: Carol Luker, David & Donna Losey  
 9/27: Kevin & Michelle Schultz  
 9/28: Jackson Nagel  
 9/29: Ken DeLap  
 9/30: Saundra Phelps

**Stewardship:**

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**9/17 offerings:** \$2162  
**9/17 Synodical Fund:** \$50  
**9/17 Building Fund:** \$45

*The altar flowers are given to the praise and glory of God*

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We will continue our study on the rite of holy matrimony this week at 6:30 PM.

**Council Positions:** At our October voters’ meeting, we will elect new council members for the positions of Synodical Fund Treasurer and Recording Secretary. If you would be willing to serve in either of these roles, please let a current council member know.

**Fish Fry:** The Fish Fry is scheduled for Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM. We will have a brief meeting after the service today to plan for the fish fry.

**Sunday School Teachers:** Prayerfully consider volunteering to help with Sunday School. If you are interested in teaching and/or assisting with Sunday School, or even just being a substitute, please speak to Michelle Schultz.

**Fellowship Friday @ 5:** Join us on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 PM for our first Fellowship Friday. Come at 5 or anytime later. We will have a bonfire with chili and a movie or two in the shelter house (weather permitting). The Parish Hall will also be open for any other things you may like to do (playing cards, talking, etc.). Everyone is invited to come out to enjoy some fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

**Prayer List:**

**Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)  
**Ron Cox** (health issues)  
**Luella Holle** (shut-in)  
**Carolyn Trimpe** (health issues)  
**Larry Phelps** (health issues)

**Saundra Phelps**  
**Brooks Kreuzman**  
**Thomas Turner**  
**Laura Moorman**  
**John Dobrinski**

**Upcoming Acolytes:**

**10/1:** Trevor Acree                      **10/8:** Abe Acton                      **10/15:** Rayleigh Acton

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 9/25:     Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9 – Turn from your wicked and unrighteous ways and call upon the Lord, for His ways are higher than yours and He will abundantly pardon your sins.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 9/26:    Read the Epistle lesson: Philippians 1:12-14; 19-30 – Our entire lives are lived in the Gospel of Christ. In life and in death Christ alone is honored and glorified.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 9/25)
- Wed. 9/27:     Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 20:1-16 – God’s salvation is given to us completely as a gift. Our works do not earn salvation in any way. We labor, then, not for an increased wage, but at the direction of our Lord for the benefit of our neighbor.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 9/25)
- Thur. 9/28:    Read the Old Testament lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 – God desires the death of no one, so He sent Christ, who alone does what is just and right, in order to save us from death and give us life.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 9/29:      Read the Epistle lesson: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18 – As Christ humbled Himself by becoming man in order to save us, so too are we humbled as we look to the interest of others before our own interests.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 9/28)
- Sat. 9/30:      Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32) – Just as the baptism of John was from the Lord, so too Jesus has authority because He is the Lord.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 9/28)