

Welcome to Worship
St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
September 13, 2026



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16th Sunday of Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Welcome: Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.

Serving at Worship Today:

READER: Lori McDaniel

ACCOMPANIST: Linda Ross

Your Servant Leaders:

Worship Leader: SAM Paul Brooks

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Attendance Last Sunday: 11

Offering Last Sunday: \$719.00

Direct Deposit: \$20.00

Mile of Pennies: \$25.00

Rent: 200.00

Food Pantry for September: The Blessing Basket and CHOPIN Hall - in Findlay, requests are for everyone to bring Single Rolls of Paper Towels and small bottles of Laundry Detergent.

Please invite a friend or family member to come to church with you!

Let's try to increase our numbers and grow our church.

Our Mission Statement: Serving the community by sharing the love of God by example.

Worship Assistants

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 13, 2026

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."

THE GREETING

Leader: 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.**

***GATHERING HYMN #807** COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **ALL: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Compassionate God,

ALL: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*KYRIE

1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **ALL: Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

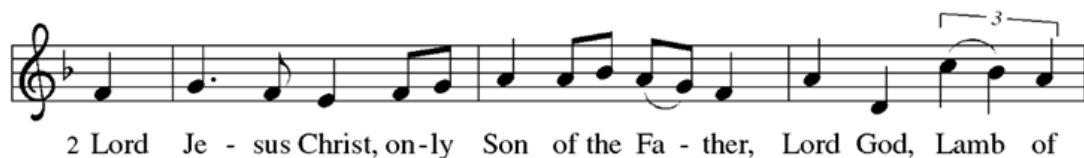
GLORY TO GOD

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in 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 for your glo-ry.

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



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Refrain

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Please join me in prayer,

ALL: God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

MATTHEW 8:24-27

Reader: A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” ²⁶And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 66:1-12

Reader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

ALL: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

Reader: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

ALL: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

Reader: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

ALL: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever.

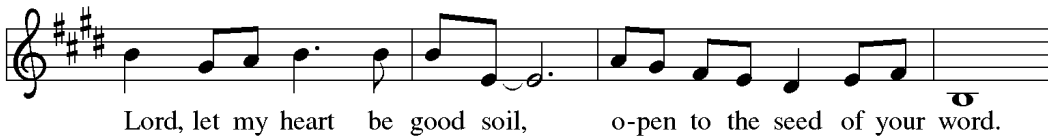
Reader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

ALL: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Reader: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD** LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



***OLD TESTAMENT READING** GENESIS 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Leader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #400

GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: Trusting in God's promises and knowing that God is with us through every storm, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Gracious God, you made a promise to Noah and to all creation. Help us care for the earth you have given us and protect it for generations to come. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: God of peace, be with people whose lives are filled with storms, war, violence, hatred, and fear. Give leaders wisdom and help them choose peace instead of fighting. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Loving God, watch over our communities, our schools, our farmers, and all who work hard to care for others. Keep people safe and

help neighbors look out for one another. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: God of comfort, be near to those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or facing a difficult time. Remind them that they are never alone. We pray especially for John, Sue, Carol, Dave, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Teri, Eric, Lisa, Kris, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Vicki, Josh, Ellery, Paige, Tom, Ruth, Mike, Ron, Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Lois, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Brianne, Delphia, Charles, Heather, Granger, Owen, Diana, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Michael, and Cindy. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: God of the church, help us remember that when the storms of life come, Jesus is with us. Give us courage to share his love with people who need hope. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Into your hands, gracious God, we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken. Trusting in your promise to be with us, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

***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**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: We offer prayers of confession and thanksgiving. We sing praises with grateful hearts and voices. We listen for the Word of God to guide us along our journey. Let us give our tithes and offerings to continue our service to the Lord through the ministry and mission of this congregation.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

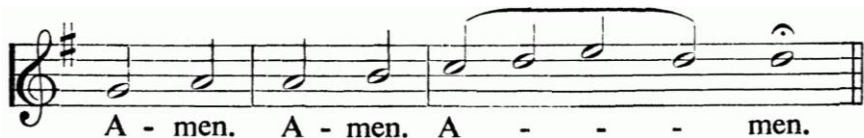
Leader: Let us pray,

ALL: 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. Amen.

*BLESSING

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

*The Amen



*SENDING HYMN #545

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Calendar of Events:

Wed. Sept. 16 - 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Bible Study @ St. Luke's for 4 weeks

Following that, we will have it here for 4 weeks, to see how it goes.

Sun. Sept. 20 - 8:00 A.M. Worship Service

Sun. Sept. 20 - 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

Sun. Sept. 20 - 10:00 A.M. Calvary's Worship Service

Readers for September & October

Sept. 20 – Carol Cary

Sept. 27 – Michele Robles

Oct. 4 - David Sharninghouse

Oct. 11 – Lori McDaniel

In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Carol & David Cary, Betty Jones, Betty Hornbeck, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Teri Zent, Bobby Zent, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Ashley Edler, Mary Scroll, Pat Newell, Vicki Shoop, Josh, Ellery Paige Robinson, and Tom. Please pray for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

FYI: Hancock County Religious Education release time classes for McComb Grade School are tentatively scheduled to start on Friday, September 18. These classes, which run from 8:10 am to 10:30 am, allow us to share the Gospel with Kindergarten through 3rd grade students and include learning the books of the Bible, Scripture memorization and more. Even if you can only help occasionally that would be great. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dan Ritter at dritter2795@gmail.com or call/text 419-788-6468.

FYI: We have a lot of older Hymnals that we need to get rid of, there are some with dedications from the families that donated them, if you or anyone in your family would like one, let us know, they will be on a table in the Parish Hall today. If no one wants them they will be donated to The Grain Train to give them away.

Christian Condolences: To the family of Susan Maki. Sue went to join her Heavenly Father and Paul on Saturday, September 5. Arrangements are pending. More information as we receive it.

Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[God said] "Never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

- Genesis 9:11

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?

Sunday	Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17	Noah and the Ark
Monday	Genesis 9:18-29	Noah and Family after the Ark
Tuesday	Psalms 93	A Song of God's Strength
Wednesday	Psalms 104:1-9	Praise for God's Wonderful Work
Thursday	Psalms 104:24-35	God's Wonderful Work Continued
Friday	Genesis 11:1-9	The Tower of Babel
Saturday	Genesis 11:26-32	Abram and His Family
Sunday	Genesis 12:1-9	God Calls Abram

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Search online for an organization that cares for animals in your area. How might you help?