



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Focus: I am my brother's keeper.

When danger strikes, most people instinctively move away from it. Fire, violence, accidents, and disasters trigger a natural desire to find protection and safety. Yet, first responders do the opposite. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics run toward the very scenes others are fleeing. They enter burning buildings, approach violent situations, and kneel beside the injured in chaotic moments. This response is unexpected because it goes against basic human instinct.

Today God calls us to be spiritual first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Instead of self-preservation and comfort, we choose service to them and to our Lord. Our motive is the grace of God and his desire for the salvation of all mankind.

Stewardship from God's Word: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professor John Jeske once said, "Stewardship is taking God at his word." God is faithful to his promises—all of them. Ezekiel proclaimed God's promises as his watchman. A loving, gospel-motivated response to God's Word is our Christian stewardship—faithfully clinging to the promises of the Faithful One, even when those promises are difficult.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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The 10:30 service is livestreamed for our members at home.



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Welcome!

The Thursday evening and Sunday 8:00 a.m. services begin on page 6.

Holy Baptism

At the 10:30 service, Brooks Jodat will be adopted as a child of God through the waters of baptism.

Remain seated

Baptismal Waters Cover Me

CW 657

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

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us

**should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.**

**It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

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

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

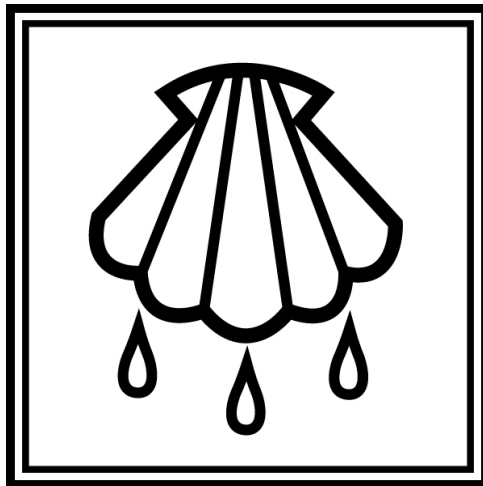
Brooks Jodat, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation to the Congregation

The family returns to their seats. The service continues with the Prayer of the Day on page 10.



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

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 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.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. 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. A-men.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his

peo-ple on earth.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–11

The Lord told Ezekiel if he didn't warn the Israelites about their sin, he was going to hold Ezekiel accountable.

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

32B How Blest Are Those

Psalms 32B



1 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how
 2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
 3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
 4 Let all the faith - ful pray to you while
 5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in



glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
 then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like
 griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my
 you may still be found; you place them safe a -
 all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with



guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
 sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.
 wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
 above the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.
 faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

Paul wins his brother Cephas (Peter) over to the truth of the gospel.

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Timothy 2:4



Refrain



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

Tone



God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus teaches us how to practice Christian discipline lovingly.

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or 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 that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654

Sermon

Galatians 2:11–16

Space is provided for you to take notes during the sermon.

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Creator God, we give thanks for all the work you give us to do:
for work that sustains and work that fulfills,
for work which, however tiring, also satisfies and resonates with your work
in creation.

Lord, we give you thanks.

As we give thanks to you we also pray for those
who have no work, who have too much or too little work,
who work at jobs that involve great danger,
work that others are willing to do on our behalf.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Extend your guidance and grace in the many and varied places of our work:
in factory or field,
in sheltered office or under open sky,
using technical knowledge or physical strength,
working with machines or with people or with the earth itself.

Lord, direct us with your love.

Lead us, O Lord,
to bring the full weight of our intelligence and strength to our work
and to make our place of work a place of safety and respect for all with whom
we labor.

Lord, make us faithful and helpful in all we do.

Keep us from engaging in work that harms others,
that promotes injustice or violence,
that affords individual gain
but ignores the common good.

Lord, forgive us when we fall into sin.

Protect us from greed that elevates our work above that of others,
from discontent when we see the successes of others,
and from pride when we view the disappointment of others.

Lord, give hearts that are pure and alive in your love.

Give us faith to use the wages we gain as gifts of your grace,
for supporting our families,
for helping those less fortunate,
for sustaining good government,
and for promoting the ministry of the gospel in our city and world.

Lord, make us faithful stewards of all your gifts.

Provide healing and health to those who have been injured at work,
those who have been hurt by the negligence of others,
those who have been harmed by unfair practices,
and all who are enduring pain in body or mind.

[We pray especially for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*]

Protect all people at work or at play.

Lord, fill us with compassion for all your people.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

In our labor and in our laughter, O Lord, in our work and in our rest, pour out on us
the blessings of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

Give In person: The offering is collected during each service.

Give with the App: Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app, search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".

Give Online Oursaviorgrafton.org/give.

During the offering, please sign the friendship register located in each pew.
Or use the following QR code to log attendance online:



The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, the next two staves form the second line, and the final two staves form the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

Be seated

Distribution

Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice closed Communion in our congregation. This has been the practice of Christians for centuries and is thoroughly scriptural. It neither questions the faith nor judges the heart of any individual, yet expects that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. For this reason, we ask that only members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) join us for the Lord's Supper today. If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Fischer after the service.

Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 558

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW 839

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (9/6)	8:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:30 a.m.	No Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Monday (9/7)		LABOR DAY
Tuesday (9/8)	10:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday (9/9)	6:00 p.m.	Campus Ministry
Thursday (9/10)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Friday (9/11)		
Saturday (9/12)		
Sunday (9/13)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Thursday September 3rd	Early September 6th	Late September 6th
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 2E	Team 2L
Altar Asst	Russ Whitford	Russ Miller Ben Raddatz	George Edwards Sam Eickhoff
Tech Team		Allie Lederer	Landyn Noble
Altar Guild	Jean Stein Jodie Martens	Jean Stein Jodie Martens	Jean Stein Jodie Martens
	<i>Thursday September 10th</i>	<i>Early September 13th</i>	<i>Late September 13th</i>
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 2E	Team 2L
Altar Asst			
Tech Team		Jonah Bloedel	Simeon Fischer
Altar Guild	Jean Stein Jodie Martens	Jean Stein Jodie Martens	Jean Stein Jodie Martens

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