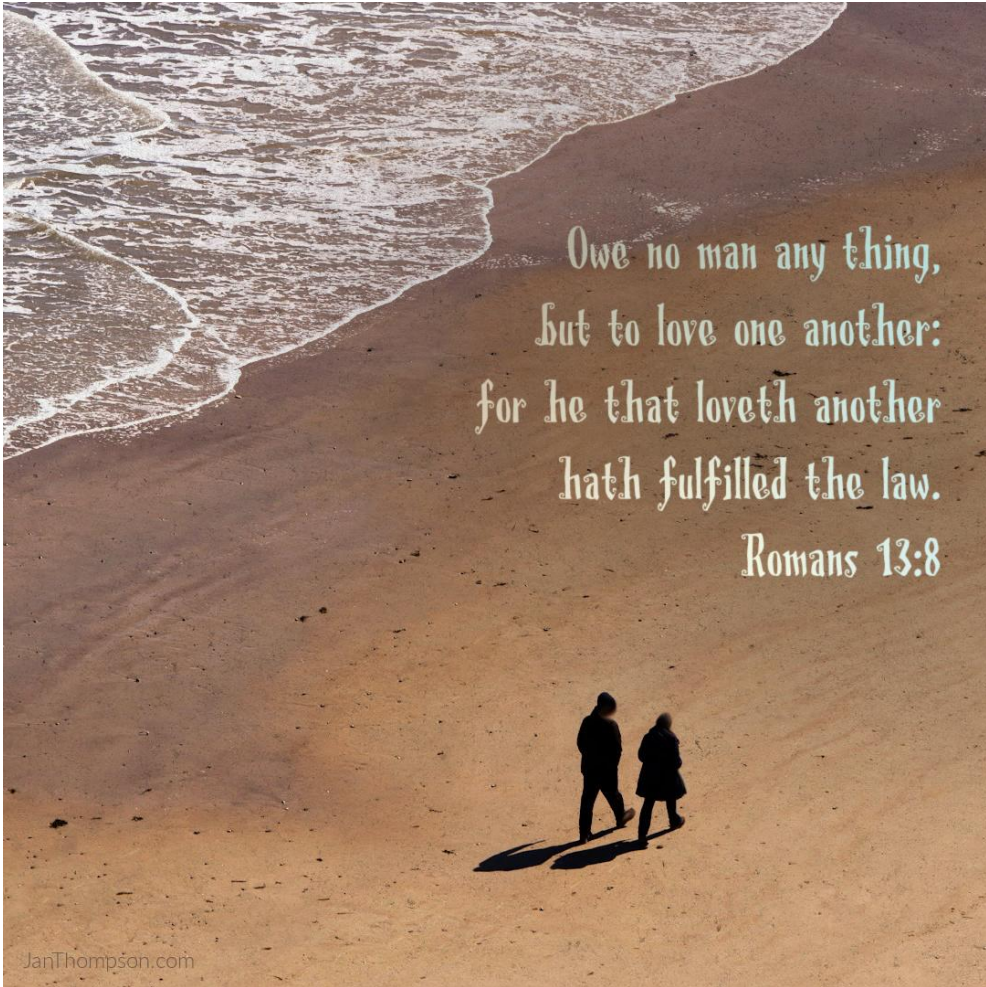




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The Order of Word and Sacrament
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2026

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We Gather

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Proclamation of the Word Rev. Blayne J. Watts

We Respond to God’s Word

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- *Apostolic Sending
- Postlude

**We are an inviting community of faith, aiming to bring everyone closer to
Christ through His Word in fellowship, education and service. *Come and See!***

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Psalm 32:1-8*

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Second Reading: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe

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

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Announcements

- Welcome to those listening to our radio broadcast, sponsored anonymously. Please consider donating to this ministry—we have no more sponsors lined up at present!
- Education Committee meets Tuesday, September 8 at 5:15 pm.
- Worship Committee meets Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30 pm
- Men's Fellowship Wednesday at 6:30.
- Grace Circle will meet this Thursday, September 10, rather than the usual third Thursday.
- Council meets next Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 am
- A Rally Day Taco Bar will be provided next Sunday by Chris & Marie Wacker. They will have tortillas and chips, meat, lettuce, tomato, cheese and salsa. Specialty items and desserts would be welcome. Call or text Chris at 406-853-8145 for more info.
- Thank you to Mary Nadasi and Jonette Potts for hosting Bingo at Holy Rosary Residential Living last week.
- Thank you to all who helped with the roof sealing project this past week!

Attendance last Sunday: 30, Giving: \$694 + Simply Giving \$2,590

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35