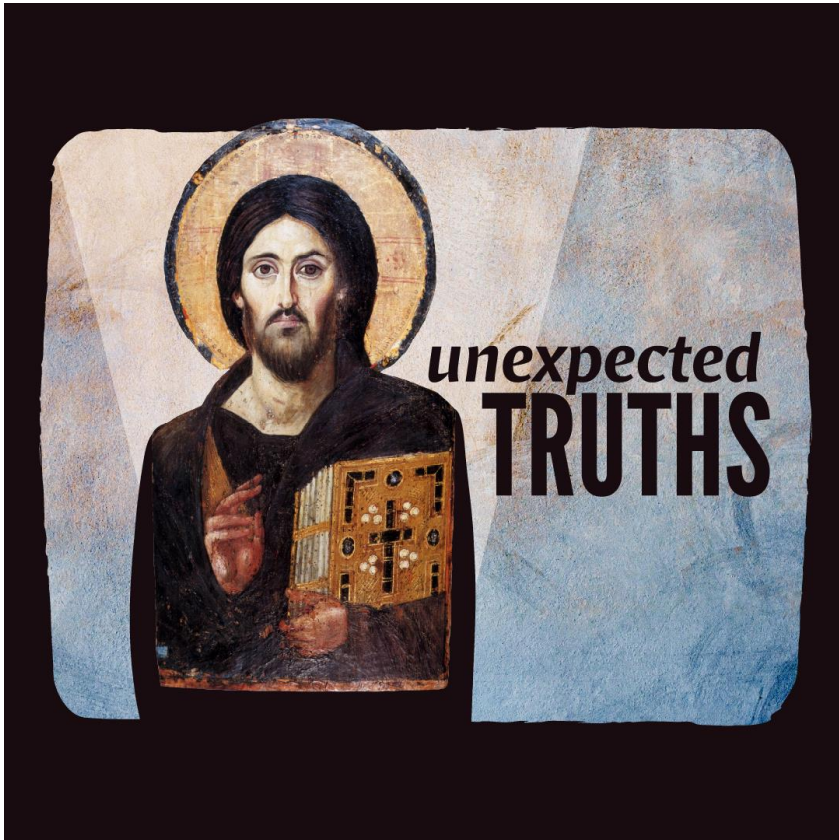




Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Forgiveness is for Me

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

September 13, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

Forgiveness doesn’t come naturally. People defend themselves, strike back, hold grudges, and doubt forgiveness when they hear it. Jesus’ parable contrasts God’s mercy with our unforgiving hearts. God cancels our enormous debt—an act of mercy beyond comprehension—while we often refuse to forgive small ones. Lord, have mercy on us and teach us to forgive like you.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Accompanist.....Lois Zander

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733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

CW 733

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

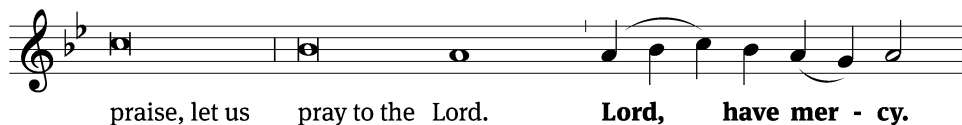
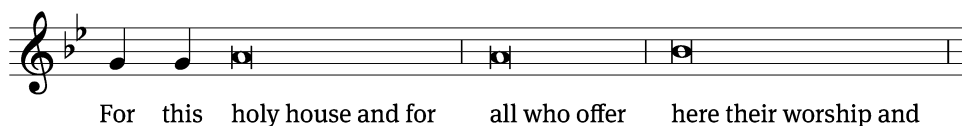
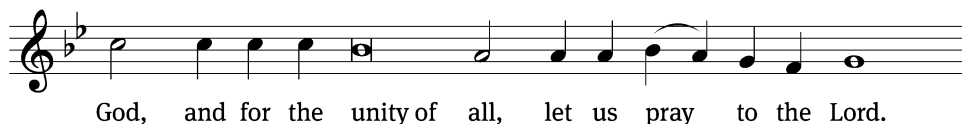
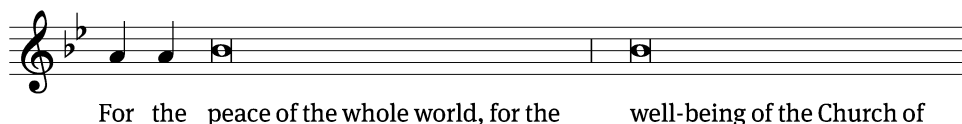
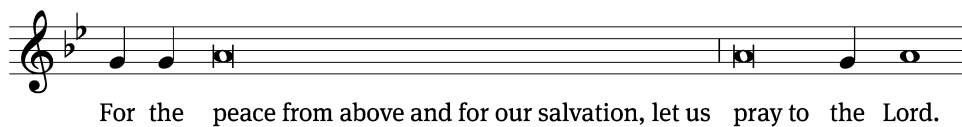
Absolution

CW 172

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

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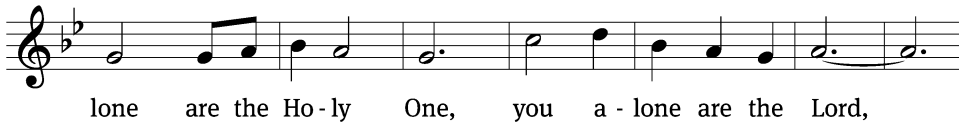
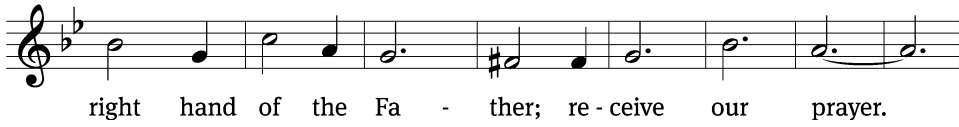
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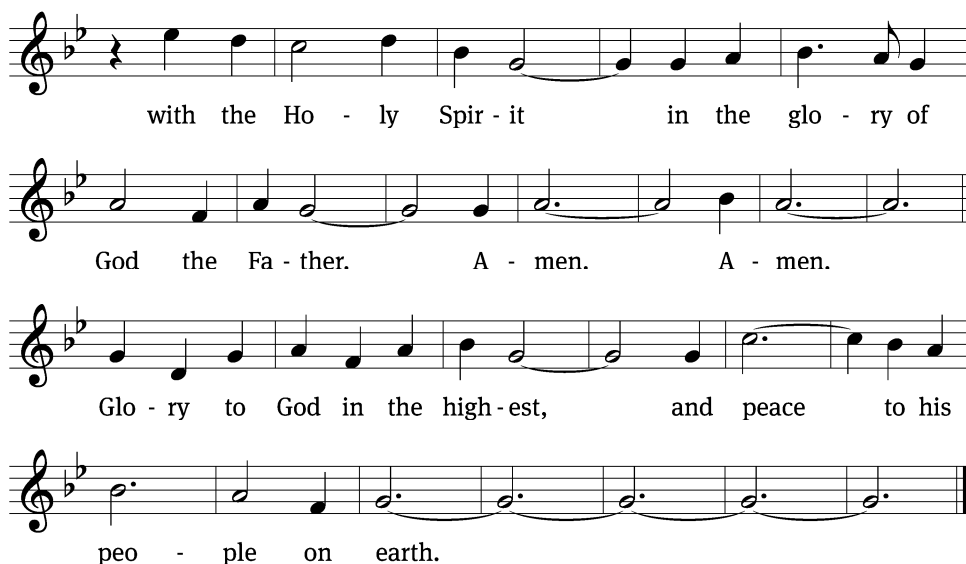
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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

Joseph was quick to forgive his brothers.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

103A The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalms 103A

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29—5:2

Kindness, compassion, and forgiveness are marks of God's Church.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:13

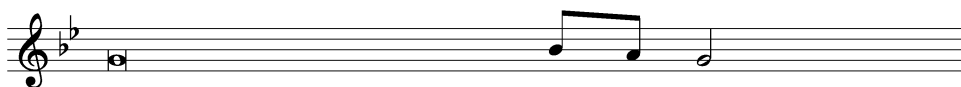


Refrain



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Tone



Bear with each other and forgive one an - oth - er.



Forgive as the Lord for - gave you.

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Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

The ability to forgive others comes from the Spirit enabling us to understand how much God has forgiven us.

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt. “Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt. “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ “So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed. “When his fellow servants saw what

had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place. “Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed. “This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

587 Come Down, O Love Divine

CW 587

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

579 His Mercy Is More

CW 579

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

562 Jesus Paid It All

CW 562

The ushers will hand out printed copies of the survey to those who would like to fill out a physical copy. Those wishing to use the digital survey can find it at the QR Code. You may leave worship whenever you finish the survey.



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Allen and Phyllis Erickson in celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary. Thank you!

Kickoff Sunday – Today!

We begin Fall programming today with a Fellowship Sunday, followed by a Bible Study on Apologetics (Learning to defend your faith) for adults and Roots kids (9th-12th grade). This study will continue every Fellowship Sunday. Sunday School begins today. They meet in the church sanctuary after treats. Many opportunities for you to serve and information are available on the table as you leave worship.

Congregation Survey

Today you will have the opportunity to fill out a congregation survey. It is a short 10 question survey which you can complete digitally or on paper.

Monday Worship

There is no Monday night worship tomorrow, Sept. 14 due to Fall Pastor's Conference.

Theology on Tap

This fellowship/Bible study opportunity meets at Mana Brewing in Shakopee on September 17th starting at 6:30 pm. There are food and beverage items for purchase.

Fall LWMS Rally

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Fall LWMS Rally, as well as food donations. A sign-up sheet is in the binder near the Fellowship Hall. Questions can be directed to any Woven member. Thrivent members, please speak with Jill Jahn about using your Thrivent benefits to help fund the event and for shipping cost to send items to Central Africa Medical Mission.

Choir Begins

The first rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:45 pm. You are welcome to join the choir. If you are unsure, come and give it a try.



MN Valley Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally

ATHENS IS ON MY MIND!

Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church | Jordan, MN
100 6th St W | Jordan, MN 55352

Coffee Hour 8–9AM
Program 9AM–12:15PM

**GUEST
SPEAKER**
Pastor Dan Lindner

Campus Ministry Mission Counselor

Please contact Amy Radick with any dietary
requirements or questions:
spljordan.la@gmail.com or 952-492-2489.



ACTS 17:16-34 (esp. 16-17)

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6 pm Woven	3 10 am Senior Fellowship	4	5
6 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study 10:15 am	7	8 6:30 Council Meeting 6:30 pm Reflections	9 Foundations 6 pm	10	11 Heimatfest	12 Heimatfest Parade 12 pm Pickle Booth
13 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	14 7:45 Choir	15 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	16 Foundations 6 pm	17 6:30 pm Theology on Tap	18	19
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SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes			Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
9/13	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
9/20	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
9/27	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

September Altar Guild	September Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	-
September Counters	Service Group 3 Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Dianne Jabs
October Altar Guild	
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	

Attendance	
Sunday	86
Monday	n/a
Total	86

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$3679	\$3834
Online Giving	\$536	
Total	\$4215	\$3834



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